Between 27 and 31 January 2020, Catania (Italy) will host the 2nd Annual Meeting of the EUROVOLC (European Network of Observatories and Research Infrastructures for Volcanology; eurovolc.eu) EU project.

The project is coordinated by IMO (Icelandic Meteorological Office), lasts three years and has started in February 2018. The Consortium includes 17 partners among which Research Institutions, Universities, Civil Protection Agencies, and SMEs, belonging to 9 European countries (Island, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Ireland, United Kingdom, and Switzerland).

The project objective is the building up of a European volcano community through the integration, harmonisation and collaboration of all the European scientific realities dealing with volcanology. The effective mean is the use of the national and pan-European research infrastructures as well as the infrastructures related to the European volcano ‘Supersites’ (Mt. Etna, Vesuvius, Campi Flegrei, and the Islandic Volcanoes) in the three activity pillars of the project i.e. Networking, Joint Research, and Physical and Virtual Access to different infrastructures and data banks.

Throughout the five days of meeting, the EUROVOLC community will discuss what done in 2019, detail the activities to be carried out in the last year of the project, and will conclude with a fieldtrip on the eastern flank of Mt. Etna.

The fieldtrip aims at visiting the main volcanic and tectonic structures, among which the fault that generated the 26 December 2018 earthquake.

Amongst the project results achieved in 2019, those related to the physical access to the European infrastructures are chiefly expected.

More information about the project in the EUROVOLC website.