**Questionnaire on regulations in European countries concerning the collecting/sampling of geological material.**

Note to contributors: No responsibility is expected for the correctness and completeness of the information you provide.

Country: GREECE

1. Apart from sampling in national parks and other officially protected sites (e.g. UNESCO World Heritage site, geotope), are there any legal restrictions affecting sampling and exporting of rocks, fossils, and/or minerals in the country?

*None, particularly. In case of scientific collections, a certain licence should be acquired in advance from the Geological Survey (IGME), and all transferring samples abroad have to be presented before transportation to a certain office of the Survey.*

1. If there are legal restrictions, which constitutional level regulates the law(s) (e.g. national, federal state, provincial; multiple answers are possible)?
2. Where is the legal information available? If available online, please provide a link to the website(s). If not available online, please state where it can be obtained.

The address for permission is the following (only for scientific collections (ie. Phd, research projects etc.)): http://www.igme.gr/images/igme/Issue\_of\_fieldwork\_permits.doc

1. If the text is not in English, please provide a short summary of its/their main statements on sampling, transportation and exportation restrictions.

*It asks information on the researcher and institution, the purpose of sampling as well as the period of field activities.*

1. What types of permission are legally sufficient (e.g. an official permit, written letter or verbal agreement) for different types of landownership (e.g. government, private or company).

*Permission is only given for public land. In private land it is not allowed and certain insitu negotiations should be made.*

1. How and where does one apply for a sampling permit? [Please provide link(s) to website(s)]

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1. Does the collector have to follow any best codes of practice for a field area (e.g. specific ways of entering the field area, prohibited use of certain tools to extract samples or expose fresh rock surfaces, the amount of sampling allowed, the condition you should leave the area when finished). Please state where this information can be found.

No

1. Are export permits needed to export geological material (rocks, minerals, fossils, sediment)? Are different permits needed for national postal services and private postal services?

*None particularly. Only the permission from Geological Survey*

1. Are there any known issues of using certain shipping companies/postal companies when exporting samples outside the country?

*No*

1. Are there regulations about type-specimen deposition (i.e., may holotypes/paratypes be deposited at foreign institutions or is a law in place that necessitates the return of type material even when legally sampled and exported)?

*Greece is following the new EU regulation (by 2015) about type specimens property, which for any case is the museum that has been initially deposited (domestic or foreign)*

1. Additional comments:

*None*