



## Speleological events support 2026 - new Call!

Dear colleagues, dear friends,

we are glad to inform you that the first Call for speleological events support in 2026 is open! Granted can be the international expeditions or other events focused on exploration, study, or protection of caves and karst, with emphasis on educational, technical and/or scientific cooperation.

**UIS Bureau especially encourage young cavers and scientists to submit proposals for their projects, and the Bureau will take these submissions into prefer consideration.**

All requests should contain description of the proposed event as detailed as you are thinking is important for understanding the aims of your project, the purpose for which the funds will be used, and show explicitly that the proposed event is in line with the **Statutes, Internal Regulations and Code of Ethics of the UIS**. Requests which do not meet these requirements will not be accepted.

In case of **speleological expeditions**, participants have to be from **at least 3 different countries**, one of which is recommended to be the host country where the project will be conducted.

Detailed conditions and more details about speleological events support can be found in Speleological Events Support Guidelines on <https://uis-speleo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Speleological-Events-Support-Guidelines-Version-2-September-2019.pdf>, or please, do not hesitate to ask UIS Vice-President of Administration Mario Parise at [mario.parise@uniba.it](mailto:mario.parise@uniba.it).

**The deadline for this Call is on June 12, 2026.**

All requests received till the deadline will be evaluated by UIS Bureau and the best projects will be supported. For this Call, the UIS Bureau decided to dedicate a maximum amount of **3000 - EUR**, meaning that this total amount can be split between **ALL** supported projects. All requests received after the deadline will not be accepted, but can be submitted for the next call.

Differently from what reported in the Speleological Event support Guidelines, please send all request before the deadline to the UIS via Adjunct Secretary Marc Mentens at [marcbingcacao@gmail.com](mailto:marcbingcacao@gmail.com) and Adjunct Secretary Allan Calux at [ascalux@gmail.com](mailto:ascalux@gmail.com) (in CC).

Before submitting, please ensure that:

- 1) the proposal and all supporting documents are submitted in one single PDF file;**
- 2) the proposal includes a statement from the applicant(s) that the proposed event meets the Statutes, Internal Regulations and Code of Ethics of the UIS;**
- 3) the proposal states the amount of funding requested and the purpose for which the funds will be used.**

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their proposal in middle July.

Mario Parise

UIS Vice-President of Administration