



Coordinating and integrating state-of-the-art
Earth Observation Activities in the regions of
North Africa, Middle East and Balkans
and Developing Links with GEO related initiatives
toward GEOSS

Project progress working session

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Agenda of the day

Time	Topic	Notes
09.30 – 10.20	Project Progress Meeting	30 min presentation by project coordination team – 20 min Q&A
10.20 – 12.00	WP3 results	60 min presentations by task leaders – 40 min Q&A
13.15 – 15.10	WP4 “Kick-off”	80 min presentations by task leaders – 15 min coffee break – 20 min Q&A
15.10 – 15.30	Action Plan	Conclusions / Action plan and next steps



Outline of progress meeting

Quick recap: 1/3 of project's duration concluded

What worked well

What DID NOT work well

Key next steps



Quick recap: 1/3 concluded – Where do we stand today?

- **Deliverables**
 - Final versions of WP3 deliverables under way – Refined pilots due at the end of month
- **Milestones**
 - Completion of gap analysis – M9 (concluded here)
 - Priorities Action Plan / Launch of pilots– M10 (concluded end of month)
 - **Next → MID TERM REVIEW!**
- **Stakeholder engagement**
 - Key to project's success → ENGAGE, ENGAGE, ENGAGE!
 - Participation in important events providing momentum
 - Engagement at country level: Intensified but not adequately reported (or its impact)
- **Communication activities**
 - Portal launched and functional
 - Newsletter launched → become more active!
 - Social media active, both facebook and twitter
- **Working together**
 - Work package level: Good cooperation in WP3 → baseline for other WPs
 - Task level: Not adequate contribution by all partners
 - Regional level: Still not in full swing



Quick recap: 1/3 concluded – Deliverables

- All deliverables have been submitted on time or with small delay
- **Marked improvement on quality of the deliverables but still way to go**
 - **Absolute expected minimum:** Spell check and formatting consistency before submission to PCT
 - WP3 deliverables have followed the best practices more closely
 - ToC presented, discussed and refined early enough
 - Think of INPUT (what goes in the deliverable) / PROCESS (what do you do with it) / OUTPUT (what is the deliverable producing and where does it feed into)

**Follow the best practices, work together with other task leaders
and keep check of the schedule**



Quick recap: 1/3 concluded – Stakeholders Engagement

■ Participation in meetings

- St. Petersburg 07-10/11/2016 – GEO-XIII Plenary & Exhibition; global visibility and very good traction with GEO and Copernicus; received feedback on future initiatives (e.g. PRIMA); coordination and roadmap for setting up the RDH in compliance with GCI
- Morocco & Algeria 17-23/10/2016 – 2nd EuroGeoSurveys Networking Meeting, Workshop and Presentation in conference; underlined the importance of being on the ground; need to suggest capacity building and technology transfer opportunities (e.g. portals/networking issues, etc)
- Laxenburg 10-11/10/2016 – ConnectinGEO Workshop on Gap Analysis and Prioritization; engagement with other projects; using similar standards for gap analysis and maturity assessment
- Athens 07/10/2016 – Copernicus Information and Training Session; highlighted the importance for linking with Copernicus information portals (e.g. Copernicus Services) for addressing the RoI priorities
- Athens 26-30/09/2016 – MedCLIVAR 2016 Conference; increased regional visibility in the ACC community
- Albania 26/09/2016 – Stakeholders' engagement workshop; local visibility & feedback from stakeholders (new questionnaires were filled in)
- Brussels 21-22/09/2016 – Workshop EU Research and Innovation in Support of the Earth Observation Market; high visibility at EU level
- Brussels 05/09/2016 – Workshop Copernicus for Raw Materials; high visibility at EU level
- Novi Sad 15/07/2016 – End-users Workshop; increased local engagement & feedback
- Aarhus 27/06-01/07/2016 – Workshop Global Digital Soil Mapping; global visibility
- Berlin 31/05-02/06/2016 – 10th GEO European Projects Workshop; high visibility at EU level
- Cairo 27/04/2016 – Stakeholders' Meeting; increased local engagement & feedback



Quick recap: 1/3 concluded – Stakeholders Engagement

■ Consultation process

- 233 valid replies in the database of the survey
- 70 valid end-users interviews (T2.4)
- But still under-representation in some countries, thematic areas, actor types

Need to start building GEO-CRADLE network, providing value to stakeholders via the portal and other activities

Strong contribution of RCs (IBEC, CEDARE), and leaders & partners of Tasks 6.3 & 6.2 is needed

Proposal on regional workshops is elaborated by the PCT and is TBC in today's meeting



Quick recap: 1/3 concluded – Stakeholders Engagement

Replies
in the
survey
per
country

Country	Before Novi Sad	After Novi Sad	TOTAL today (15/11/2016)
Albania	5	+ 16	21
Bosnia & Herzegovina	5	+ 1	6
Bulgaria	7	+ 1	8
Switzerland	1	+ 0	1
Cyprus	6	+ 3	9
Egypt	23	+ 12	35
Spain	1	+ 0	1
France	1	+ 1	2
Greece	27	+ 9	36
Croatia	2	+ 1	3
Italy	1	+ 1	2
Jordan	3	+ 0	3
Morocco	2	+ 6	8
Montenegro	6	+ 0	6
FYROM	5	+ 1	6
Poland	1	+ 0	1
Romania	7	+ 3	10
Serbia	21	+ 4	25
Slovenia	1	+ 1	2
Tunisia	6	+ 9	15
Turkey	12	+ 1	13
Canada	0	1	1
Israel	0	16	16
Kosovo *	0	2	2
USA	0	1	1
TOTAL	143	90	233

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.



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Quick recap: 1/3 concluded – Stakeholders Engagement

- Organization of dissemination activities at regional or national level

GEO-CRADLE Meetings			
M10	November	Limassol	Pilots Workshop
M12	January	UAE - Moldavia	Regional / National Workshop
M13	February	Romania	Regional / National Workshop
M14	March	Bulgaria	Regional / National Workshop
M15	April	Brussels	Industry Engagement
M16	May	Israel	Regional / National Workshop
M17	June	Geneva	European GEO Projects Workshops
M20	September	Cairo	Progres meeting
M21	October	Tunisia	Regional / National Workshop
M22	November	Washington	GEO PLENARY
M24	January	Istanbul - Jordan	EO in support of decision making
M25	February	Saudi Arabia	Regional / National Workshop
M28	May	Thessaloniki	3rd Regional Workshop and European GEO Projects Workshop
M30	July	Brussels	Final Review



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MONTHLY REPORT – FEEDBACK ON DISSEMINATION & COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES	
REPORTED MONTH	e.g. September 2016
GEO-CRADLE PARTNER	e.g. NOA

Activity 1:

TITLE OF ACTIVITY				
DATE(S) & PLACE OF ACTIVITY	e.g. 1-3 September 2016, Athens, Greece			
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	e.g. conference, workshop, article, paper, interview on radio / TV			
OBJECTIVES OF ACTIVITY				
DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY				
AUDIENCE (number and profile)				Key Stakeholders
FEEDBACK & IMPACT				
RELEVANT EO NEWS / DEVELOPMENTS IN YOUR COUNTRY				
PROMOTION MATERIAL USED	e.g. website, social media, leaflet, newsletter, presentation, poster, banner, envelopes, invitation, agenda, press release			
MATERIAL PRODUCED	e.g. photos, videos, presentations, recordings, minutes, press release			
RELATED LINKS				
NEWSLETTER CATEGORIES (please choose one of the categories)	Events	News	Outcomes	Outreach
CONTACT PERSON				

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Dissemination Report

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GEO-CRADLE Partner Dissemination Report I

Dissemination activities should be pursued by all partners throughout the duration of the project. Through dissemination, target audiences should become familiar with the project's activities and its results.
Partners are requested to periodically report on their dissemination efforts at a local, regional and international level. To help support the work of the project dissemination team, partners are kindly requested to complete the below form.
This information will be used and included in the MOS Dissemination Report.

* Απαραίτητα

Partner information

Organisation Name *

H (αριθμητική) οσο:

Dissemination contact point : *
(full name and e-mail)

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Newsletter

PREVIOUS ISSUE View this email in your browser

GEO-CRADLE NEWSLETTER

ISSUE #3, October 2016

EVENTS	GEO-CRADLE @	OUTCOMES
OUTREACH	GEO/COPERNICUS	CALENDAR

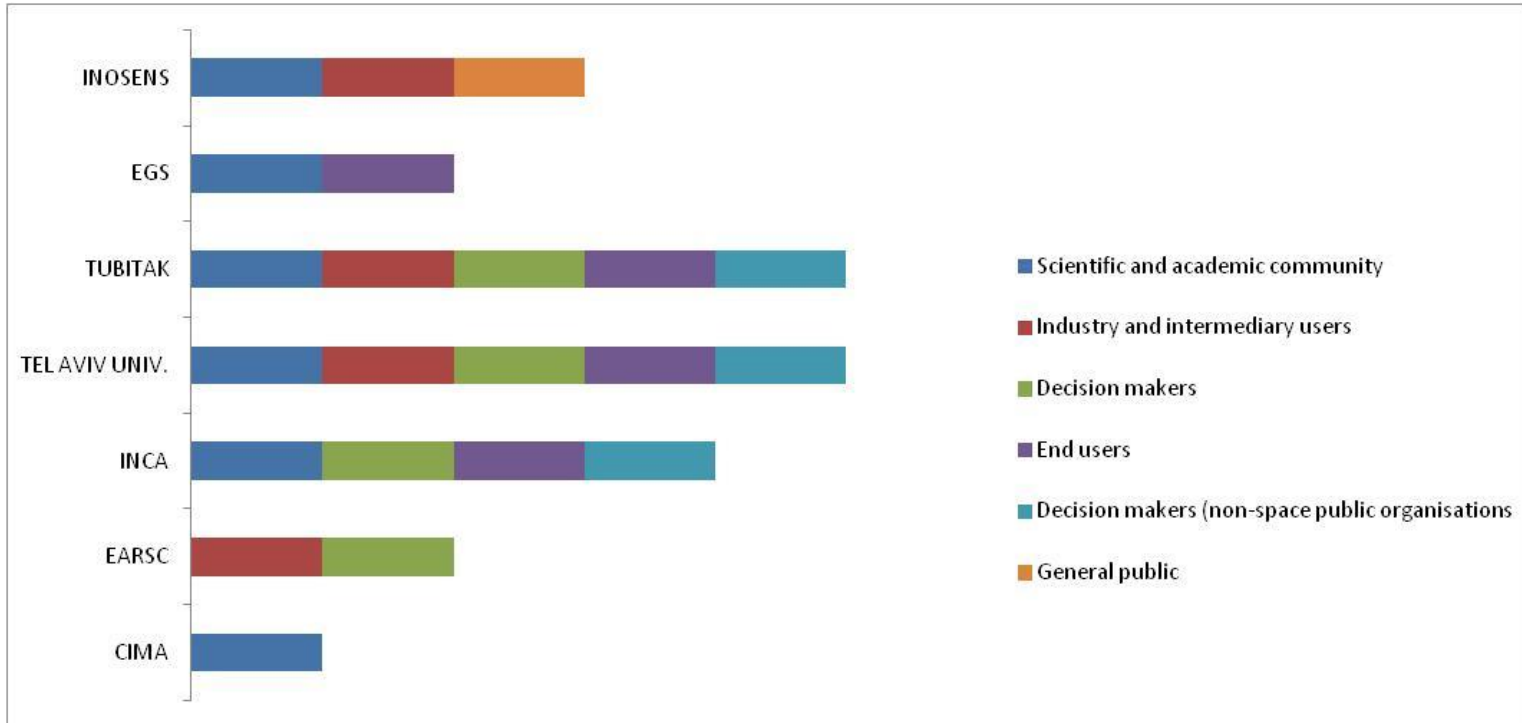
Highlights	PDF Version
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GEO-CRADLE Portal: Your window on EO activities in the Middle East, North Africa and Balkan regions!

GEO-CRADLE launched on 12th October its brand new [portal](#), offering a wide range of information on EO-related activities in Middle East, North Africa and the Balkans. The portal aims to become the go-to destination for all stakeholders interested in staying up-to-date with EO-related regional [news](#) and [events](#). Inspired by the



Quick recap: 1/3 concluded – Stakeholders Engagement



CIMA	EARSC	INCA	TEL AVIV UNIV.	TUBITAK	EGS	INOSENS
Balkans	European	National	Middle East	National	Balkans	Balkans



Quick recap: 1/3 concluded – Communication activities

- **Portal launched** – functionalities will be continuously improved
 - We **need your regular input** on news, opportunities, events
- **Newsletter launched** – regularly every 3 months
 - **Use it as a means to reach out to local ecosystems**
- **Active in social media**
 - **Post, follow, like, comment, re-tweet**

Our aim is for the GEO-CRADLE portal to become the go-to option of being informed about EO activities in the three regions – everyone needs to support this



Quick recap: 1/3 concluded – Working together

- **WP level**

- Good practices within WP3 and between WP3 and other WPs

- **Task level**

- **All partners MUST contribute** to activities in their own country (building local ecosystem, survey responses, interviews)
- Opportunity for better collaboration through skype, google drive and other tools

- **Regional level**

- Strong efforts so far but need even better integration of teams – today is an opportunity!

Need for better “syncing” and more “ownership” for the implementation of project activities at country level



Building a common vision going forward

- **Focus on real impact** of GEO-CRADLE activities
 - “Use” the project as a flexible platform to build capacity in your institution, thematic area, country, region – but in line with project objectives

- Thinking of **GEO-CRADLE legacy**
 - GEO-CRADLE portal + hub: “one-stop-shop” for info, data in the region (address issues as, cultural, linguistic, technical, institutional, political, quality standards, and lack of open policies; reported lack of data portals and open policies); RDH as the gateway of GCI, and European data hubs in the RoI; provide the data providers and the pilots with standards for creating/providing data and metadata compliant to open standards
 - GEO-CRADLE network: building a vibrant community of stakeholders
 - Pilots → input for upcoming work programme in H2020, EU initiatives, regional development and national uptake actions
 - Roadmap for GEO+Copernicus implementation → link with big picture → multi-regional EU large-scale initiatives
 - Maturity Indicators → aim to establish “standardised” tool for assessing the maturity at country level and leverage it for progress of EO sector nationally



Q&A Session

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Dankie Gracias
Спасибо شكراً
Merci Takk
Köszönjük Terima kasih
Grazie Dziękujemy Děkojame
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ありがとうございます
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