

ECSNet Continuation: Strengthening Connections among IUGG Early-Career Scientists

Building on the successful establishment of the ECSNet platform (<https://iugg-ecs.org>) and its initial achievements, the next phase aims to consolidate, expand, and strategically position ECSNet as the central hub for IUGG Early-Career Scientists (ECS).

The primary objective is to ensure the long-term sustainability and growth of the network by strengthening cross-Association collaboration across all eight IUGG Associations. This approach is already being implemented through a blog series addressing ECS challenges (e.g. <https://iugg-ecs.org/ecs-iaga1/>). It relies on the active involvement of ECS representatives and ECS groups, who contribute ideas and key information to co-develop ECSNet platform and guide it according to their needs. The project will progressively move from foundation-building to capacity-building, empowering ECS to take a more active and visible role within the platform.

A second objective is to foster dialogue among ECS in preparation for the 29th IUGG General Assembly. A dedicated hybrid ECS meeting, planned for September 2026 at GFZ-Potsdam (Germany) and potentially organized in collaboration with Geo.X and Europlanet, will provide a platform to identify key challenges, expectations, and priorities of ECS, encourage interdisciplinary exchange, and develop coordinated input for the 29th IUGG General Assembly.

A third objective is to enhance visibility and impact by producing high-quality interviews, written contributions, and visual communication materials during both the 2026 hybrid meeting and, in particular, the 2027 IUGG General Assembly. These outputs will document ECS perspectives, highlight scientific excellence, and strengthen communication across IUGG Associations.

Finally, the project aims to transition ECSNet from an emerging initiative into a stable, self-sustaining communication and collaboration platform, reinforcing long-term engagement, visibility, and international cooperation within the IUGG ECS community.