



# Copernicus

## General Overview

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*Copernicus Infosession in Reykjavik, 19 September 2018*



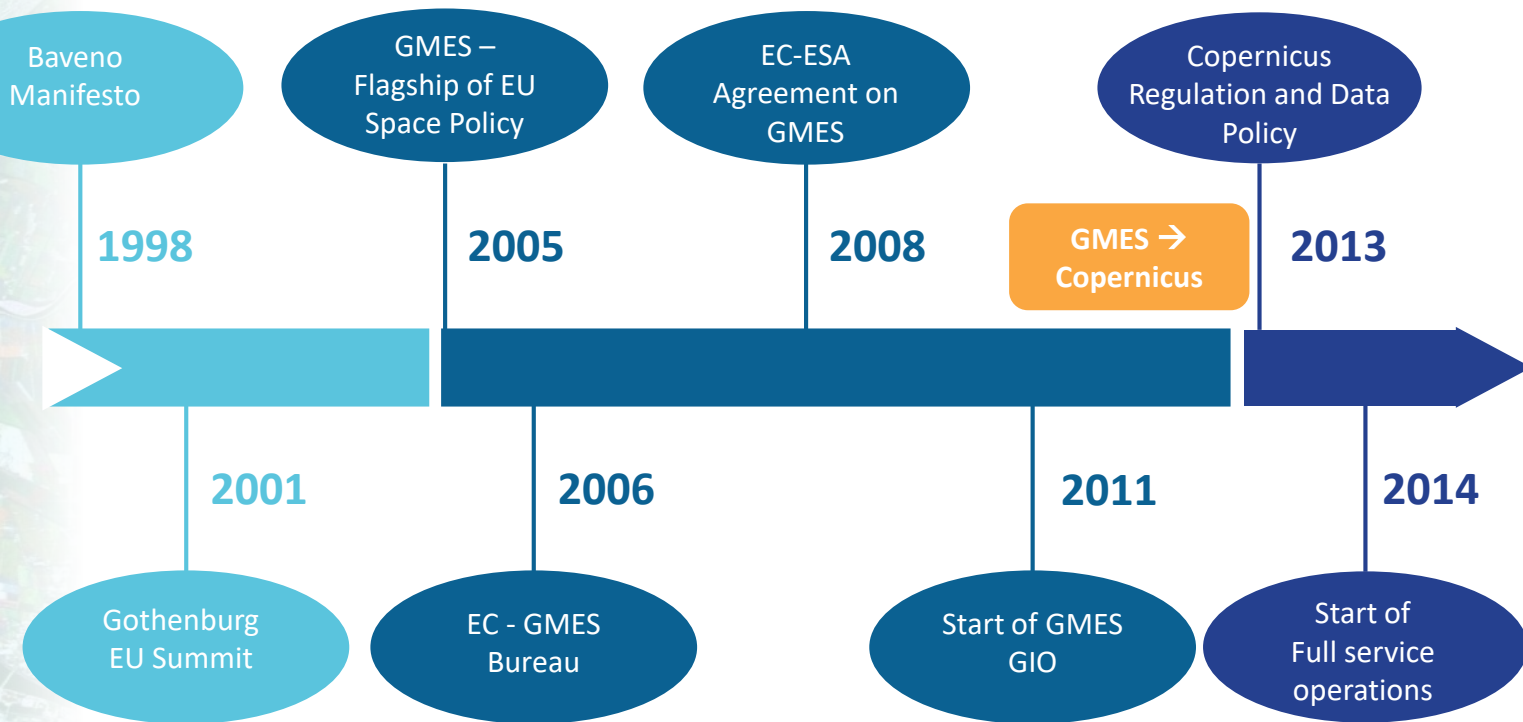
## C O P E R N I C U S   I N   B R I E F

- **Copernicus is a flagship programme** of the European Union:
  - Monitors **the Earth**, its environment and ecosystems
  - Prepares for **crises, security risks** and **natural or man-made disasters**
  - Contributes to the **EU's role as a global soft power**
- a **full, free and open data policy**
- Is a tool for **economic development** and a driver for the **digital economy**



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# COPERNICUS HISTORY

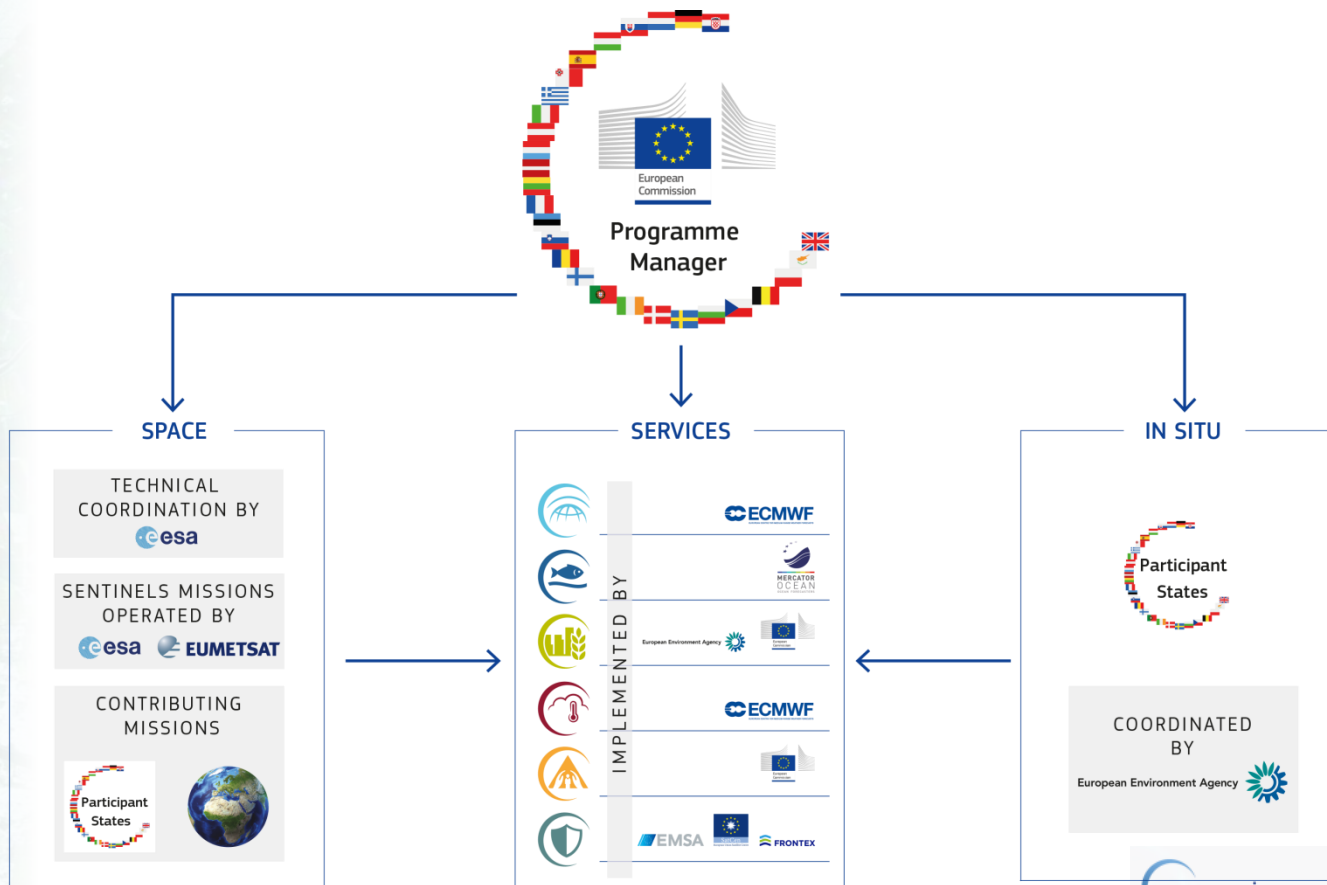


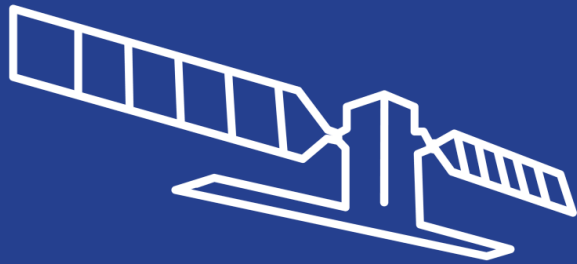
*GIO = GMES Initial Operation*



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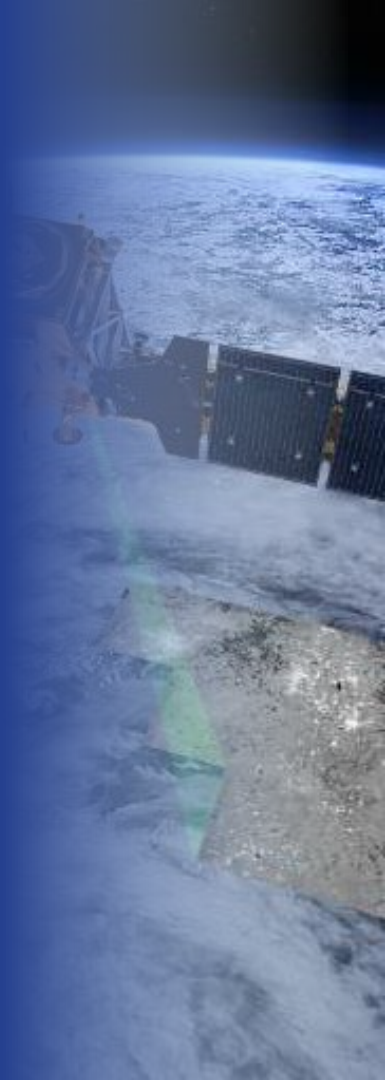
# COPERNICUS GOVERNANCE





Space Component

## Copernicus Space Component







Space  
Component

# THE SENTINELS



**SENTINEL-1:**  
4-40m resolution, 3 day revisit at equator

***S1A and 1B  
in orbit***



**SENTINEL-2:**  
10-60m resolution, 5 days revisit time

***S2A and 2B  
in orbit***



**SENTINEL-3:**  
300-1200m resolution, <2 days revisit

***S3A and S3B  
in orbit***



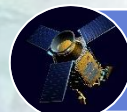
**SENTINEL-4:**  
8km resolution, 60 min revisit time

***1st Launch  
2020***



**SENTINEL-5p:**  
7-68km resolution, 1 day revisit

***S5P in orbit***



**SENTINEL-5:**  
7.5-50km resolution, 1 day revisit

***1st Launch  
2021***



**SENTINEL-6:**  
10 day revisit time

***1st Launch  
2020***

## Key Features

Polar-orbiting, all-weather,  
day-and-night radar imaging

Polar-orbiting, multispectral  
optical, high-resolution imaging

Optical and altimeter mission  
monitoring sea and land parameters

Payload for atmosphere  
chemistry monitoring on MTG-S

Mission to reduce data gaps  
between Envisat, and Sentinel 5

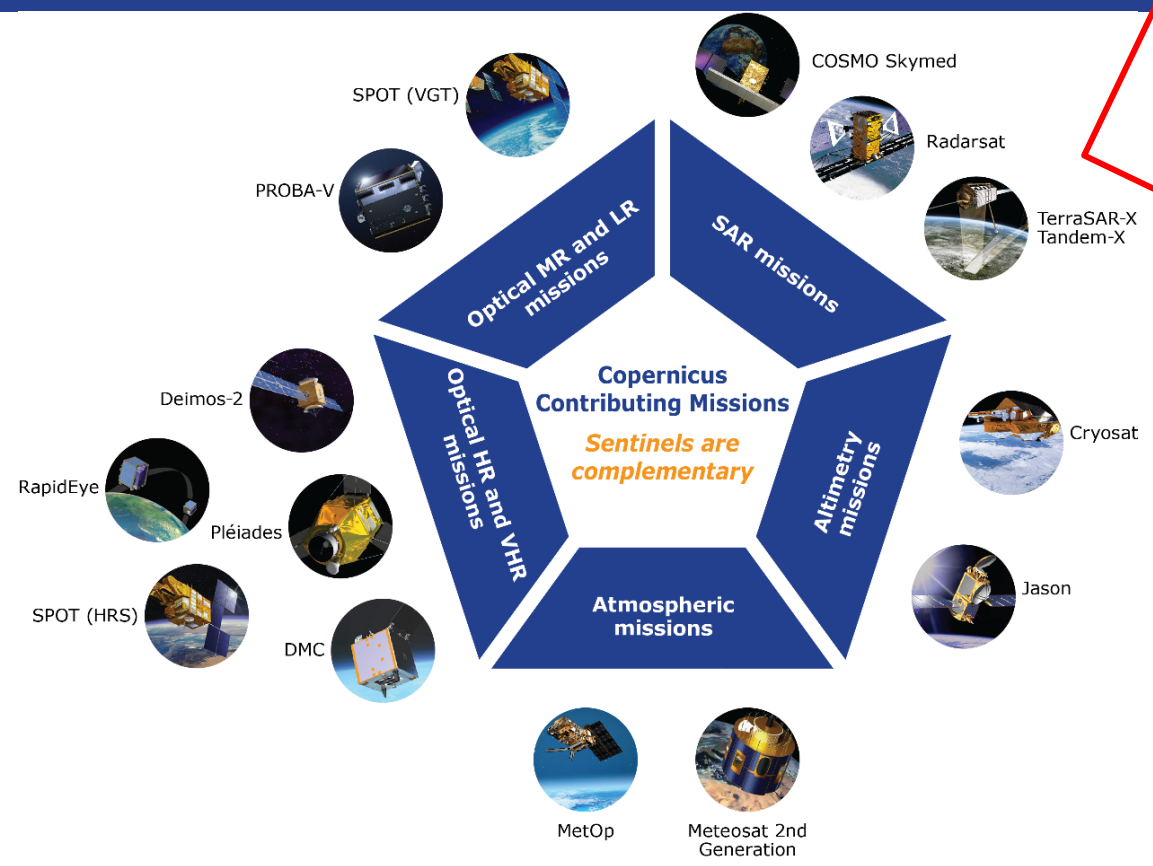
Payload for atmosphere chemistry  
monitoring on MetOp 2<sup>nd</sup>Gen

Radar altimeter to measure sea-  
surface height globally



Space  
Component

# THE CONTRIBUTING MISSIONS



Subject to Data  
Owner's Data  
Policy



In situ

## Copernicus In situ Component







In situ

# IN - SITU : OVERVIEW

- *In situ* data = observation data from ground-, sea-, or air-borne sensors, reference and ancillary data licensed for use in Copernicus
- Use of *In situ* data:
  - Validate & calibrate Copernicus products
  - Reliable information services
- Implementation in two tiers:
  - Tailored *in situ* data for each Copernicus service level
  - Cross-cutting coordination across services by the EEA





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# COPERNICUS SERVICES

*Monitoring the State of the  
Earth System Environment ...*



*... Six cross-cutting  
Thematic Services*



Land  
Monitoring

# Benefit areas and products examples

Ecosystems

Biodiversity

Agriculture

Forestry

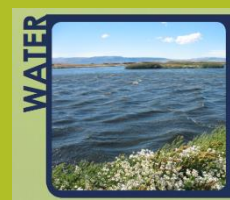
Energy

Natural Resources

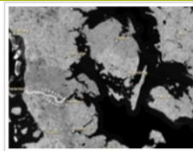
Water

Urban planning

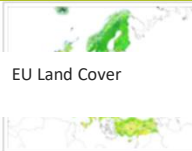
## Global



## Pan-European



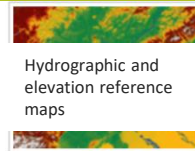
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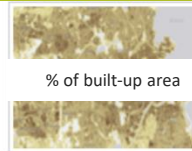
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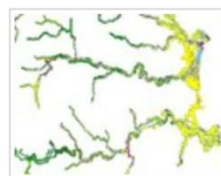


[Related Pan-European products](#)

## Local



[Urban Atlas](#)



[Riparian Zones](#)



[Natura 2000 \(N2K\)](#)



Marine  
Monitoring

# Benefit areas and products examples

**Marine safety**

**Marine resources**

**Coastal and marine  
environment**

**Climate and  
meteorological  
forecasting**

**Other: Transport,  
Tourism,  
Environment,  
Pollution, Energy, etc.**



**Sea Level**

**Ocean Salinity**

**Ocean Temperature**

**Sea Ice**

**Wind**

**Ocean Currents**

**Ocean Colour / Biogeochemistry**  
(e.g. optics, chlorophyll, biology, chemistry)





Atmosphere  
Monitoring

# Benefit areas and products examples

Health

Environment

Pollution

Climate

Renewable Energy

Air Quality and Atmospheric Composition



Climate forcing



Ozone layer & UV



Solar radiation



Emissions and surface fluxes







Climate  
Change

# Benefit areas and products examples

**Climate change**

**Mitigation and  
adaptation**

**Weather forecast**

**Pollution**

**Environment**

**Health**

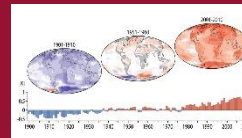
**Consistent Estimates of the  
Essential Climate Variables (ECVs)**



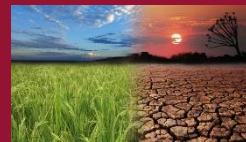
**Support to Mitigation and  
Adaptation Strategies**



**Global and Regional  
Reanalyses**



**Seasonal Forecasts  
And Climate Projections**





# Benefit areas and products examples

**Disaster  
Emergency  
Situations**

**Humanitarian  
Crises**



## Risk & Recovery Mapping:

- Reference Maps
- Pre-disaster Situation Maps
- Post-disaster Situation Maps

## Rapid Mapping:

- Reference Maps
- Delineation Maps
- Grading Maps

## Early Warning:

- Floods: EFAS
- Forest Fires: EFFIS

EFAS = European Flood Awareness System;  
EFFIS=European Forest Fire Information System



Security

# Benefit areas and products examples

## Border Surveillance

- Coastal monitoring
- Pre-frontier monitoring
- Reference mapping



## Maritime Surveillance

- Maritime surveillance of an area of interest
- Vessel detection
- Vessel tracking and reporting
- Vessel anomaly detection



## Support to EU External Action

- Road network status assessment
- Conflict damage assessment
- Critical infrastructure analysis
- Reference map
- Support to evacuation plans
- Crisis situation map
- Border map
- Camp analysis





## Socio-economic benefits of Copernicus

User Uptake





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# COPERNICUS ECONOMIC BENEFITS

- Poised to generate significant **socio-economic benefits**
- Driver for **research, innovation** and the creation of **highly skilled jobs**

## Key Figures



Cost per  
EU citizen =  
**~€1.07/year**



Every **€1** spent  
generates  
a return of  
**~€3.2**



Min. financial  
benefits on  
EU GDP =  
**~€30bn** by 2030



**~50.000 jobs**  
maintained/  
created in the  
next 15 years

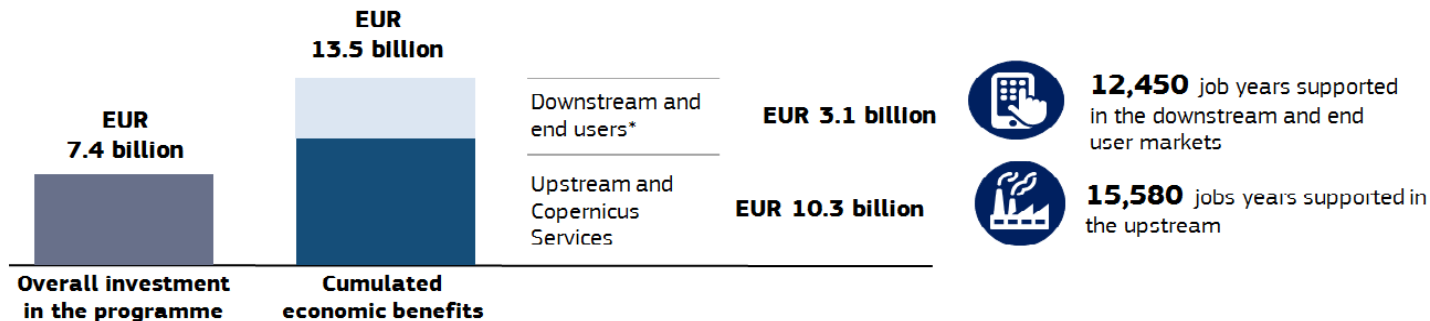




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# COPERNICUS ECONOMIC BENEFITS

## Estimated direct monetary benefits between 2008 and 2020



### Examples of existing Copernicus benefits

**70%** Cost reduction of a precision farming service in Austria, thanks to Copernicus



**€ 60k** Yearly savings for each construction company using a work progress monitoring app



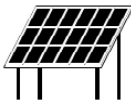
**60%** Higher accuracy for analysis of the impact of trans-boundaries pollutants on air quality



**5%** Productivity gain for fish farmers, by monitoring toxic algal blooms



**50%** Copernicus-based forecasts generate 50% more benefits to solar energy producers than traditional forecasts



**€ 186M** Benefits of Copernicus on the insurance market in 2015

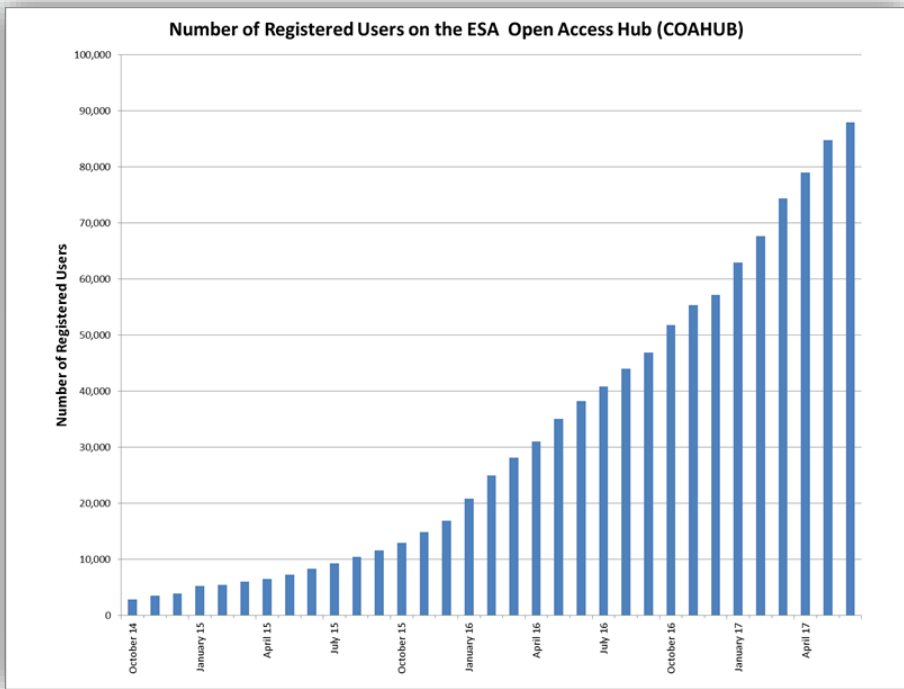


\* The Downstream and end user analysis includes only 8 value chains: Agriculture, Forestry, Urban Monitoring, Insurance, Ocean Monitoring, Oil & Gas, Renewable Energies and Air Quality. Estimates for end users were only calculated for Insurance, Oil&Gas and Urban Monitoring. The estimates of downstream and end user benefits should be seen as extremely conservative because they were calculated a year after the launch of the first Sentinel satellite. Benefits are likely to increase significantly as more Sentinels become operational.



## User Uptake

# The uptake of Copernicus is very strong



➔ Unprecedented growth in number of Sentinel users

➔ Similar trend in the Copernicus services



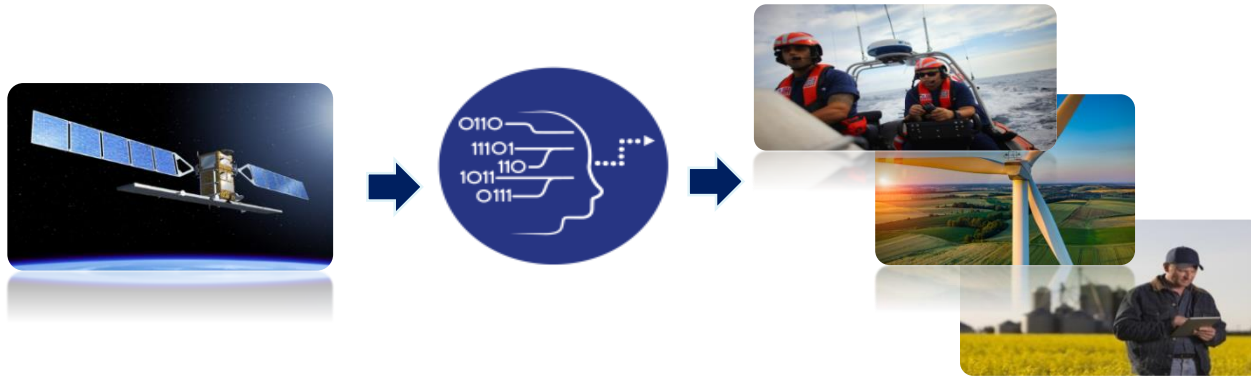
User  
Uptake

# The Commission strategy

**Objective:** maximizing the socio-economic benefits of Copernicus;

**Challenge:** geospatial data (including Copernicus) are difficult to use by non-experts;

**Strategy:** supporting the emerging downstream eco-system, which use Copernicus data and services to create products for non-experts.





User  
Uptake

# The Commission Strategy

I) Increase **awareness** about Copernicus

II) Facilitate **access** to Copernicus

III) Support **downstream** actors (public authorities, businesses and researchers)

Leverage with  
actions from  
Member States and  
Entrusted Entities



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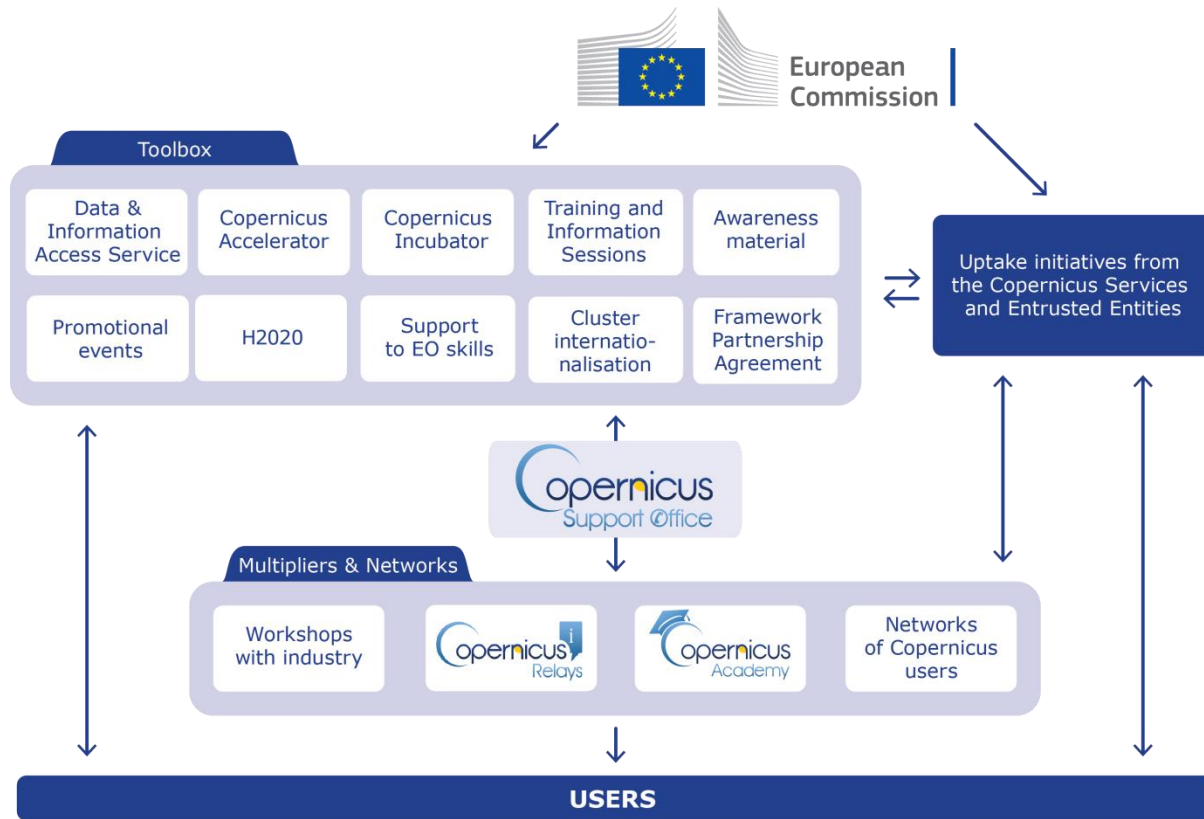
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## User Uptake

# Copernicus User Uptake Initiatives



# Copernicus Networks

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## Copernicus Relays

- 80 Relays
  - 33 countries
  - 4 continents
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## Copernicus Academy

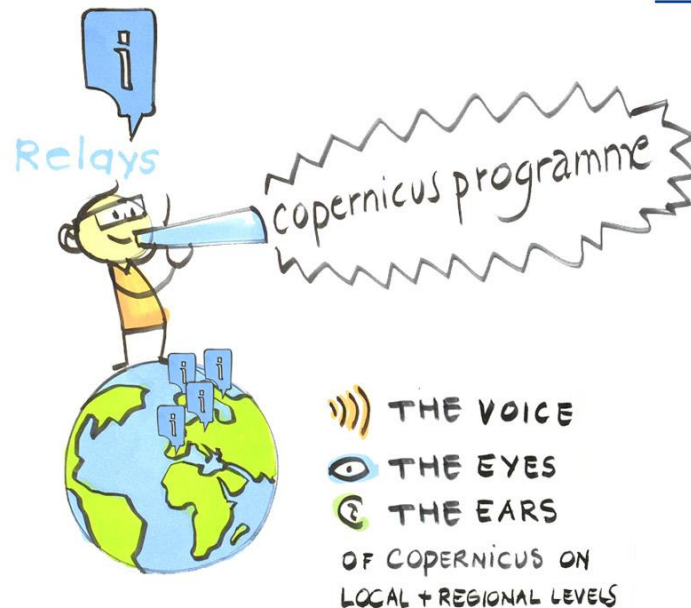
- 130+ Academy members
  - 34 countries
  - 3 continents



# Copernicus Relays

- Reaching end-users in different countries and regions worldwide
- Content localization
- Local and global cooperation
- Support to local users
- Organising promotional events and training

JOIN THE COPERNICUS RELAYS NETWORK !



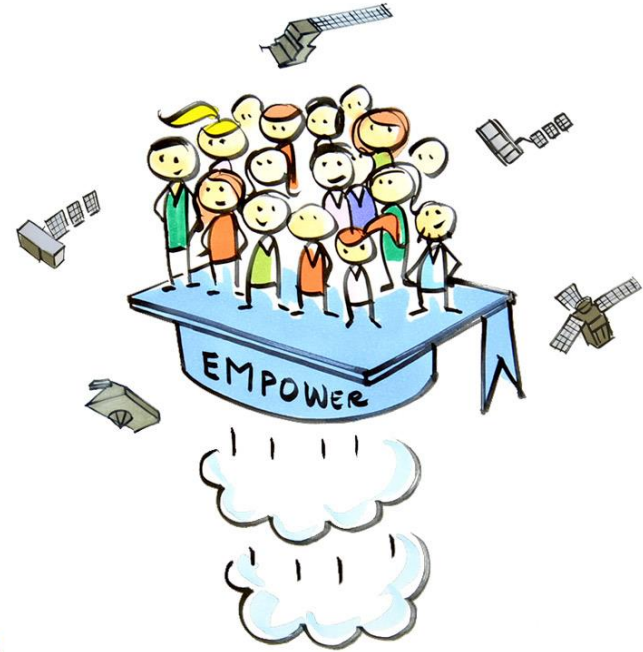
THE MEMBERS OF THIS NETWORK ARE BRIDGES BETWEEN COPERNICUS AND THE END-USERS OF THE PROGRAMME INCLUDING BUSINESSES, START-UPS AND THE EU CITIZENS

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# Copernicus Academy

- Reaching academic institutions worldwide
- Enabling global Earth Observation research network
- Promoting space in education
- Accelerate research to market link
- Building skills

JOIN THE COPERNICUS ACADEMY



THE MEMBERS OF THIS NETWORK ENSURE THAT SKILLS ARE DEVELOPED TO ENABLE COPERNICUS TO UNLEASH ITS FULL POTENTIAL

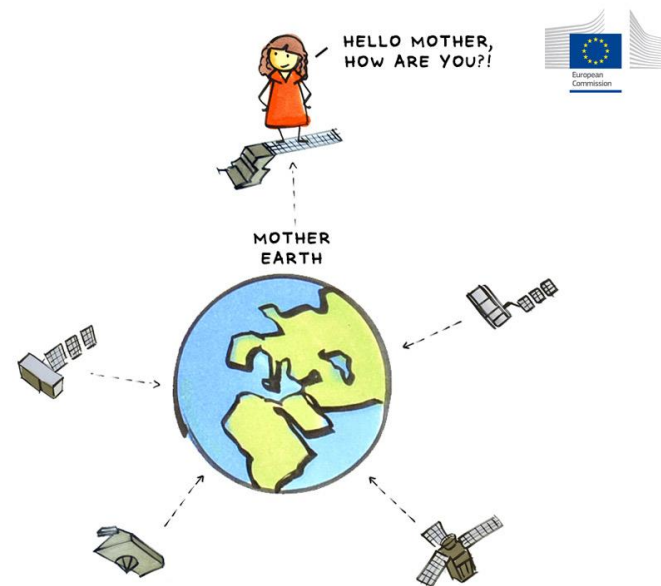
# Copernicus Support Office



[support@copernicus.eu](mailto:support@copernicus.eu)



Ask on Twitter  
@CopernicusEU



Questions about Copernicus?  
Ask the Copernicus Support Office team!



SUPPORTS AND MONITORS THE DEVELOPMENT  
OF KEY COPERNICUS MARKET DEVELOPMENT  
INITIATIVES LAUNCHED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION



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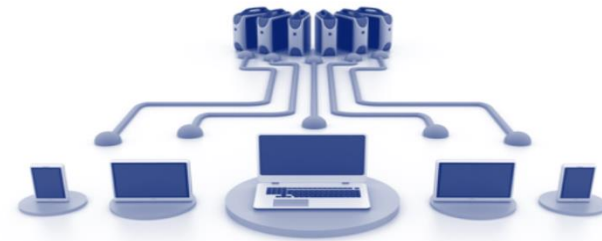




## User Uptake

# Pillar 2: Access

- **Enhanced distribution (Open hub)**
- **Data and Information Access Services (DIAS)**  
operational from 21 June 2018
- **Copernicus Support Office**
  - 2000+ ticket handled
  - replies within few hours
  - animates Relays and Academy networks

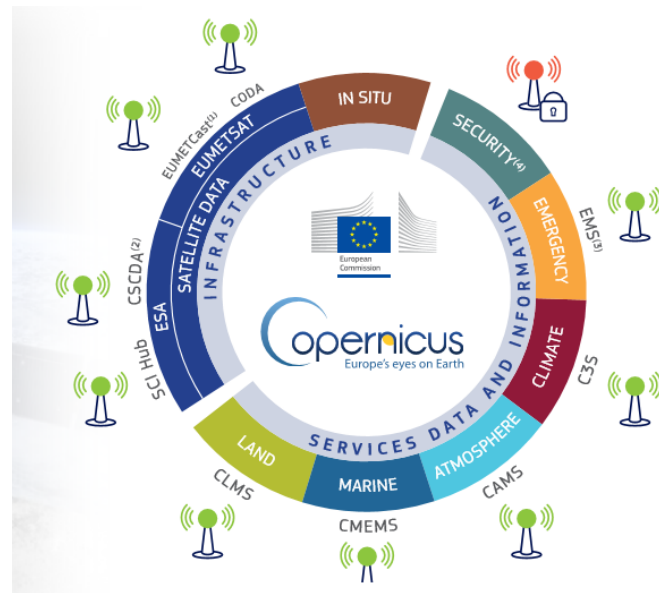




Data  
Access

# Copernicus Data Access Overview

- **Satellite Data distribution Hubs**
  - Sentinels
  - Contributing missions
  - Access to images in NRT
  - Access to archives
- **Services Information portals for**
  - Added value products, indicators
  - Models
  - Archives, Near Real Time and Forecasts products



Note: Copernicus in situ component provides in situ data access, serving the Copernicus services. It is not delivering in-situ data to the end-users.



Data  
Access

# COPERNICUS BIG DATA APPROACH

## Dual approach:

- Strong Copernicus Distribution Services for download
- **Data and Information Access Services (DIAS)**
  - Access to all Copernicus data and information collocated with cloud computing resources
  - Big Data analytics without the need to download the data and information
  - Data fusion with non-EO data and information



**Overall ensuring that Copernicus data is easily accessible and used!**



Data  
Access

# COPERNICUS BIG DATA APPROACH

## THE DIAS & WHERE TO REACH THEM

**CREODIAS**

[WWW.CREODIAS.EU](http://WWW.CREODIAS.EU)

**sobloo**

[WWW.SOBLOO.EU](http://WWW.SOBLOO.EU)

**mundi**  
WEB SERVICES

[WWW.MUNDIWEBSERVICES.COM](http://WWW.MUNDIWEBSERVICES.COM)

**ONDA**

[WWW.ONDA-DIAS.EU](http://WWW.ONDA-DIAS.EU)

**WEKEO**  
by COSMOS

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# Copernicus user uptake strategy

As explained in the Space Strategy, *"The potential of space solutions has not yet been fully exploited (...) The space sector needs to be better connected to other policies and economic areas."*



Strategy: supporting the eco-system of service suppliers that transform Copernicus data and services into the products required by end users

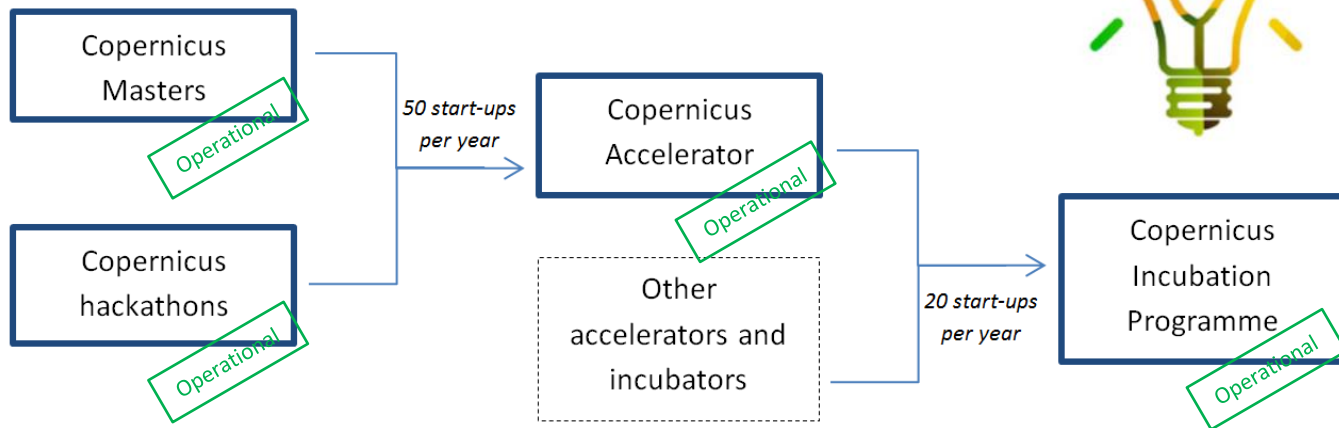




## Pillar 3: downstream 1/5

**Data flow** guaranteed at least **up to 2030**, with full, free and open data policy

### Copernicus start-up programme





### Copernicus Masters

- A competition for **entrepreneurs, start-ups & students**, who develop applications based on Copernicus;
- **13 prizes**, worth €1.5 million (cash, business incubation, technical assistance...);
- **Evaluations of the winners 2018 are now ongoing**





### Copernicus Hackathon Programme

- A hackathon is a **sprint-like event** in which programmers and subject-experts collaborate to develop software (based on Copernicus data and services);
- Every year, the European Commission distributes 20 vouchers (20k) to organisations wishing to organise a Copernicus hackathon;
- 10 organisers have been selected in the first round. The first hackathons will be organised **at the end of September**.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> application phase is **open until 31 December 2018**





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## Pillar 3: downstream 4/5

### Copernicus Accelerator

- The Copernicus accelerator has **supported 100 start-ups so far**
- Each start-up receives a mentor for the duration of the programme, as well as regular business online courses
- The accelerator starts and closes with two BootCamps, where all participants meet their mentor and can network
- Application to the third Accelerator closed on 15 September 2018





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## Pillar 3: downstream 5/5

### Copernicus Incubation Programme

- The European Commission finances the **incubation of 20 start-ups per year**;
- Each start-up receives 50K voucher to spend on **business development**;
- 1<sup>st</sup> applicaiton phase: 50 applications received, 7 start-ups selected
- 2<sup>nd</sup> phase being evaluated
- 3<sup>rd</sup> phase **open until 16 November 2018**





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Uptake

## Copernicus Skills Programme

- **H2020:** forthcoming space calls in support of Copernicus user uptake
- **Cooperation with KICs:**
  - Post-doc scholarships awarded in partnership with KIC raw material
  - "Journey": summer course organised in June-July with Climate KIC
- **Ongoing ERASMUS+ sectoral skill alliance for Earth Observation** (with several Copernicus Relays)
- **Forthcoming Copernicus awareness campaign in universities** (in partnership with COSME)



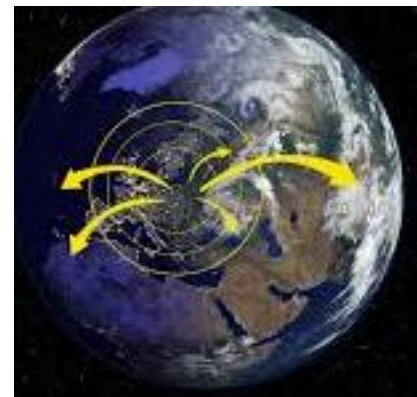


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# Copernicus International Strategy

## Objectives:

- Maximise the **efficiency of EU investments through cooperation with international partners**
- Promote the **uptake of Copernicus data globally integrating data from international partners** into Copernicus
- Promote **access to international markets for European EO companies**
- Agreements signed with USA, Australia, India, Brazil, Peru, Colombia
- Discussions ongoing with **ASEAN Countries** and **Singapore**





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# COPERNICUS EVOLUTION

- **Stability of the programme and long-term commitment:**
  - (Enhanced) continuity of current data and services
  - Continuity of full, open and free data policy for the environmental domain
- **Additional services to meet emerging needs:**
  - Monitoring CO2 and other greenhouse gas emissions
  - Climate change and sustainable development
  - Changes in the Arctic
- **Next generation of satellites:** evaluation on-going to define observation needs in cooperation with users - e.g. GHG monitoring, thermal infrared, hyperspectral



# Thank you

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