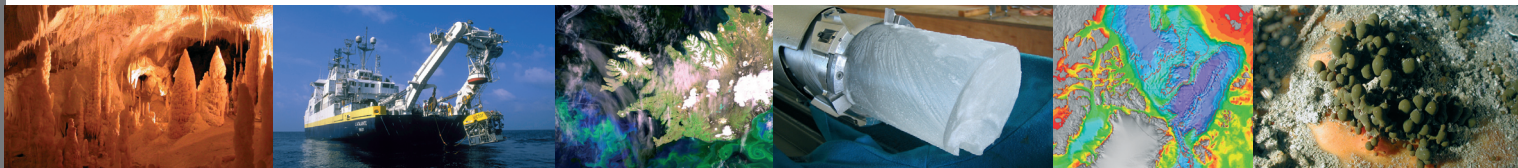


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The European Geosciences Union (EGU) is an interdisciplinary association devoted to the promotion of cooperation in the Earth and environmental sciences as well as planetary and space sciences.

**The European Science Foundation (ESF) and the intergovernmental initiative for European COoperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST) are pleased to invite you to Townhall Meeting 3 “European Cooperation in Geosciences and Environmental Sciences: ESF & COST opportunities”**

**followed by the TM3 “get-together” reception**

Conveners: Bernard Avril, Didier Hauglustaine, Inge Jonckheere, Kai Rankenburg (ESF-Life, Earth and Environmental Sciences); Carine Petit (COST-Earth System Science and Environmental Management)

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With this EGU Townhall Meeting (TM3), our purpose is to highlight the importance of international and interdisciplinary cooperation in Europe in Geosciences and Environmental Sciences.

Five short, stimulating scientific talks will give examples of activities recently developed within the ESF and COST frameworks. Two short presentations on the instruments and opportunities for the European scientific community existing within ESF and COST will also be given before the floor is open for discussion and questions.

#### **Invited speakers:**

**Dr. Stephanie Templer** ETH Zurich, Switzerland, *Microbial ecology in deep sea coral reef ecosystems*

**Prof. Jelle Bijma** Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research, Bremerhaven, Germany, *Climate change and ocean acidification: double trouble*

**Dr. Jeffrey Hare** University of East Anglia, UK, *Progress on development of global air-sea flux fields (COST Action 735)*

**Dr. Almut Arneft** Lund University, Sweden, *Terrestrial biogenic emissions in the carbon cycle-chemistry-climate system*

**Dr. Daniel Rasse** Bioforsk – Norwegian Institute for Agricultural and Environmental Research, Ås, Norway, *Molecular aspects of terrestrial carbon fluxes*

This meeting is intended for scientists, and also for science managers, science policy makers and representatives from the media.