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EuroSpeleo Projects - Report covering the period from October 2019 to August 2019

EURO SPELEO PROJECTS (ESP) - IN GENERAL

ESP funding was launched by the FSE in 2005. ESPs can receive a financial grant and also sponsoring items from FSE partners (see below). ESP need to gather at least 4 European countries being FSE members and are also open to projects involving Latin American (members of FEALC) and African/Middle-East (AME) countries and the Asian Union of Speleology (AUS).

THE SITUATION UP TO THE 3rd SEMESTER 2019

This report covers the period from the GAM held on 25th Aug. 2018 in Ebensee (AT) up to August 2019. It also gives an outlook on the ESPs that will be conducted in the remaining year 2019. Table 1 shows the new ESP applications received and approved since the GAM in 2018. Fourteen applications were received (compared to 9 in the last reporting period 2017-18). All applications have been approved. One more application for FSE patronage (only “moral support”) was received for the Italian Speleo Days 2019. The patronage was agreed upon.















New applications approved since October 2017	
Project name, date and location	Organized by
ESP 2018-05: Expedition Myanmar 2019 Date: 31 January - 23 February 2019, Shan & Kayah States and Myeik Archipelago	 DE
ESP 2018-06: Expedition DAO 2019, Thailand Date: 3 - 20 February 2019, Chiang Mai, Thailand	 BE
ESP 2018-07: Expedition Mount Sedom 2019, Israel Date: 22 February - 4 March 2019, Israel	 BG
ESP 2018-08: International Caver Meeting ICNUSSA 2019 Date: 25 - 28 April 2019, Urzulei, Italy	 IT
ESP 2019-01: Gouffre Berger (Camp 2019) Date: 20 - 30 July 2019, Gouffre Berger, Vercors, France	 FR
ESP 2019-02: HYPOGEA Meeting 2019 Date: 20 - 25 May 2019, Bulgaria	 BG
ESP 2019-03: Expedition Serra da Bodoquena, Brazil Date: 15 July - 6 July 2019, Brazil	 DE
ESP 2019-04: Expedition Sternes, Crete/Greece Date: 27 June - 7 July 2019, Sternes Mt., Crete, Greece	 GR
ESP 2019-05: Conference Man and Karst Date: 24 - 26 June 2019, Ragusa, Sicily, Italy	 IT
ESP 2019-06: Expedition Northern Velebit 2019, Croatia Date: 29 July - 11 August 2019, Velebit Mts., Croatia	 HR
ESP 2019-07: Expedition Morca 2019, Turkey Date: 3 August - 8 September 2019, Middle Taurus, Turkey	 TR
ESP 2019-08: Expedition Hochschwab 2019, Austria Date: 1 - 8 September 2019, Austria	 AT
ESP 2019-09: Balkan Cavers Camp 2019, Turkey Date: 2 - 8 September 2019, Antalya, Turkey	 TR
ESP 2018-10: Speleologische Dagen 2019, Belgium Date: 20 - 22 September 2019, Ferrières, Belgium	 BE

Table 1: New ESP approved since Oct 2018.

DETAILED STATISTICS OF APPLICATIONS APPROVED

PARTICIPATION

ESP No.	Name of the Euro Speleo Project	Country participation
ESP 2018-05:	Expedition Myanmar 2019	CH, DE, FR, UK, ES, SV, Myanmar
ESP 2018-06:	Expedition DAO 2019, Thailand	BE, FR, UK, CH
ESP 2018-07:	Expedition Mount Sedom 2019, Israel	BG, FR, HR, UK, DE, Israel, USA
ESP 2018-08:	International Caver Meeting ICNUSSA 2019	IT, DE, ES, FR, ES, RO, BE
ESP 2019-01:	Gouffre Berger (Camp 2019)	FR, BE, HU, PL, CH, Brazil
ESP 2019-02:	HYPOGEA Meeting 2019	BG, DE, GE, IT, TR, Russia, N.Macedonia, Israel, CZ
ESP 2019-03:	Expedition Serra da Bodoquena, Brazil	FR, DE, Brazil
ESP 2019-04:	Expedition Sternes, Crete/Greece	GR, UK, FR, Russia, Israel, Australia
ESP 2019-05:	Conference Man and Karst	IT, SI, HR, AR, RO, RS, BIH., USA, Libya
ESP 2019-06:	Expedition Northern Velebit 2019, Croatia	HR, RS, SI, PL, HU, BIH., USA
ESP 2019-07:	Expedition Morca 2019, Turkey	TR, BG, PL, Lebanon, USA
ESP 2019-08:	Expedition Hochschwab 2019, Austria	AT, DE, HU, HR, UK
ESP 2019-09:	Balkan Cavers Camp 2019, Turkey	TR, BG, GR, HR, PL, RO, RS, SI, N.Macedonia
ESP 2018-10:	Speleologische Dagen 2019, Belgium	BE, DE, UK, FR, NL, LU

Table 2: participating countries in the approved ESP since Oct 2018.
(Non-FSE member countries in blue colour).

No	Country	Participants
1.	France (FR)*	46
2.	Greece (GR)	40
3.	Turkey (TR)	30
4.	Italy (IT)	23
5.	Croatia (HR)	22
6.	Hungary (HU)	20
7.	Bulgaria (BG)	20
8.	Poland (PL)	17
9.	Belgium (BE)	16
10.	Slovenia (SI)	13
11.	Germany (DE)	12
12.	United Kingdom (UK)	11
13.	Serbia (RS)	10
14.	Romania (RO)	6
15.	Switzerland (CH)	4
16.	Netherlands (NL)	3
17.	Luxemburg (LU)	2
18.	Austria (AT)	2
19.	Spain (ES)	1
20.	Georgia (GE)	1
21.	Armenia (AR)	1
22.	Slovakia (SK)	1
	IN TOTAL	301

Table 3: participants from FSE member countries as from reports and applications approved since Oct 2018.

* For ESP 2019-01 the same number than in the previous project was estimated (31 French participants).

No.	Counties	Participants
1.	USA	10
2.	Israel	7
3.	Myanmar	6
4.	Russia	5
5.	Brazil	5
6.	North Macedonia	4
7.	Lebanon	3
8.	Bosnia-Herzegowina (BIH)	3
9.	Czech Republic (CZ)	2
10.	Libya	1
11.	Australia	1
	IN TOTAL	47

Table 4: participants from non-FSE countries as from reports and applications approved since Oct 2018.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

ESP No.	Name of the EuroSpeleo Project	Grant payment (in €)
ESP 2018-05: Expedition Myanmar 2019		600 €
ESP 2018-06: Expedition DAO 2019, Thailand		600 €
ESP 2018-07: Expedition Mount Sedom 2019, Israel		600 €
ESP 2018-08: International Caver Meeting ICNUSSA 2019		not entitled
ESP 2019-01: Gouffre Berger (Camp 2019)		w.f.r.
ESP 2019-02: HYPOGEO Meeting 2019		600 €
ESP 2019-03: Expedition Serra da Bodoquena, Brazil		600 €
ESP 2019-04: Expedition Sternes, Crete/Greece		not entitled
ESP 2019-05: Conference Man and Karst		w.f.r.
ESP 2019-06: Expedition Northern Velebit 2019, Croatia		not entitled
ESP 2019-07: Expedition Morca 2019, Turkey		w.f.r.
ESP 2019-08: Expedition Hochschwab 2019, Austria		w.f.r.
ESP 2019-09: Balkan Cavers Camp 2019, Turkey		w.f.r.
ESP 2018-10: Speleologische Dagen 2019, Belgium		w.f.r.
IN TOTAL:		3,000 €

Table 5: Disbursement of ESP financial grants of approved ESPs since Oct 2018 (w.f.r. = waiting for report).

EQUIPMENT SPONSORING

FSE has negotiated official partnerships with SacidKordas, Aventure Verticale and Scurion. Since October 2017 eight ESP were awarded with (or have applied for) equipment as specified below:

ESP No.	Name of the Euro Speleo Project	Rope KORDA'S (in m)	AV Material (in €)	Scurion lamps (in pcs.)
ESP 2018-05: Expedition Myanmar 2019		---	---	---
ESP 2018-06: Expedition DAO 2019, Thailand		---	---	---
ESP 2018-07: Expedition Mount Sedom 2019, Israel		200	400	1
ESP 2018-08: International Caver Meeting ICNUSSA 2019		200	---	---
ESP 2019-01: Gouffre Berger (Camp 2019)		200	400	1
ESP 2019-02: HYPOGEO Meeting 2019		---	---	---
ESP 2019-03: Expedition Serra da Bodoquena, Brazil		---	400	1
ESP 2019-04: Expedition Sternes, Crete/Greece		200	400	1
ESP 2019-05: Conference Man and Karst		---	---	---
ESP 2019-06: Expedition Northern Velebit 2019, Croatia		200	400	1
ESP 2019-07: Expedition Morca 2019, Turkey		200	400	---
ESP 2019-08: Expedition Hochschwab 2019, Austria		---	---	---
ESP 2019-09: Balkan Cavers Camp 2019, Turkey		---	---	---
ESP 2018-10: Speleologische Dagen 2019, Belgium		---	---	---
IN TOTAL:		1,200 m	2,400 €	5 pieces

Table 6: Equipment sponsoring across the ESPs approved since Oct 2018.

TRENDS IN THE PERIOD 2018-2019

The reporting period saw the highest number of new applications ever received (14).

This led to a shortage in equipment sponsoring from FSE's Official Partners, because their sponsoring is only granted up to a certain number of items for each year. In fact, some of the ESPs, which applied for support on a later date in 2019, could not be supplied with equipment items anymore, because all available sponsoring items were already allocated to other ESPs. FSE has started measures to counter-steer such situations in the future.

The participant number (301 from FSE member countries, 47 from other countries) was about the same like in the last reporting period (307/49). The top countries participating in the ESPs were France, Greece, Turkey, Italy, Croatia, Hungary, and Bulgaria with 20 or more cavers each.