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Enhancing labour mobility is an EU aim that will benefit all individuals living and working in Europe. To achieve that it is critical that the professional certificate given to an individual to confirm his specific professional competence is true, reliable and based on the same principles, no matter where it is issued. The professional public associations have an important role in this process. In most cases only a professional organization can certify the professional competence of its members, because certifying professional competence requires the evaluation of the professional development and skills of each individual, going beyond checking a degree ownership. In the case of geology this is boosted by the need to evaluate a set of competences based on a sound understanding of geology applied to mapping, modelling and predicting natural phenomena, going from hazard identification and risk assessment on natural hazards, to land use, mining or groundwater management.

Professional geologists must have a range of “professional skills”, needed to work with other specialists and non-specialists alongside technical and scientific excellence to ensure that the maps, models and other relevant data they produce are used to provide effective public protection through communication and land-use planning. The professional skills of particular importance for geologists include interdisciplinary collaboration, project management, cost-benefit analysis, effective communication with specialists and non specialists (especially the public) and facilitative skills. All the technical, scientific and professional skills need to be applied competently and with the highest standards of ethical underpinning. In this set the role of a professional public association of geologists is critical: In Italy the Consiglio Nazionale dei Geologi ensures that its members follow a professional code of conduct and regulation directed to the protection of the public, awards

professional titles and provides its members training opportunities to ensure their continuous professional development.

That is the reason why we support the Portuguese Geologist Association (Associação Portuguesa de Geólogos) request to become a Professional Public Association.

We are absolutely sure that APG role as a Professional Public Association will increase professional mobility of Portuguese geologists among EU countries.



IL PRESIDENTE
Gian Vito Graziano

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