**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:

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, importing and exporting of rocks, fossils, and/or minerals in the country?
2. If there are legal restrictions, which constitutional level regulates the law(s) (e.g. national, federal state, provincial; multiple answers are possible)?
3. 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.
4. If the text is not in English, please provide a short summary of its/their main statements on sampling, transportation and exportation restrictions.
5. 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).
6. How and where does one apply for a sampling permit? [Please provide link(s) to website(s)]
7. 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.
8. Does the collector need insurance of any kind?
9. Are permits needed to export/import geological material (rocks, minerals, fossils, sediment)? Are different permits needed for national postal services and private postal services?
10. Are there any known issues of using certain shipping companies/postal companies when exporting samples outside the country?
11. 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)?
12. Additional comments: