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88th EFG SPRING COUNCIL MEETING

Industrial Minerals and Their Contribution to European Development

Milos Island, Greece

13-17 May 2026

AGENDA

Conference sessions · Field visits · Council meetings



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Day 1 — Wednesday, 13 May 2026

Milos Conference Center “Georgios Iliopoulos”, Adamas

Industrial Minerals and Their Contribution to European Development

08:30–09:00	Registration
09:00–09:30	Opening Remarks - Setting the scene Maria Tzima, President of the Association of Greek Geologists (AGG) David Govoni, President of the European Federation of Geologists (EFG)
09:30–10:15	Keynote presentation Dr Michael Stamatakis, Professor Emeritus, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) "The Role of Industrial Minerals in Sustainable Development and the Green Transition - the Greek case"
10:15–11:00	Session I — Extractive Activity and Innovation 10:15-10:30 — David Govoni (President, EFG): Sustainable Underground Mining of Industrial Minerals: Redefining Extractive Performances in a Changing Europe 10:30-10:45 — Dr Kostantinos Laskaridis (HSGME): From Geological Knowledge to Innovative Extractive Activity and Policy Support: The Role of the Hellenic Survey of Geology and Mineral Exploration in Raw Materials. 10:45-11:00 — Arda Arcasoy (External Relations, EFG) : Days from Disaster - Can Satellite Radar InSAR studies save us on Mines?
11:00–11:30	Coffee break
11:30–13:15	Session II — Research, Technology and Sustainable Development 11:30–11:45 — Kostantinos Giazitsoglou, President of Greek Association of Mining Enterprises) 11:45–12:00 — Ioannis Sanoudos (Milos Hub Director, Imerys Greece) 12:00–12:15 — Panagiotis Zachariadis (Coordinator PE, EFG; & Mining and Resource Planning Director, Imerys): Circularity and Industrial Minerals 12:15–12:30 — Stylianos Roumpedakis (HERACLES General Cement Company): Artificial Intelligence (AI) from the start to the end... 12:30–12:45 — Theodoros Margomenos (Operations Manager - SIBELCO): The unique snow-white Mg-carbonate deposits of Kozani, West Macedonia, Greece Origin, characterization, processing and environmentally friendly industrial uses. 12:45–13:00 — Hellas Gold
13:00–14:30	Light lunch & networking
14:30–16:30	Session III — Round table discussion "Implementation of the CRM Act in Europe and Greece & the Necessity of the EurGeol title" Participants: AGG · EFG · Hellenic Survey of Geology and Mineral Exploration · GEOTEST · HELLAS GOLD
20:00–22:00	Cocktail reception Venue TBC

Day 2 — Thursday, 14 May 2026

Milos Island (starting from Milos Conference Center, Adamas)

Field Trip 1: Volcanic & Industrial Mineral Sites

10:00–11:00	Field trip presentations Dr M. Stamatakis and Dr M. Anastasatou
11:00–11:45	Coffee break
12:00–16:00	Field Trip 1: Stop 1 - Alykes East: Upper Neogene ivory bentonite stockpiling Stop 2 - Airport SW on the road: Pleistocene perlite of Achivadolimni Stop 3 - Provatas / Panagia Kipoi: Pliocene zeolite ash-tuffs Stop 4 - Psathi / Panorama St Helias volcanics with gold mineralization; barite/limonite hosted in Late Miocene marine marlstone Stop 5 - Xylokeratia: Pliocene pozzolanic tuff/diatomite of TITAN and Heracles cement companies' quarries, crushers and loading bridges for shipments
	Dinner Adamas Bay

Day 3 — Friday, 15 May 2026

Milos Island (multiple sites – IMERYYS, Aggeria, Sarakiniko, Pollonia)

Field Trip 2: Mining Operations & Geological Formations

09:00–15:00	<p>Field Trip 2:</p> <p>Stop 1 - Trachilas - Plio-Pleistocene perlite quarries - IMERYYS SA. Greece is the world's second largest producer of perlite, providing around 15% of current world production.</p> <p>Stop 2 - Aggeria Upper Neogene bentonite deposits. Tectonic contact of kaolin/silica with bentonite; <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Voudia–Aggeria unpaved road;o Aggeria bentonite deposits.Greece is the world's second largest bentonite producer after the USA, with the overwhelming majority of its production originating on Milos Island.</p> <p>Stop 3 - Voudia IMERYYS Headquarters and processing plants, including calcining mills, dryers, soda bentonite activation yards and other raw-material processing devices.</p> <p>Stop 4 - Junction to Sarakiniko: Plio-Pleistocene ash tuffs alternated with calcareous tuffite with terebratula and diatomite of shallow marine origin</p> <p>Stop 5 - Sarakiniko: Plio-Pleistocene ash tuffs alternated with pumice tuffs, seismicites</p>
15:00–17:00	<p>Lunch Pollonia coast</p>
17:30–18:30	<p>Milos Mining Museum tour</p>
19:30–21:00	<p>Wine European Contest (Milos Mining Museum)</p>

Day 4 — Saturday, 16 May 2026

Milos Conference Center “Georgios Iliopoulos”, Adamas

EFG Council Meeting & Official Dinner

09:30–18:00	Council Meeting
19:30–22:00	Council dinner

Day 5 — Sunday, 17 May 2026

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EFG Council Meeting (Closing Session)

09:30–13:00	Council Meeting
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