



Objectives of the European Geosciences Union

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The European Geosciences Union (EGU), founded in 2002 as a merger of the European Geophysical Society (EGS) and the European Union of Geosciences (EUG), is a dynamic, innovative, and interdisciplinary learned association devoted to the promotion of:

- the sciences of the Earth and its environment and of planetary and space sciences;
- cooperation between scientists.

Means of achieving these objectives

- organise annual General Assemblies;
- organise, sponsor or co-sponsor appropriate workshops, scientific meetings, topical conferences, short courses, summer schools, etc. outside General Assemblies, including those organised by other bodies;
- publish a Newsletter;
- publish appropriate scientific journals and books on all media, in particular, online and free-access;
- undertake outreach activities, which should include: identifying and drawing attention to social problems which could be addressed by the scientific work of its members and communication with the non-scientific public;
- establish links which would allow influence to be brought to bear on decision-makers, primarily but not exclusively, in Europe;
- establish liaisons with other scientific organisations, both within and outside Europe, to mutual benefit;
- encourage participation of early career scientists in the affairs of the Union through concessionary fees and a limited number of travel awards to assist attendance at General Assemblies.