

GSEU DAY

Future Priorities for the EuroGeoSurveys Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda Expert Dialogues & Stakeholder Workshop

8 September 2026

Museum of Natural Sciences, Brussels, Belgium

PROGRAMME

Time	Topic	Speakers
08:30-09:00	<i>Registration & welcome coffee</i>	

Welcome & Keynote Speeches

09.00-09.05	Welcome Speech	Tirza van Daalen – President, EuroGeoSurveys Vanessa Heyvaert – Director, Geological Survey of Belgium
09.05-09.15	EGS SRIA – the scientific backbone of a Geological Service for Europe	Julie Hollis – Secretary General, EuroGeoSurveys
09.15-09.45	Keynote speech	Michiel Scheffer – President, European Innovation Council

Session 1: Delivering on EU policy ambitions: increasing importance of a coordinated approach to geoscience research & innovation under the next MFF

09.45-10.30	Panel I: Economic value of geoscientific knowledge	Moderator: Julie Hollis , EuroGeoSurveys Opening remarks: Erika Ingvald – Economic Affairs Officer, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE Hillary Halim – Councillor (Industry, Science and Resources), Australian Mission to the EU Steven Downey – GIS Manager, Aurum Exploration Aymeric Preveral-Etcheverry – Co-Founder & CEO, Lithosquare
10.30-10.50	<i>Networking Coffee</i>	

10.50-11.35	Panel II: Impact of geoscientific R&I on security and supply resilience	Moderator: Tirza van Daalen, EuroGeoSurveys Opening remarks: Gerardo Herrera – Policy Officer, Raw Materials Policy & Energy Intensive Industries, DG GROW Marianna Jakab – Policy Officer, Renewables and Energy System Integration Policy, DG ENER Adel El Gammal – Secretary General, European Energy Research Alliance Aoife Braiden – Managing Director, RML Research Management & Logistics Ltd; RAMP Executive Board
11.35-12.20	Panel III: Impact of geoscientific R&I on climate resilience, risk mitigation and adaptation	Moderator: Lukáš Janků, Czech Geological Survey Opening remarks: Pernille Weiss-Ehler – Member of Cabinet, Commissioner Jessika Roswall, EC Daniel Kitscha – Policy Officer, Low Carbon Solutions (II): Research & Low Carbon Technology Deployment, DG CLIMA Kate Larkin – Head of the EMODnet Secretariat Eadbhard Pernot – Executive Director, Carbon Management Europe
12.20-12.25	The GSEU Stakeholder Communities Forum	Gabriele Leoni – Geological Survey of Italy, ISPRA

12.25-12.30	<i>Group Photo</i>
12.30-13.30	<i>Networking Lunch</i>

Session 2: EGS Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda – Expert Dialogues

13.30-13.40	Short pitches from EGS Expert Groups to set up first breakouts	
13.40-14.40	First breakout sessions	A) Understanding the Subsurface – Geological Knowledge B) Responsible Raw Materials C) Sustainable Management of Groundwater in a Climate Change Context D) Urban Geology, Land Planning and Geoheritage
14.40-15.00	Return to plenary for rapporteur summaries	
15.00-15.20	<i>Networking Coffee</i>	



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15.20-15.30	Short pitches from EGS Expert Groups to set up second breakouts	
15.30-16.30	Second breakout sessions	E) A Sustainable European Geoscience Data and Innovation Ecosystem F) Energy Transition & Decarbonisation G) Managing Geohazards and Environmental Risks H) Societal and Economic Impact: Knowledge Sharing, Policy Support and Public Engagement
16.30-16.50	Return to plenary for rapporteur summaries	

Session 3: Reflections with the GSEU Scientific Advisory Committee

16.50-17.25	Key takeaways from the GSEU Scientific Advisory Committee & Stakeholder Council	Moderator: Philippe Freyssinet , Scientific Director, BRGM Erika Ingvald – Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE Gerardo Herrera – Policy Officer, DG GROW, European Commission Helen Glaves – Senior Data Scientist, British Geological Survey Adel El Gammal – Secretary General, European Energy Research Alliance Gilles Lericolais – Scientific Advisor, Ifremer & former Chair of the European Marine Board
17.25-17.30	Closing remarks	Tirza van Daalen – President, EuroGeoSurveys

17.30-19.00	<i>Networking reception</i>	
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