



## 10<sup>TH</sup> GEO EUROPEAN PROJECT WORKSHOP

**Location:** Berlin, June 1, 16:15-18:30

Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure of Germany (BMVI) in Invalidenstrasse 44, 10115

### Session: #15 “Regional dimension for GEO and capacity building priorities”

In recent years, EO (space/in-situ/airborne/ground) data providers around the world have made significant progress in pooling capacities. However, despite the emergence of a number of programmes and initiatives - notably GEO and Copernicus - operating on different scales (i.e. national, regional and global) the EO landscape is still considerably fragmented. Companies (notably SMEs) and institutions which could use the data to produce new geo-information services are often either unaware of data sources, unable to exploit them, or both. This makes it difficult for potential end-users to benefit from the data, via operational, user-friendly and sustained user-relevant geo-information services relying on it.

Drawing on previous consultations and projects, this session will address issues related to:

- Tools and methodologies for the effective and sustainable exploitation of complementary EO resources and expertise;
- Ways to overcome the challenge of engaging service and user communities in the region (public authorities, research institutions, and private sector)

### Part 1: Operational EO value-added chains: from data sources to end-users

Chair:	Dr Haris Kontoes, Research Director of EO at NOA, GEO-CRADLE Project Director		
16.15-16.30	Dr Haris Kontoes	Research Director, GEO-CRADLE Project Director	GEO-CRADLE: Fostering regional cooperation and roadmap for GEO and Copernicus implementation
16.30 -16.45	Dr Ana Sebastian Lopez	Senior Project Manager-Pay Load Data Processing and Applications Business Unit, GMV	Mapping terrestrial and maritime habitats in Abu Dhabi; extension to the whole UAE territory
16.45 -17.00	Ms Amal Layachi	Head of department, Centre Royal de Télédétection Spatiale, Morocco	The role of CRTS in promoting sustainable EO science, programs and services at national and regional level
17.00-17.15	Peter Zeil	Senior Project Manager, Spatial Services Ltd., Salzburg	Building the GMES & AFRICA stakeholder community: achievements & challenges
17.15-17.30	Q&A	ALL	

## Part 2: Capacity building: success stories and initiatives in regions - building regional cooperation

17.30-18.15 Round Table Panel Discussion

Moderator: Lefteris Mamais, GEO-CRADLE Technical and Quality Assurance Manager

Panelists:

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18.15-18.30 Q&A