

••• | Euro-Ages Standards & Criteria will include

- A set of programme learning outcomes that graduates of first and second cycle degree are expected to achieve
- Standards and guidelines concerning preparation and procedure of the assessment of geology programmes
- Requirements in the form of questions that should be addressed when assessing a geology programme for accreditation
- An annex with explanations on objectives, scope and application of the Framework Standards, as well as a Glossary of Definitions

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••• | Main Objectives of Euro-Inf

- Support improvement of the quality of higher education in geology in general
- Facilitate mutual recognition by programme validation and certification
- Facilitate recognition of accredited degrees in geology higher education in accordance with the EU-directives and other agreements
- Support the mobility of geology graduates
- Provide a quality label for accredited geology programmes of first and second cycle

Project Status

The Euro-Ages Project started in February 2009. Firstly, a survey was conducted about existing systems of assessing geology in higher education programmes.

On this basis, a set of Framework Standards and Criteria for accrediting geology programmes was developed. Stakeholders from industry, geological societies and academics all over Europe discussed the contained programme outcomes and requirements.

A preliminary version of the Euro-Ages Framework Standards and Criteria was published in February 2010.

The Framework Standards will be scrutinised regularly by the Euro-Ages board in order to improve their quality and validity.

All interested parties are thus called upon to send their comments and suggestions on the current document to:

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Testing the Framework Standards & Criteria | •••

In the coming months, the Euro-Ages Framework Standards and Criteria will be tested for their validity and applicability through:

- Test-accreditations of geology programmes at HEIs within the EU/EEA
- Workshops involving different kinds of stakeholders
- Expert training courses
- Discussion and feedback from national accreditation agencies