

# GUIDE

## The Geoscience University Degree Portal

### Promote your geoscientific degree programmes via GUIDE

The new **Geoscience University Degree** (GUIDE-) portal ([www.geoscience-studies.org](http://www.geoscience-studies.org)) is designed to offer (prospective) students a general overview of the manifold possibilities regarding university education in geoscience.

GUIDE provides a rating-free overview of the curricula of available geoscientific university study programs in Europe. The portal was created to include all university courses (undergraduate/BSc and graduate/MSc) with their unique teaching profiles. GUIDE will:

- Provide orientation for prospective as well as undergraduate students
- Foster student mobility in Europe and beyond
- Strengthen collaboration within Europe by enabling the full utilisation of possibilities within the European university degree system
- Strengthen comparability and transparency between geoscientific university degrees
- Fasten individual academic studies and reduce drop-out rates
- Provide information for employers regarding the expected qualifications of potential applicants

The official roll-out of the portal is planned for June 2020.

### Why should my university be present in GUIDE?

Our interaction with students over the last years has shown that most - but in particular BSc - students are not aware of the extensive options for geoscience university education on an international and even on a national level. By participating in GUIDE, your university gets the chance to:

- Make students aware of the available geosciences' programmes at your university
- Attract international students to your university
- Show the strengths and focus areas of your geoscience programmes
- Create an alternative to distorted ranking systems
- Reduce your drop-out rate by allowing an informed choice of the study programme

The portal is based on a quantification of the curriculum using the European credit point system in combination with a standardised categorisation scheme. In order to guarantee the correctness of the data, each university can include and later modify their data individually via a simple interface.



## Costs and fees

The creation of the portal was funded through the German Professional Association of Geoscientists (BDG), the European Federation of Geologists (EFG), and partly through the EU-project INTERMIN.

For the long-term support and maintenance, we are currently seeking funding opportunities in the area of public institutions or foundations to continue running GUIDE free of charge. A comprehensive portal with many participating universities facilitates this process significantly. Therefore, we are encouraging you to support this portal by including your data.

Did you decide to be present in the new GUIDE-portal of all geoscientific university programmes in Europe? Congratulations! Please contact us through [mail@geoscience-studies.org](mailto:mail@geoscience-studies.org).

If you have questions or in case you need additional information, please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

## How to get involved?



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