

# Proposal for a GEO Mountains scoping workshop and survey

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**Title:** Inter- and transdisciplinary mountain data in the Carpathians: Identifying user requirements and access preferences - GEO Mountains scoping workshop and survey

## **Workshop description:**

GEO Mountains (formerly GEO-GNOME) is one of several partners responsible for implementing Adaptation at Altitude – a global programme funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

As outlined in the GEO Mountains Implementation Plan, over the period 2020-2022, tasks are being carried out in relation to three main objectives:

1. Identifying the needs of diverse users of data and information pertaining to global mountain environments and, as far as possible, satisfying these needs by making relevant data freely discoverable, accessible, and usable;
2. Improving the monitoring and understanding of mountain processes;
3. Communicating and linking the community in order to develop reporting capacity that responds to policy needs.

Three questions are of particular interest regarding Objective 1:

1. What requirements/wishes do users of mountain data have with respect to an online database/portal through which mountain data will be searchable and made available?
2. Which organisations and institutions are major providers of relevant data? and;
3. What are the major gaps experienced by users with respect to the discoverability, accessibility, and usability of the datasets themselves?

This workshop would be an opportunity to learn from the relevant actors in the region, identify and complement our inventories and databases with their inputs and contributions. It will also offer an opportunity to identify collaborations and exchanges that support both GEO Mountains (or other MRI Flagship Activities) and the S4C agenda, as well as priorities in support of your community.

Given the scope of the Adaptation at Altitude programme, specific emphasis will be placed on data related to climate change drivers, processes, impacts, and adaptation in the region, but other topics and corresponding types of data and information will also remain in scope.

## **Workshop format:**

Firstly, participants will briefly be introduced to the broader aims of GEO Mountains and Adaptation at Altitude. Then the rationale behind this particular consultation will be communicated, followed by an open discussion of the questions posed. Following the event, a survey will be circulated which will enable participants to communicate and specify what their most pressing data needs are, and to learn more about their current and/or possible future applications of mountainous data, in a more structured format.

*Duration:* 2 hours