

# FEDERATION SPELEOLOGIQUE EUROPEENNE

## European Cave Protection Commission



The European Cave Protection Commission (ECPC) is a commission of the European Speleological Federation FSE and exists since 2007.

The team of the European Cave Protection Commission is inviting every caver with cave and karst protection and conservation ambitions, to join the commission to help pushing forward the cave and karst protection goals of the FSE in Europe.

More and more political aspects are influencing our work and keeping caves safe from external pollution and preventing them from destroying or disappearing is a major part of the commissions work.

Protecting cave animals and speleothems are another part of the work, as well as studying biospeleological life in caves. All these points have the same goal - protecting the cave and karst habitat, biotope and geotope.

A new initiative has started to create a Europe-wide network on de-pollution activities and to create a database on the state of pollution or ideally the state of intact caves.

The groundwater which is at risk as well and which must be protected as a large percent of people in Europe depend on it as it might be the only source for life, is another topic that the ECPC is working on.

The Commission does represent the FSE in international environmental bodies and has a board position in one of the major European environmental and civil organisations gathering more than 180 organizations all over Europe and around the Mediterranean Sea.

More team members mean more power and more international presence that again are factors that puts the ECPC at a higher level of importance. To get an overview of the commission work please visit our site: [www.eurospeleo.eu/ECPC](http://www.eurospeleo.eu/ECPC)

If you are keen on working in a strong and international team with the aim to protect caves and karst areas, the ECPC is the place for you.

What are the requirements?

Coming from an FSE member Country. (see here: <https://www.eurospeleo.eu/member-countries/>)

Having access to email and word processing applications.

Being ready to work in an international team composed of cavers and scientists.

Please note that the commission communication language is English only.

An application should include a letter of motivation from the applicant.

Please send an email to [protection@eurospeleo.eu](mailto:protection@eurospeleo.eu) for any contact and note that you need to apply before March 31, 2023, to give us time for Q&A and eventual additional requests.

The period of engagement in the commission is from 2023 to 2027

We count on you!

Jean-Claude Thies, ECPC president