

THE INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL MAP OF EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN REGIONS 1:1 500 000

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The Prussian Geological Survey was commissioned in 1881 by the international Commission for the Geological Map of Europe, set up during the 2nd International Geological Congress in Bologna, to compile and edit the first international geological map, the 1:1.5 million International Geological Map of Europe. The responsibility for editing and printing of this map series has remained in the hands of the Prussian Geological Survey and its successors, the Reichsamt für Bodenforschung (Imperial Office for Geologic Research) and the present Bundesanstalt für Geowissenschaften und Rohstoffe (BGR). The first edition comprising 49 sheets was completed in 1913. During the 15th IGC in 1929, a new concept of the map was developed for the 2nd edition. Publishing started in 1933, was interrupted by the war and continued in 1952. Twelve sheets of the 2nd edition were published by 1959. In 1962, a completely new general legend was produced and extended in 1970. Since 1965, UNESCO has cooperated with the CGMW in editing and printing international geological maps. The 1:1.5 million Geological Map of Europe is now in its 3rd edition; it will be completed by the beginning of 2000. The map will then consist of 12 sheets of the 3rd edition and 37 sheets of the 2nd edition, four sheets of which are for the general legend and the title.