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## **88<sup>th</sup> EFG SPRING COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Industrial Minerals and their Contribution to European Development**

Milos Island, Greece

13-17 May 2026

### **AGENDA**

Conference sessions · Field visits · Council meetings



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# Day 1 morning — Wednesday, 13 May 2026

Milos Conference Center “Georgios Iliopoulos”, Adamas

## Industrial Minerals and Their Contribution to European Development

<b>08:30–09:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>09:00–09:30</b>	<p><b>Opening Remarks - Setting the scene</b>            Maria Tzima, President of the Association of Greek Geologists (AGG)            David Govoni, President of the European Federation of Geologists (EFG)</p>
<b>09:30–10:15</b>	<p><b>Keynote presentation</b>            Dr Michael Stamatakis, Professor Emeritus, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA)</p> <p>"The Role of Industrial Minerals in Sustainable Development and the Green Transition - the Greek case"</p>
<b>10:15–11:00</b>	<p><b>Session I — Extractive Activity and Innovation</b></p> <p><b>10:15–10:30</b> — David Govoni, President of EFG: "Sustainable Underground Mining of Industrial Minerals: Redefining Extractive Performances in a Changing Europe"</p> <p><b>10:30–10:45</b> — Dr Kostantinos Laskaridis, Director of Mineral Resources and Prospecting Department of HSGME: "From Geological Knowledge to Innovative Extractive Activity and Policy Support: The Role of the Hellenic Survey of Geology and Mineral Exploration in Raw Materials."</p> <p><b>10:45–11:00</b> — Arda Arcasoy, External Relations of EFG: "Days from Disaster - Can Satellite Radar InSAR studies save us on Mines?"</p>
<b>11:00–11:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:30–13:00</b>	<p><b>Session II — Research, Technology and Sustainable Development</b></p> <p><b>11:30–11:45</b> — Konstantinos Yazitzoglou, Greek Mining Enterprises Association : "Can we set quantitative criteria for sustainable development? If so, how will they affect the extractive industry in the EU?"</p> <p><b>11:45–12:00</b> — Ioannis Sanoudos, Milos Hub Director - Imerys Greece: "100 years presence of a mining company in Milos island"</p> <p><b>12:00–12:15</b> — Panagiotis Zachariadis, Coordinator PE, EFG &amp; Mining and Resource Planning Director - Imerys: "Circularity and Industrial Minerals"</p> <p><b>12:15–12:30</b> — Stylianos Roumpedakis, Senior Quarries &amp; Mining Specialist - HERACLES Group: "Digital Applications in Industrial Minerals Production"</p> <p><b>12:30–12:45</b> — Theodoros Margomenos, Operations Manager - SIBELCO: "The unique snow-white Mg-carbonate deposits of Kozani, West Macedonia, Greece Origin, characterization, processing and environmentally friendly industrial uses"</p> <p><b>12:45–13:00</b> — Michael Papatirio, Deputy General Manager and Olympias Head of Operations - Hellas Gold: "Kassandra Mines: Pioneering Digital Transformation for a Sustainable Mining Future"</p>

# Day 1 afternoon — Wednesday, 13 May 2026

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<b>13:00–14:00</b>	<b>Light lunch &amp; networking</b>
<b>14:00–16:00</b>	<p><b>Session III — Round table discussion</b></p> <p>"Integrating Industrial Minerals into the CRM Act Framework: The Strategic Importance for Europe and Greece, and the Role of the EurGeol Title"</p> <p>Moderator: Pavlos Tyrologou, Chair of Advisory board - EFG</p> <p>Participants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ramon Pérez Mir, EurGeol - EFG</li><li>2. Maria Tzima, EurGeol - President of AGG</li><li>3. Konstantinos Yazitzoglou, President of Greek MEA</li><li>4. Ioannis Sanoudos, Milos Hub Director - Imerys Greece</li><li>5. Ria Vagkli, Technical Services Manager, Skouries Project - Hellas Gold</li><li>6. Kostantinos Kydonakis, Ph.D EurGeol - Geotest Consulting Engineering Engineers SA</li><li>7. Marianthi Anastasatou - UNFC Key Expert - Dr. Geologist, HSGME</li></ol>
<b>20:00–22:00</b>	<p><b>Cocktail reception</b></p> <p>Vira Cocktail Bar, Adamas</p>

## Day 2 — Thursday, 14 May 2026

Milos Island (starting from Milos Conference Center, Adamas)

### Field Trip 1: Volcanic & Industrial Mineral Sites

10:00–11:00	<b>Field trip presentations</b> Dr M. Stamatakis and Dr M. Anastasatou
11:00–11:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
12:00–16:00	<b>Field Trip 1:</b> <b>Stop 1 - Alykes East:</b> Upper Neogene ivory bentonite stockpiling <b>Stop 2 - Airport SW on the road:</b> Pleistocene perlite of Achivadolimni <b>Stop 3 - Provatas / Panagia Kipoi:</b> Pliocene zeolite ash-tuffs <b>Stop 4 - Psathi / Panorama St Helias volcanics</b> with gold mineralization; barite/limonite hosted in Late Miocene marine marlstone <b>Stop 5 - Xylokeratia:</b> Pliocene pozzolanic tuff/diatomite of TITAN and Heracles cement companies' quarries, crushers and loading bridges for shipments
16:30	<b>Early dinner</b> Estia, Adamas

## Day 3 — Friday, 15 May 2026

Milos Island (multiple sites – IMERYYS, Aggeria, Sarakiniko, Pollonia)

### Field Trip 2: Mining Operations & Geological Formations

09:00–15:00	<b>Field Trip 2:</b> <b>Stop 1 - Trachilas - Plio-Pleistocene perlite quarries - IMERYYS SA.</b> Greece is the world's second largest producer of perlite, providing around 15% of current world production. <b>Stop 2 - Aggeria Upper Neogene bentonite deposits.</b> Tectonic contact of kaolin/silica with bentonite; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Voudia–Aggeria unpaved road;</li><li>o Aggeria bentonite deposits.</li></ul> Greece is the world's second largest bentonite producer after the USA, with the overwhelming majority of its production originating on Milos Island. <b>Stop 3 - Voudia IMERYYS Headquarters and processing plants,</b> including calcining mills, dryers, soda bentonite activation yards and other raw-material processing devices. <b>Stop 4 - Junction to Sarakiniko:</b> Plio-Pleistocene ash tuffs alternated with calcareous tuffite with terebratula and diatomite of shallow marine origin <b>Stop 5 - Sarakiniko:</b> Plio-Pleistocene ash tuffs alternated with pumice tuffs, seismicites
15:00–17:00	<b>Lunch</b> Enalio, Pollonia coast
17:30–18:45	<b>Milos Mining Museum tour</b>
19:00–20:30	<b>Wine European Contest</b> (Milos Mining Museum)

## Day 4 — Saturday, 16 May 2026

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### EFG Council Meeting & Official Dinner

<b>09:30–18:00</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>
<b>19:30–22:00</b>	<b>Council dinner</b> Archontoula, Plaka

## Day 5 — Sunday, 17 May 2026

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### EFG Council Meeting (Closing Session)

<b>09:30–13:00</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>
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