

The Executive Committee of ProGEO is appalled by the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation. The military offensives have already generated a grave humanitarian crisis. The situation is a threat to all humans, and will also threaten the open scientific cooperation needed for peaceful co-existence and sustainable development locally as well as on a global scale.

But today, our thoughts go first and foremost to the Ukrainian people in solidarity with their suffering. We also include all Russian citizens who oppose the war, but are met with oppression. We urge everyone to do what we can to help Ukraine and to urge the Russian Federation to end its military offensives.

Science has proven to act as a platform for dialogue even in times of war, and therefore is a resource on which to capitalize to avoid further loss of life and disruption, including to scientific research and infrastructures. We support the position that now emerges from scientific communities around the world, see for example:

- IUGS - International Union of Geological Sciences, to which ProGEO is an affiliated association: <https://www.iugs.org/>
- ISC - International Science Council: <https://council.science/current/news/international-science-council-statement-on-ukraine/>
- IGU - International Geographical Union: <https://igu-online.org/>
- We also call attention to the statement of the International Association for Promoting Geoethics (IAPG): https://www.geoethics.org/_files/ugd/5195a5_ade8d693c2024f5c90b933fae3a63760.pdf?index=true
- and the open letter of Russian scientists and science journalists against the war with Ukraine: <https://trv-science.ru/en/2022/02/we-are-against-war-en/>

**We condemn the RF's aggression against
Ukraine.**

Stop this war!