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## 1 KICK-OFF MEETING

GeoERA has been launched on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2017 at the Geological Survey of the Netherlands. The Kick-off meeting emphasized the value and expected impacts of this H2020 ERA-NET. At this meeting all participants were informed on the Co-fund Action, its governance and procedures. Furthermore, it provided a platform for participants to share ideas and expectations, explore synergies and make new connections.



### 1.1 Project Idea Market

An interactive Project Ideas market was organised by the GeoERA theme coordinators:

- GeoEnergy: Serge van Gessel (TNO; chair of the EGS GeoEnergy Expert Group)
- Groundwater: Klaus Hinsby (GEUS; chair of the EGS Water Resources Expert Group)
- Raw Materials: Gerry Stanley (GSI, deputy co-chair of the EGS Mineral Resources Expert Group)
- Information Platform: Jørgen Tulstrup (GEUS; co-chair of the EGS Spatial Information Expert Group)

The Project Ideas market (PIM) on the first day of the Kick-off meeting commenced with a presentation by the theme coordinators on the ideas generated to date for their respective themes. The PIM sought to gain additional ideas, insight and information from participants at the GeoERA Kick-off Meeting. The following three broadly based questions were to be answered by participants:



- What are your priorities?
- Where do you see the scope for cross thematic cooperation?
- What ideas are missing?

Participants were asked to place post-it notes on three individual boards and to provide any additional information in writing on the notes. The Boards were designed so that participants could place their notes in specific areas of the Board signifying their choice. In general, participants did not follow the guidelines and instead indicated their preferences in writing on a post-it note and placing it anywhere on the relevant Board. Additional information was gleaned from discussions that took place at the Theme Corners.



## 1.2 Stakeholder Panel Discussion

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the Kick-off a panel session was organized with the GeoERA stakeholders:

- Andrée Bolduc, Natural Resources Canada, GeoERA Stakeholder Council1
- Charlotte Griffiths, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE, GeoERA Stakeholder Council
- Vicky Hards on behalf of Massimo Cocco, EPOS IP, GeoERA Stakeholder Council



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*Not attending: Dominique Darmendrail, JPI Water, GeoERA Stakeholder Council*

Other participants in the discussion:

- Peter Seifert, Director Geologische Bundesanstalt Austria, GeoERA beneficiary
- Teresa Ponce de Leão, President LNEG, President EuroGeoSurveys
- Paul Bogaard, TNO, Program Coordinator GeoERA

Michiel van der Meulen (TNO) was moderator of the session and focused on the following questions:

- Do you think we can consider GeoERA as a frontrunner program under geological initiatives elsewhere?
- How does the relationships between GSOs look like after GeoERA?
- Will GeoERA reach its stakeholders good enough to reach the aim of supporting policy and decision making and enhance public awareness?
- Will GeoERA emphasize the importance of the field of geology and make it more visible in society? What should we do better?
- What would you recommend to GeoERA at the start of the project?
- Are there lessons learned from previous similar initiatives that you like to share with the GeoERA community?

The aim of the panel discussion was to share different visions, opinions, interests, expectations and expected impacts of GeoERA.

A Stakeholder Council Meeting will be organized in Vienna (Austria) on September 5, 2017. Also a (cross)-thematic workshop with the Stakeholder Council, GeoERA partners and EGS National Delegates is on the agenda.

## **2 THEME SPECIFIC WORKSHOPS**

To prepare and inform the GeoERA partners on the Stage One Call for Project Ideas the GeoERA theme Coordinators independently organized several theme specific workshops. These workshops aimed to discuss ideas for the Stage One and find synergies and common interests between the 48 partners.

The following workshops have been organized:

- GeoEnergy: Rome – Italy, 19-20 April, 2017
- Information Platform: Rome – Italy, 19-20 April, 2017
- Groundwater: Antwerp - Belgium, 28 March, 2017
- Raw Materials: Kiev - Ukraine, 26-27 April, 2017