**GeoERA launched a Call for Project Ideas on the 4th of April.**

The Horizon 2020 ERA-Net “Establishing the European Geological Surveys Research Area to deliver a Geological Service for Europe (GeoERA)” launched a Call for Project Ideas on the 4th of April 2017 as Stage One of the Joint Call. The Call for Project Ideas is open to everybody to encourage input from all stakeholders that require and use, data, information and services in the applied geosciences. Project Ideas must target the following themes:

* Geo-energy;
* Groundwater;
* Raw materials (minerals); and
* The information platform.

The main objective of GeoERA is to contribute to the sustainable use and management of resources and the subsurface. This will be achieved by developing:

1. Interoperable, pan-European data and information services on the distribution of geo-energy, groundwater and raw material resources;
2. Common assessment frameworks and methodologies supporting better understanding and management of the water-energy-raw materials nexus and potential impacts and risks to subsurface use; and
3. Knowledge and services aimed at European, national and regional policy makers, industry and other stakeholders to support evidenced based, integrated, efficient management and use of the subsurface.

The deadline for the Call for Project Ideas is 7th of June 2017. The Project Ideas submitted will provide input to theStage Two of the Joint Call (Call for Project Proposals), which will be launched in October 2017. Only members of the GeoERA consortium may submit proposals to the second stage of the Joint Call.

It is important for GeoERA that stakeholders’ ideas and expectations are identified to the GeoERA consortium so that projects of most relevance to policy, decision makers and others are considered for funding in Stage Two of the Joint Call. You are therefore encouraged to submit ideas to the Call for Project Ideas. Attached to this mail you will find the Joint Call Announcement which explains the Joint Call Stages and submission deadlines. Please, feel free to distribute this announcement through your network.

You can read more about GeoERA and how to submit a Project Idea on [www.geoera.eu](http://www.geoera.eu) where you will find all the relevant Call Documents.