Personalised training: 2nd Call for proposals

1. Scope and call conditions

The Geo-INQUIRE Personalised Training Programme aims at the individual training of the next generation of geoscientists, users with new ideas to exploit Geo-INQUIRE supported installations and their related data, services and products.

The programme offers visit grants of up to 3.000 € for selected users willing to address new research ideas, develop projects, boost ongoing and new cooperation, among others. Selected users will be able to reimburse travel, accommodation and subsistence costs for stays of up to two weeks duration. Visits should be organized till the end of 2025.

The 2nd Geo-INQUIRE Personalised Training call will be open until Tuesday, **15 July 2025**, 17:00 CEST.

2. Eligibility rules

The call is open to students at all levels, researchers, technicians, and other specialists working in the fields of research covered by the installations. The current topics and cooperation interests of each installation can be found below in Section 5.

Interested users must apply through their home organisation (place of work or studies), applications from private persons will not be accepted. Initial costs must be covered by the home organisation of the applicant, and will be reimbursed by the IGF PAS upon request after the visit.

3. Application procedure

It is highly recommended that interested users contact the installation of choice before submitting an application. The contact persons at each installation can be found in Section 5.

For questions regarding the submission of proposals, you can contact geopt@igf.edu.pl. For any questions regarding the installations and viability of projects, please consult the contact person in the installation of your choice.

Interested users can apply via the application form here.

Information and documents to be provided:

- Basic personal information;
    - Description of your project, including:
    - motivation and objectives;
    - scientific background of the planned activity, tasks to do, risk estimation;

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  - expected results, including potential impact of the of the training for your future scientific activities.
- Logistics plan and budget of the activity (travel, per-diems, accommodation). The limits for applying for hotel and per diem costs can be found in the table below, depending on the country where the installation of choice is located.
- A commitment letter signed by an authorised representative of your home institution stating that the travel and subsistence costs will be covered during the training.

Table: Maximum reimbursable subsistence cost per day and country

No.	Country of Installation	Currency	Per diem limit	Daily accommodation limit
1	France	EUR	55	200
2	Germany	EUR	49	170
3	Greece	EUR	50	160
4	Italy	EUR	53	192
5	Switzerland	CHF	88	220
6	Belgium	EUR	55	200
7	Spain	EUR	50	200
8	United Kingdom	GPB	45	220
9	Poland	PLN	150	900
10	Norway	NOK	496	1650

4. Evaluation procedure

Applications will be evaluated in a two-stage procedure.

Stage 1: Eligibility and feasibility

- Completeness of the documents and compliance with the call requirements
- Feasibility of logistics and budget, confirmation of mentoring availability

Stage 2: Assessment of scientific excellence of application

- Originality and novelty – up to 3 points;
- Scientific soundness - up to 3 points;
- Methodology and implementation – up to 3 points;
- Potential impact on the user's future scientific activities – up to 3 points.

A minimum of 6 points is necessary for a proposal to be accepted. Applicants will be contacted a er the decision by the Technical Evaluation Board. The evaluation period is expected to be 4 weeks a er call closure.

5. Installations providing access within the call

Geo-I Installations participating in the programme:

- VA1-25-1 Sea Level Station Monitoring Facility (SLMF) central services - Belgium
- VA2-32-9 Strain Rate estimationbased on geodetic data - Greece
- VA2-33-1 The European Databases of Seismogenic Faults - Italy
- VA2-33-2/VA2-33-3 Access to Tsunami Catalogues (EMTC, ITED) + (ASTARTE paleo) - Italy
- VA2-33-5 The Euro-Mediterranean Submarine landSlide database - Spain
- VA2-33-13/VA2-33-14/VA2-33-15 European Catalogue of Volcanoes - Iceland, Spain, Italy
- VA2-34-1 NEAM Tsunami Hazard Model (NEAMTHM18) - Italy
- VA2-34-3 European seismic hazard service (hazard.efehr.org) - Switzerland
- VA2-35-1 European tsunami risk service - Italy, United Kingdom
- VA2-35-4 European seismic risk service - Italy
- VA2-36-3 Collaboratory for the Study of Earthquake Predictability European CSEP2.0 - Germany
- VA3-43-4 EPISODES platform – Poland EPOS Data Portal – Norway
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6. Inclusion criteria

Geo-INQUIRE promotes diversity and inclusion within the scope of the project, including the applications for Transnational Access. Therefore, female applicants and applicants working in one of the widening countries, associated countries and outermost regions of Horizon Europe will be given special attention during the evaluation process. Widening countries are Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia. Associated countries include Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine and United Kingdom. Outermost regions include La Réunion, Mayotte, Canarias, Azores, Madeira, Saint-Martin, Guadeloupe, Martinique and Guyana.

Special requirements about accessibility and mobility, visa limitations, etc. can be added to the application form.

7. Terms and conditions to be accepted by users submitting applications

Terms and conditions for participants in Geo-INQUIRE transnational access, communication and dissemination activities: www.geo-inquire.eu/about/terms-and-conditions.

Access Providers and their organisations are responsible for the transfer of funds (such as user travel and subsistence support) based on their regular internal accounting practices. The Geo-INQUIRE Consortium itself has no competence over such transfers. Only transfers among legal entities are allowed.

Users must provide a report after completion of access about the work developed, outcomes, and feedback questionnaire.