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EGU Science for Policy Working Group Mission Statement

Vision

The EGU's Science for Policy Working Group's goal is to support the EGU in becoming a trusted, independent, scientific partner for European policy-relevant institutions, supporting evidence-informed decision-making.

Mission statement

The Working Group highlights opportunities for the EGU to collaborate with European institutions (including EU and European-based institutions) to contribute to European policymaking processes, including in the establishment and promotion of European scientific advisory mechanisms that strengthen evidence-informed policymaking. This support promotes greater collaboration between the geoscientific community and policymakers, highlights policy-relevant outputs from EGU scientists, and supports evidence-informed policy. It will foster the development of science for policy competencies and skills within the EGU membership base, helping them to provide relevant, timely, and useful information to policymakers.

Target audience

European Policymakers and EGU members

The remit of the EGU Science for Policy Working Group

Overarching scope provided by the Science for Policy Working Group members to the EGU

- Provide insights into relevant policy decisions and upcoming legislations.
- Outline specific areas or policies that need additional scientific evidence or support.
- Highlight opportunities for the EGU to work or collaborate with European institutions, e.g. through documents or events.
- Provide suggestions as to how new and current EGU activities could be adjusted to better suit certain European policy groups or bodies.
- Share the EGU's activities with their own networks when relevant.
- Connect the EGU (and individual EGU members) with European policy makers
- Outline and update the EGU's Policy Strategy every 4 years based on the perceived needs of European policymakers and EGU members



Specific tasks that fall within the remit of the Science for Policy Working Group

- Encourage, facilitate, and select the MEP(s) involved with annual the EGU's Science-Policy Pairing Scheme.
- Evaluate the EGU members who apply for the EGU's Science-Policy Pairing Scheme and create a shortlist for the selected MEP based on a set of pre-defined criteria.
- Create a shortlist of potential Priority Policy Areas that are relevant for both geoscientists and European policymakers.
- Select the EGU's priority policy area and propose this specific area to the EGU Council for approval.
- Establish the Priority Policy Area Task Force and select its members by creating a shortlist from a set of pre-defined criteria and conducting interviews with the support of the EGU Office if necessary.
- Empower and inform EGU's Division Policy Officers in their policy engagement activities.
- Support the EGU's annual Science for Policy Event by selecting a relevant theme that is linked with the EGU's current Policy Priority Area, participating when relevant, raising awareness of the event and circulating any outcomes with relevant policy stakeholders.
- Support policy-relevant Short Courses, Union-wide sessions, and networking opportunities at the EGU General Assembly.

If you would like more information about the EGU's Science for Policy Working Group or the EGU's Policy Programme, please don't hesitate to get in touch via policy@egu.eu.