

Increasing EuroGEO role into GEO

The fourteenth edition of the EuroGEO workshop was scheduled to take place in Paris from June 8 to 10, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Face-to-Face event in Paris has been postponed to early 2021. To not lose the opportunity of bringing the EuroGEO community together before the GEO Plenary, we have decided to organise an EuroGEO webinar day on 8 June.

As EuroGEO brings together a large part of the European Earth Observation community, it was essential to maintain the momentum and seize this opportunity to reflect on the initiative and how we can increase its role into GEO and better leverage the benefits GEO can bring to Europe.

It is also important to have a state of the play and to reflect together on the next steps, including how to foster the uptake of EO applications and services by users. The context has radically changed in the last months with the approval of two key EU documents on the Green Deal and the 'A Europe fit for the digital age' strategy, and it is therefore imperative to see how the Earth Observation community can support those new political directions. This has become particularly critical those last months with the COVID-19 pandemic. To this end, we have structured the webinar-agenda around two sessions taking place on the 8th June and covering the following topics:

- 1. The EuroGEO initiative: state of the play,**
- 2. Towards an increased role of EuroGEO as a solutions' provider within GEO.**

The presentations will be done in the form of a webinar, while the questions and answers sessions will be made using *Slido* (<https://www.sli.do/> event code : #EGW2020) to accommodate and engage a large number of participants. The sessions will have a maximum duration of two and a half hours with a short break in between. The last part of each session should be devoted to a discussion and/or Q&A's according to the theme of the session.

Please register to have access to the webinar:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/77a23e80-60e6-e3a1-7fa8-ed89727e7b5c>

Session: **The EuroGEO initiative: state of the play**

Monday 08 June 2020 : 10:00 – 12:35 (CET)

The objectives of this first Webinar session will be to:

- Inform the EuroGEO Community of the main progress made around environmental and Earth observation on one hand from the Copernicus perspective (data and services offering) and from the R&I perspective (use of EO derived services and innovation actions supporting EO uptake);
- Gather from the EuroGEO Community their views on their expectations from the EuroGEO initiative for the near future and their engagement into the EuroGEO Work Programme 2020-2022;
- Re-inforce the cohesion of the European EO community and foster its contribution to the Group on Earth Observations.

Co-Chair persons:

Isabelle Benezeth (French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation),
Astrid-Christina Koch (European Commission DG DEFIS) and
Gilles Ollier (European Commission DG RTD)

Moderator in charge of managing the questions: EC EASME

<i>Time</i>	<i>Title of the presentation /Topic</i>	<i>Name of the Speaker</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>
10:00–10:20	Welcome	Isabelle Benezeth Astrid-Christina Koch Gilles Ollier	French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation EC DG DEFIS EC DG RTD
10:20–10:40	The EuroGEO initiative: state of play and perspectives	Jean Dusart	EC DG RTD
10:40–11:00	Horizon 2020 support to the EuroGEO initiative	Erwin Goor	EC EASME
11:00–11:15	Questions via sli.do #EGW2020		
11:15–11:30	<i>Technical break</i>		
11:30 – 11:50	Implementing EuroGEO solutions with e-shape	Thierry Ranchin	MINES ParisTech / ARMINES
11:50 – 12:10	EuroGEO and the Canberra declaration follow-up	Jan Ramboer	EC DG RTD
12:10 – 12:35	General discussion on EuroGEO initiative		



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Session: **Towards an increased role of EuroGEO as a solutions' provider within GEO**

Monday 08 June 2020 : 14:00 – 16:30 (CET)

This second Webinar session aims at identifying areas where EuroGEO can make a difference and profile itself as a solutions' provider within GEO. The session will explore areas where we believe Europe can make a difference. It will cover as well the role EuroGEO could play as a solutions' provider within GEO and in particular what could be the priorities assigned to the EuroGEO Work Programme for the coming years.

Chair person: Max Craglia (EC JRC)

Moderator in charge of managing the questions: Thierry Ranchin (MINES ParisTech / ARMINES)

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14:00 - 14:40	Covid-19: the European answer	Astrid-Christina Koch Jean-Noël Thépaut	EC DG DEFIS European Centre for Medium- Range Weather Forecasts
14:40 – 15:00	Bringing European EO services to GEO	Geoff Sawyer	European Association of Remote Sensing Companies
15:00 – 15:10	Questions via sli.do #EGW2020		
15:10 – 15:25	<i>Technical break</i>		
15:15 – 15:35	First snapshot of the European Infrastructures and platforms for EuroGEO	Marie-Françoise Voidrot	Open Geospatial Consortium
15:35 – 15:55	Destination Earth	Christian Kirchsteiger	EC DG CNECT
15:55 - 16:25	General discussion and questions via sli.do #EGW2020		
16:25 – 16:30	Closing		



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