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INTRODUCTION

In the last half year several stakeholder and partner workshops have taken place, most importantly where the Stakeholder Council Workshop and the Launch Event, including Theme specific workshops.

The GeoERA Stakeholder Council Workshop, held in at GBA in Vienna, Austria, on the 5 September 2017, is reported in [D3.3: Outcome of Stage One Call for Ideas](#). This report describes the content of the GeoERA Launch Event of the Joint Stage Two Call, held on the 17th and 18th of October at NWO in The Hague, the Netherlands. This Launch Event was organized by the GeoERA Secretariat. The Theme specific workshops where held on the 19th of October, and were organized by the Theme Coordinators to prepare the input to the Call.

All presentations from the event can be found at the public part of the GeoERA Intranet: <http://intranet.geoera.eu:8080/Projects/ViewProject/1?path=Meetings%2F20171017%20GeoERA%20Stage%202%20Call%20Launch>

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1 LAUNCH EVENT OF THE 2ND STAGE – CALL FOR PROPOSALS

GeoERA launched the Stage Two Call for Proposals on the 17-18th of October 2017 at NOW, The Hague. See annex 1 for a list of participants (+60).

The objective of the Launch Event was to open the call for proposals and to thoroughly clarify how proposals should be submitted, how these will be reviewed, evaluated, and ranked. Besides, participants were informed what awarded project should deliver during the project implementation phase. Furthermore, the progress so far of GeoERA as a whole, and of the Foresight activities were presented. Finally, the Launch Event provided a platform for participants to share expectations and discuss possible consortia for project proposals.

The Launch Event was followed by theme meetings at 19th October, where the themes were offered the opportunity to arrange separate meetings – the Geo-Energy theme, the Raw Material theme, and the Information Platform theme took this opportunity to discuss and to the possible extent consolidate consortia for writing proposals. The Groundwater theme had a meeting a couple of weeks before the Launch Event and did not find it necessary to meet again at this point of time.





1.1 Welcome and opening of the event

The participants were welcomed to the meeting by Saskia Mattheusen (team leader NWO Earth Sciences & Astronomy) and Tirza van Daalen (Director Geological Survey TNO). After this, GeoERA Project Coordinator Yvonne Schavemaker gave a short overview of the activities since the opening of GeoERA in January 2017 aiming to establish the European Geological Survey Research Area to deliver a Geological Service for Europe, including the activities in the Foresight team.

The GeoERA coordinator welcomed and emphasized the aim of this event: to inform and instruct the GeoERA partners to make them ready and well prepared for writing successful proposals.

1.2 Specific Research Topics and submitting proposals

Next, the participants listened to a number of presentations from the members of the GeoERA Secretariat (GES).

First, a brief overview was given on the process from receiving 91 ideas in April 2017 until the Specific Research Topics (SRTs) for the Stage Two Call ([Joint Call Document No. 9: Scientific Scope of the Call](#)) was formulated and a draft sent for commenting to the GeoERA partners and Stakeholder Council in July, until the final version was accepted by the GeoERA General Assembly and the European Commission in the beginning of October.

The basic principles that applicants should be aware of in Stage Two were introduced. Next, the GES presented the strategy behind the structure of the SRT in terms of the allocated budget per SRT as well as per project, and number of expected projects to be funded – from 1 to 3 per SRT.

An overview of the commitment per partner (some partners still missing) was given. The importance of achieving the maximum funding from the European Commission by submitting sufficient proposals expected to be awarded for funding was emphasized. Further, partners were encouraged to contribute according to their commitment as stated in the overall GeoERA proposal as failing this can jeopardize the EC-funding – as well as leaving it to other GeoERA partners to deal with this. Finally, all SRTs were presented individually.

The Submission Guide and Template ([Joint Call Document No. 11: Submission Template including Submission Guide](#)) were presented as well as the submission system ISAAC (see also [Joint Call Document No. 10: ISAAC Manual](#)).

Submission of proposals starts from 17 October and the call closes on Friday 12 January 2018 at 5 p.m.

1.3 Theme synergy session

Two of the Theme Coordinators (Serge van Gessel, TNO, Geo-Energy, and Jørgen Tulstrup, GEUS, Information Platform) introduced the model for proposals to interact with the Information Platform proposal on data/IT/information issues and illustrated this by two examples. It was emphasized that all proposals must comprise a separate dedicated work package that will take care of the interaction with the Information Platform.



Next, each of the four Theme Coordinators presented short overviews of the status regarding proposals and lead organizations, demonstrating that several proposal are already in development while others still need project lead or work package lead:

- Serge van Gessel (TNO): Geo-Energy
- Klaus Hinsby (GEUS): Groundwater
- Gerry Stanley (GSI): Raw Materials
- Jørgen Tulstrup (GEUS): Information Platform

In the following break, each Theme Coordinator invited for discussions in groups on the status and way forward in each individual theme.



After a wrap up of the discussions, Day 1 of the Launch Event was closed.

The participants were invited to a shared cost dinner in the center of The Hague in the evening.

1.4 Practical details – project initiation

Day 2 started with a short overview of the outcome of Day 1.

The GES presented the Project Agreement that all funded project will have to amend, and all partners in each individual project must sign the agreement. The Project Agreement is based on the Consortium Agreement and the DESCA contract used by the EC, with a few modifications necessary for GeoERA projects. As all GeoERA partners has signed the GeoERA Consortium Agreement, repetitions are as far as possible avoided.

The EC-funding will be distributed directly to individual partners:

- 80% by the start of the projects (July 2018)
- 15 % on receipt of the payment of the balance
- 5 % on receipt of the payment of the Guarantee Fund

GeoERA as a whole has developed a Data Management Plan. All funded projects will have to develop a specific Data Management Plan for the individual project preferable



within three months from the beginning of the projects – in September 2018, when Project Leads know with what data they will be working.

Each proposal is recommend – but not obliged – to include a separate work package dedicated to project communication, exploitation and dissemination. Target audiences, key messages, logos & website etc. as well as a list of activities must be described. The GES will look for synergies to minimize the work load of the project proposal lead, e.g. develop common tools and guidelines for projects, but projects must develop their own individual strategy and plan, and inform about upcoming activities as well as report on finalized activities to GES. GES can provide templates as word document, power point, newsletters, and also offers website facilities for projects, if preferred. GES also has Twitter and LinkedIn profiles that can be used.

Three common meetings are planned for funded projects where exchange will take place:

- Kick-off Projects: Month 1, July 2018 in Brussels, Belgium;
- Mid-term Review Meeting: Month 20, February 2020, probably in Ljubljana, Slovenia;
- Final Seminar: Month 39 (projects end Month 36/July 2021), September 2021. Venue to be decided.

1.5 Evaluation and ranking of proposals

The process from receiving proposals in January 2018 until making the awarded projects official was described by the GES. NWO is responsible for the evaluation procedure and will contact and invite independent evaluators to give feedback on the proposals. The evaluation follows Horizon2020 procedure with a few modifications to fit the GeoERA framework. This means that each proposal is evaluated in terms of *Excellence*, *Impact*, and *Quality and Efficiency of Implementation*. The evaluation falls in two steps:

- A technical review where three expert with insight into the specific SRT are ask to point out strengths and weaknesses in each proposal (no scores). Applicants were encouraged to be available from 15 to 21 February 2018 as the Project Leads will have the opportunity to clarify or counterargument the Technical Experts' review during this rebuttal period.
- A panel review where three independent experts with a broader knowledge review all proposals in a theme, meet for discussion and awarding of scores, and rank the proposals.

Each proposal can score from 1-5 within *Excellence*, *Impact* and *Implementation* and must pass a threshold of 3. The total threshold to be qualified for funding is 10.

When receiving the ranking from the Expert Panel, the GeoERA Executive Board meets to distribute the funding to the highest ranked projects within each theme. Any leftover budget (less than 10% per theme) is pooled, if possible, to further award projects. The EB will propose the projects for funding to the GeoERA General Assembly.

Further details on the evaluation procedure can be found in Joint Call Document No. 8: [Evaluation and Selection, Stage Two – Project Proposals](#), and the ranking procedure is described in a [FAQ document](#). Besides, instructions for [Technical Reviewers](#) and the [Expert Panel members](#) are available at the GeoERA web.



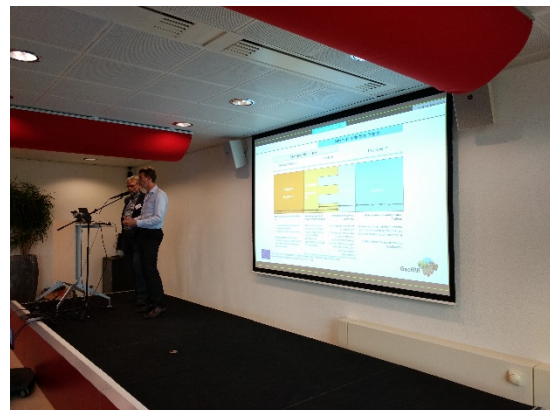
1.6 Practical details – project implementation

The participants were introduced to project monitoring procedures during the project implementation as well as impact assessment of projects.

Projects will be monitored during the implementation period (Month 1 to 36) to ensure timeliness and quality of project activities are in line with strategic objectives, goals and scope of GeoERA according to activities and milestones described in the project proposals. A Monitoring Officer (from GeoZS) will be assigned for each project.

The monitoring consists of two pillars:

- Administrative monitoring – Project Progress Reports (December 2019 and July 2021)
- Evaluation of research – Project Review Meetings (February 2020 and September 2021)



The Project Progress Reports must include description of activities and results, including contribution to GeoERA, any deviations from work plan and actions to adjust, dissemination activities, project management, and financial reporting. Besides, an impact statement is requested in the final Progress Report.

The GeoERA Impact Assessment strategy was also presented. It follows the Logical Framework Approach aiming at measuring output, outcomes and impact at both project as well as GeoERA level and ERA-NET level.

The Project Review Meetings will act as networking events for the projects, but the main goal is to evaluate the overall progress towards achieving objectives and reaching impacts. The GeoERA Stakeholder Council and the Monitoring Officers will review the progress of each project.

Details on monitoring can be found at the GeoERA web in Project Implementation Doc. No. 1: [Reporting Procedures and Monitoring Indicators](#) and a templates for reporting, Project Implementation Doc. No. 2: [Reporting Templates and E-tool](#) – find the supporting documents at the Call page at the GeoERA web.



1.7 Closing the event

The Launch Event was closed by the GeoERA project coordinator who wrapped up the most important conclusions and encouraged the participants to get acquainted with the supporting documents on the GeoERA web as well as the submission system ISAAC.



ANNEX 1: List of participants:

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Niels	Poulsen	Denmark	GEUS
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Antje	Wittenberg	Germany	BGR
Gerold	Diepolder	Germany	BGR
Jörg	Elbracht	Germany	BGR
Stefan	Knopf	Germany	BGR
Andreas	Maul	Germany	BGR
Jörg	Reichling	Germany	BGR
Henrike	Sievers	Germany	BGR
Melanie	Witthöft	Germany	LBEG
Klaus-Jörg	Hartmann	Germany	LAGB
Christoph	Jahnke	Germany	LBGR
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Aoife	Braiden	Ireland	GSI
Brian	McConnell	Ireland	GSI
Gerry	Stanley	Ireland	GSI
Carlo	Cipolloni	Italy	ISPRA
Robert	Colbach	Luxembourg	SGL
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Serge	van Gessel	Netherlands	TNO
Johan	ten Veen	Netherlands	TNO
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