

**Minutes**  
**M-002-2026-IUGS-COGE**  
**EGU Ed-COGE – Jan/2026**

<b>Date &amp; Time (Start)</b>	January 21, 2026, 11:30 AM (UTC)
<b>End of the meeting (time)</b>	12:40 PM UTC
<b>Location / Platform / Chair (lead)</b>	Virtual / Microsoft teams / Sandra Villacorta (SV)
<b>Attendees</b>	Sandra Villacorta (SV), Stavros Stathopoulos (SS), Gina Correia (GC), Xavier Juan (XJ), R. Baskar (RB), María Solari (MS), Susanna Occhipinti (SO)
<b>Apologies / Absentees</b>	Elvaene James (EJ). Monica Guzman (MG). Clemencia Gomez (CG)

Item	Description			
1	<b>Quorum:</b> a quorum was established, and the meeting proceeded.			
2	<b>Review of agenda subjects</b>			
	<b>Agenda Topics Discussion</b>	<b>Action / Key Decisions</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After the brief intro from each attendee, SV outlined the meeting objectives:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Establish a framework for collaboration following the 2025 Letter of Collaboration (LoC).</li> <li>○ Align the 2026 work plans, specifically for the Geoscience Education Field Officers (GEFO) programme.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• SV emphasized that COGE's 2026 plan aims to meet IUGS strategic expectations, especially regarding visibility, capacity building, and global outreach.</li> <li>• Participants welcomed the collaboration and highlighted the complementary nature of both organisations' activities.</li> </ul>	Send formal email to all COGE members to inform on this progress	AJ	Jan 2026
		Exchange of presentations to share detailed committee initiatives.	SS/SV	Jan 2026 [Done]
	<p><b>Key Discussion Points</b></p> <p>1. GEFO Programme (Flagship joint activity for 2026)  <i>Status &amp; Impact</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since its launch in 2019, the EGU GEFO team delivered over 300 workshops reaching approximately 6,000 teachers, with an active engagement in 14 European countries.</li> <li>• Increasing interest from the Global South thanks to the COGE promotion</li> </ul>	Confirm specific roles, availability, and engagement of COGE members involved in the LoC with EGU	RB	Jan 2026
		Inform on Face-to-face training for new EGU GEFO.	SS	Jan 2026
		Inform on GeoArt 2026 contest "The minerals that move your world".	CG	Feb 2026

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The programme was recognised as the primary vehicle for COGE–EGU collaboration in 2026.</li> </ul> <p><i>Key issues identified</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need for harmonised training procedures, evaluation frameworks, and consistent reporting.</li> <li>Challenges related to differing national curricula, impact assessment, and limited publication output.</li> </ul> <p><i>Agreements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GEFO programme will be prioritised as the main joint activity under the LoC for 2026.</li> <li>Focus will be on feasibility, visibility, and measurable outcomes.</li> <li>All GEFO-related activities must have defined leads, defined outputs, and timelines.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. EGU GIFT Workshops</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning for <i>GIFT 2026: Natural Hazards, Human Impact and Earth's Resources</i> (Vienna) was presented.</li> <li>The workshop will include expert lectures, hands-on sessions, and EGU GEFO-led activities, engaging teachers and early-career scientists.</li> <li>Opportunities for stronger COGE involvement through coordinated GEFO participation and joint promotion were identified.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. COGE–EGU Joint Priorities for 2026 (in line with the LoC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SV presented the COGE 2026 calendar, highlighting collaboration with the EGU Education Committee on GEFO as a central priority.</li> <li>SS presented the EGU Education Committee work plan structured around: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GIFT workshops and teacher-focused GA activities</li> <li>University and teacher-education initiatives</li> <li>GEFO Programme as a flagship activity</li> <li>The group agreed to prioritise a few high-impact actions to avoid overloading teams.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Priority areas confirmed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening and expanding the GEFO Programme (including the Global South)</li> <li>GeoArt 2026 (<i>"The minerals that move your world"</i>) as a flagship outreach initiative</li> <li>Public awareness campaigns supported by coordinated social media strategies</li> </ul>	Inform on COGE GEFO Progress	SO	Jan 2026
	Inform on progress of EGU GEFO programme	SS/GC	Jan, 2026 [done]
	Start coordination of pilot joint GEFO team online webinar (experience sharing across regions)	XJ	Feb, 2026
	Coordinate a campaign to socialise progress of the GEFO Programme globally	Rodrigo Gutierrez	March, 2026
	To complete the leadership assessment among EOP subcommission	GMC Team	Feb, 2026
	To confirm the new EOP interim responsible	GMC Team	Feb, 2026
	To confirm the new COGE GEFO Programme interim responsible	GMC Team	April, 2026
	Establish and circulate the proposed schedule for the next coordination meeting between EGU Education and COGE for 2026.	SS/SV	April, 2026
	Establish and circulate the proposed schedule for the next EGU Education and COGE webinars	To be confirmed	N/A

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational workshops for teachers and the wider public</li> <li>• It was agreed that:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Each core activity must have a designated lead and defined deliverables.</li> <li>○ External collaborations should be purpose-driven and formally documented.</li> <li>○ For 2026, efforts will concentrate primarily on the GEFO programme, with broader initiatives deferred to later years.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Potential joint activities include:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Online GEFO experience-sharing sessions</li> <li>○ Joint webinars or roundtables</li> <li>○ Dissemination of GEFO materials and outcomes through COGE platforms (including reference to the Barcelona Manifesto)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
<b>Any Other Business</b>			
<p>Participants agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the meeting minutes and provide feedback.</li> <li>• Continue defining joint activities via email and follow-up meetings.</li> <li>• Share preliminary plans internally to encourage further brainstorming.</li> </ul>	Share the meeting minutes with the attendees to review	EJ	Jan, 2026 [done]
	Circulate a Doodle poll to schedule a follow-up meeting.	EJ	TBC
<b>Adjournment / Meeting Closure</b>			
The meeting was adjourned with the agreement to follow up by email and continue discussions during the EGU Education Committee GEN4T meeting (27-01-26)			
<b>Next Meeting Information</b>			
Date/Time	TBD (EJ to circulate a Doodle poll)		
Place/Type	Virtual / TBD		
Organizer	EJ		

<b>Minute taker</b>	SV
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<b>Date of Submission to attendees</b>	26/01/2026
<b>Date of Approval by the COGE Board</b>	03/02/2026