





GEO-CRADLE in support to SDGs implementation in the areas of Adaptation to Climate Change, Improved Food Security & Water Extremes Management, Access to Raw Materials and Access to Energy

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#### Pilots towards regional challenges - Overview

#### **GEO-CRADLE Thematic Areas vs United Nations SDGs (12/17)**











#### Adaptation to Climate Change (ACC)









**Improved** Food Security – Water Extremes Management (IFS-WEM)





Access to Raw Materials (ARM)





Access to Solar Energy (SENSE)





PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS





#### **Partners:**

NOA (Leader), CEDARE, CUT, INOE, IPB, AOA

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IBEC (Leader), NOA, CEDARE, TAU, CUT, UZAY, SRTI, USCM, INCA, IPB, CIMA

#### **Partners:**

EGS (Leader), NOA, TAU, UZAY, EGS members PGI (Poland), IGME-GR (Greece), IGME-ES (Spain)

#### **Partners:**

PMOD/WRC (Leader), NOA, EGS







#### **Objectives**

- Collect, homogenize and integrate **ground-**, **air-**, **and space-based EO data** with regards to atmosphere, weather and climate.
- Utilize the data to provide accurate services for **atmospheric hazard forecasting** and **climate projections**.
- Assess the **regional climate change impacts** based on region-optimized projections and establish a **climate data hub** supporting decision makers on mitigation and adaptation policies.

#### Inter-dependencies

Access to Solar Energy (SENSE) pilot on dust / radiation interactions.



#### State-of-the art, progress, achievements, impact

Overall, the analysis of the interviews regarding the **end-user needs**, the **maturity status** of the countries and partners in the RoI and the potential **stakeholders' synergies**, resulted in **three ACC services**, namely:

- i) desert dust services
- ii) air quality services
- iii) regional climate change projection services.
- For optimal response to the end user requirements, corresponding data have been provided to **potential users** in order to receive **feedback** for the further development of the ACC services. E.g. the "Climate Projection" web application was refined, to be more user-friendly and accurately provide past-present-future climate information using Essential Climate Variables (ECVs) and Climate Indices (CI).





#### i) desert dust services, and ii) air quality services

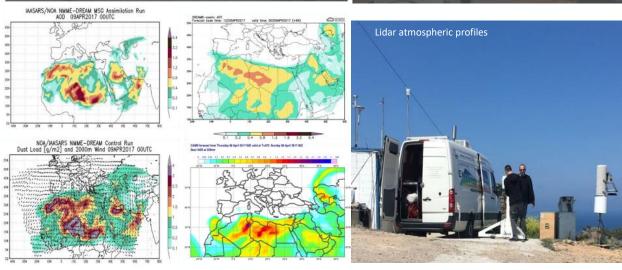
EUFAR awards DoGMA and CIIMA research projects to perform 16 hour flights during PRE-TECT

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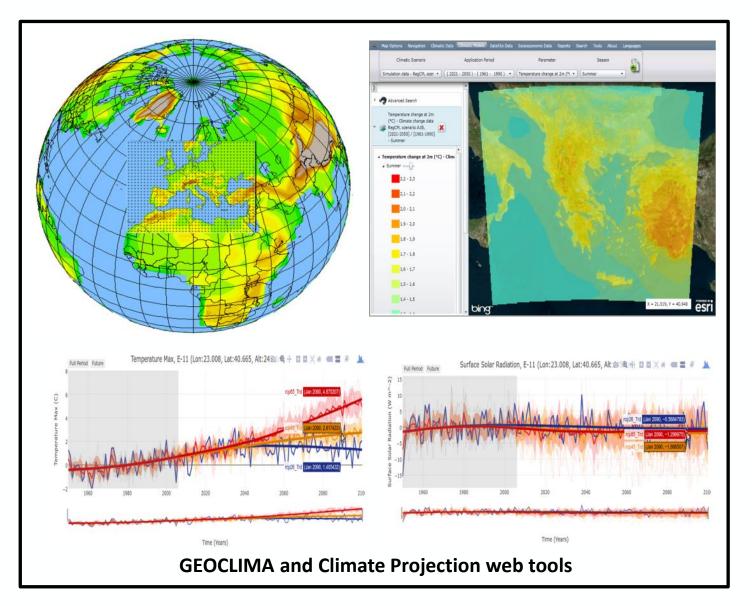
PRE-TECT Campaign (desert dust and air quality services)

- \* These services are provided by using ground and air measurements of dust properties in conjunction with atmospheric forecasting models over Greece & Cyprus.
- \* An atmospheric experimental campaign dubbed PRE-TECT was conducted between 1st and 30th of April 2017, in Finokalia, in the island of Crete, Greece. A multitude of remote sensing instrumentations are operated at Finokalia station, including sunphotometers, Doppler wind lidars, microwave radiometer, magnetometers and many more.





#### iii) regional climate change projection services



\* Development of a climate projection web application which plots timeseries of **Essential Climate** Variables (ECVs) and **Climate Indices** (CI), 30 climate simulations for **1950-2100**, mean timeseries of historical and future representative concentration pathway scenarios, depicting various moments, etc.





These open-access information are especially important for the following sectors:

#### Energy

Potential solar and power production, as well as estimated energy requirements of households.





#### **Tourism**

Favorable summer and winter conditions for tourists by combining various Essential Climate Variables.

#### **Agriculture**

Droughts, intense rainfall, frost, evaporation or even growing season periods for plants.





#### **Natural Hazards**

Extreme rainfall, intense wind velocity and fires.







#### **Pilot 1: Adaptation to Climate Change**



#### So far collaboration has been established with the following end-users:

- The Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment of Cyprus.
- The University of Belgrade Institute of Meteorology in Serbia.
- Balloonera, a private company in Belgrade, Serbia, developing a radiosounding platform.
- The regional hydrology and water resources Sebou Basin Agency (ABHS) of Morocco.
- The Department of Infrastructure and Rural Development of the School of Rural and Surveying Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), Greece.
- The Centre for the Assessment of Natural Hazards and Proactive Planning (CANaH) of the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), Greece.
- TEMES S.A., a premier destination developer & operator in the high end tourism and real
  estate sector in Greece.

Experimental campaigns from which data will be integrated	3
Spin-off and R&D projects built on this GEO-CRADLE pilot	2 (CLAIRE, Invictus)



#### Objectives



- Establish a common, integrated observational and modelling service capacity for the benefit of the food security sector (with regards to the needs of farmers, agronomists and relevant stakeholders).
- Map representative agricultural attributes using Copernicus data.
- Establish a Flood and Drought Observatory using the aforementioned maps.



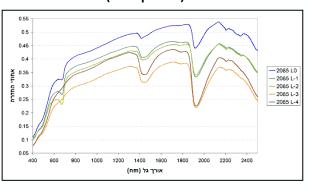
#### **Pilot 2: Improved Food Security - Water Extremes Management**





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## Generation of a Regional Soil Spectral Library (IFS pilot)



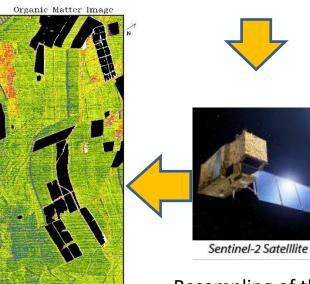
### Prediction of **soil moisture and clay content** using spectral based models

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Soil Field Moisture (SFM)	0.045, 0.14, 0.016 0.027@	0.645 0.847@	wl_0.739*0.378179+wl_1.65*0.389602- wl_0.689*0.184370+0.062336	1.65 μm-reflectance slope 0.688 μm-reflectance slope	
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Application of the thematic

maps into the Flood Forecast Model (WEM pilot)

Continuum hydrological model Creation of the soil moisture and clay content maps applying the models on a pixel by pixel basis on Sentinel -2 reflectance data



Resampling of the models into Sentinel-2 spectral configuration



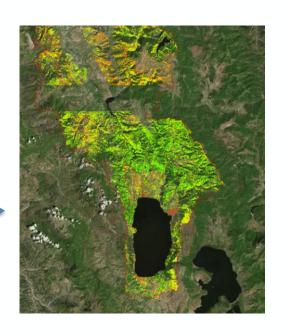
#### State-of-the art, progress, achievements, impact

- ✓ More than 2,000 soil samples collected.
- ✓ Regional Soil Samples Libraries built for Greece, FYROM, Israel, Serbia, Cyprus, Turkey, Bulgaria and Albania.
- ✓ 2 training days and 2 webinars hosted.
- ✓ Initial maps for the Drin river basin in Albania.

soil clay content map

✓ Base of the myDEWETRA platform completed.

The publicly available soil spectral data of the Rol will increase by 400% in the end of the project.





#### **Pilot 2: Improved Food Security - Water Extremes Management**

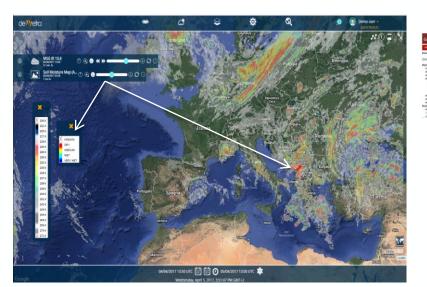
#### myDewetra implementation at Regional scale



#### http://geocradle.mydewetra.org

User: demo

Pass: demo4geocradle







#### End-users and key stakeholders engaged so far:

- Ministry of Economic Development, Tourism, Trade & Entrepreneurship of Albania.
- Ministry of Environment of Albania regarding the development of the hydrological model using EO data.
- GEO's Secretariat regarding the task's activities particular interest in the countries Albania, FYROM, and Cyprus which are not represented in GEO.
- The agriculture cooperative of Nestos in Greece.
- The Golan Heights Winery in Israel.

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#### **Objectives**



• Establishing a **roadmap** for **long-term monitoring**, **mapping**, **and management of mineral deposits** in a severely under-explored ROI.

Use of existing regional capacities and skills

**Development of protocol** for evaluating the level of impact

Mapping of waste materials in abandoned mines

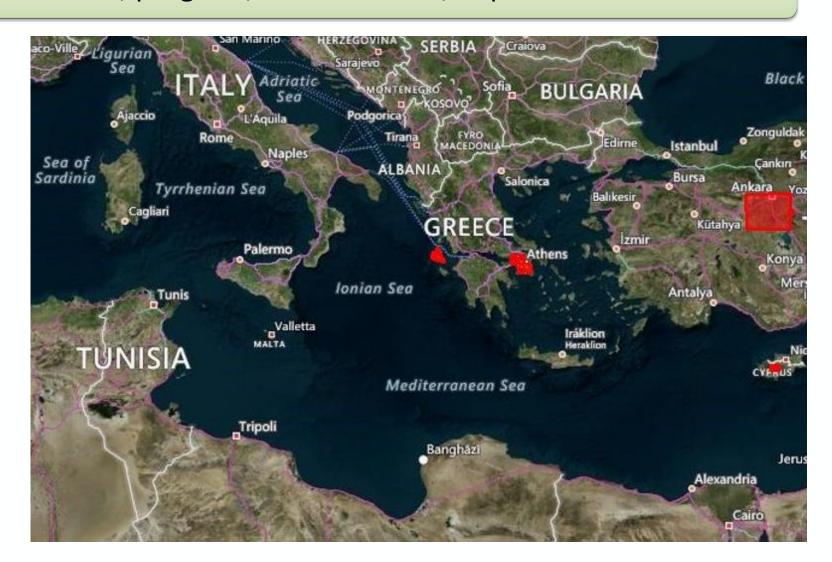
**Monitoring** of ground deformation during/after mining

Identification, collection, assessment and use of EO-based and in-situ data



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or postmining
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and
Turkey.

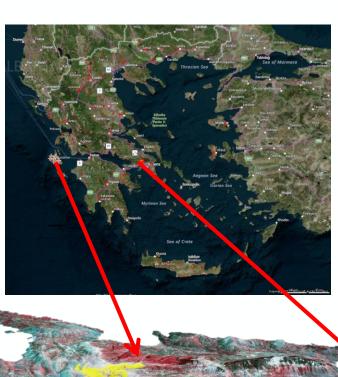


#### **Pilot 3: Access to Raw Materials**



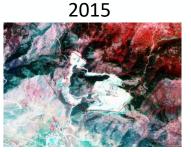
# **Greece:**Monitoring of illegal quarrying

Mitigation of illegal quarrying activities by developing a Monitoring System with the use of EO data to track any detectable potential changes of surface morphology, land use, etc.







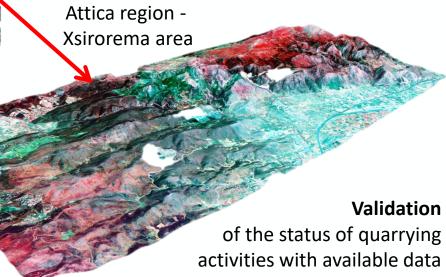






Change analysis monitoring (Sentinel-2) was implemented from 2015 to 2017 for all quarries of Attica region and Kefalonia island.

by the respective authorities.







**Greece:** 

Monitoring of illegal

quarrying

ransparent polygon = To the "Permit" B-extraction activity outside the permit Adjacent la the quarry operate

Change analysis (Sentinel-2)



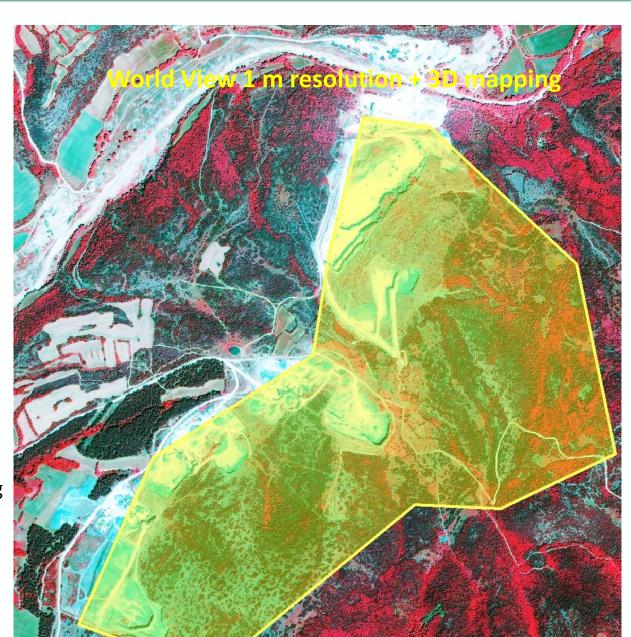


## **Greece:**Monitoring of illegal quarrying

Aspects of certain "quarry inspection cases" have to be based on high resolution data:

Satellite or UAV.

Acquisition of **3D data** may also be required using satellite or UAV airborne photogrammetry.

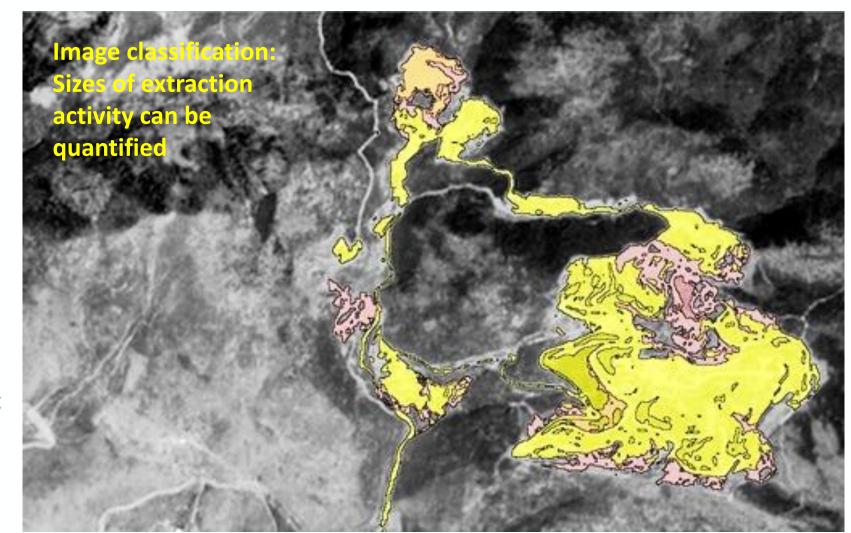






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EO tools assist in mapping & monitoring surface quarrying activity.

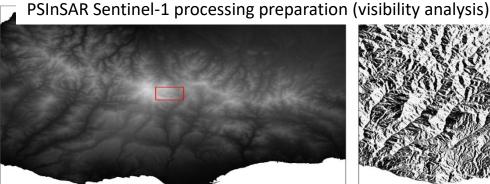
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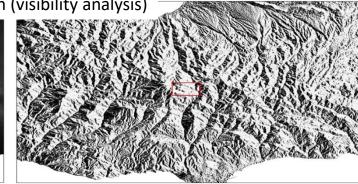


#### **Cyprus:**

**Abandoned** Asbestos mine under restoration

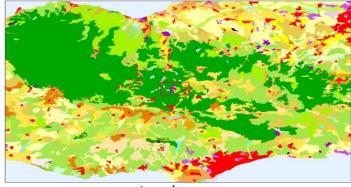
- \* PSInSAR Seninel-1 processing for determination of ground stability.
- \* Sentinel-2 analysis for determination of the land use changes and monitoring progress of restoration works.
- \* Multispectral satellite images analysis for identification of the local pollution.

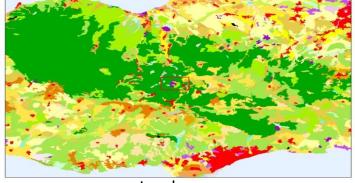




Digital elevation model

R index for Sentinel Descending track



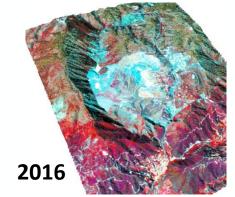


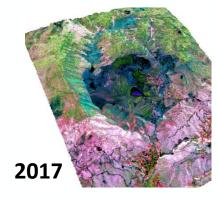


Land cover

R index for Sentinel Ascending track











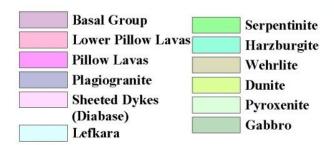
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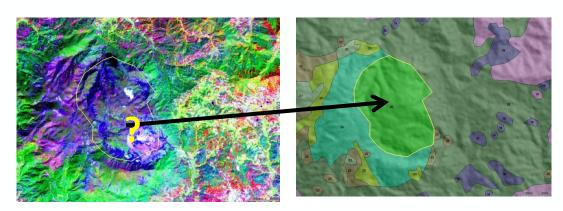
## Abandoned Asbestos mine under restoration

Sentinel-2 analysis for Asbestos mine **rehabilitation**: Selected biophysical parameters can be mapped and monitored at regional scales up to 1:25000.

Aspects of mapping & monitoring should be based on high resolution data - Airborne Photogrammetry - UAV - Drones.

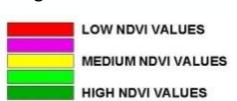
#### Mineral / lithology mapping

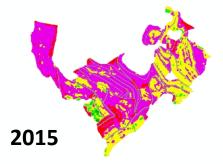


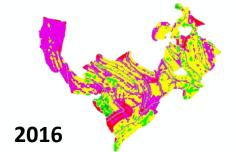


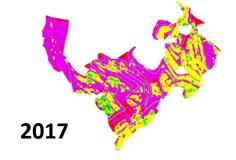
#### Monitoring land cover changes / reforestation

#### Normalized Difference Vegetation Index







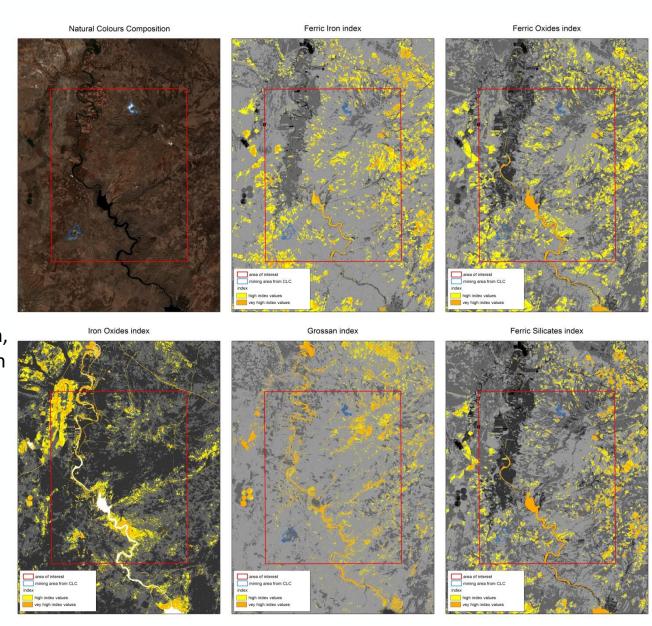






## Turkey 1: Iron-oxide mineralization

For iron-oxide mineralization district multispectral satellite images are used (Landsat 7 ETM+, Landsat 8 OLI, Sentinel 2) to differentiate and identify the presence of OH-FeOx anomalies and potential iron zones and other polymetallic mineralization, specific alteration minerals, often indicators of mineralization in subsurface, which in turn **helps** mining companies to focus on areas for further exploration (prior to expensive conventional methods such as trenching and drilling), thereby reducing fieldwork and minimizing environmental impact.



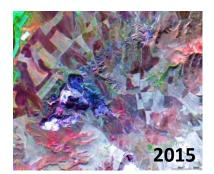


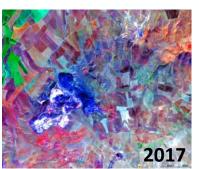


#### **Turkey 1:**

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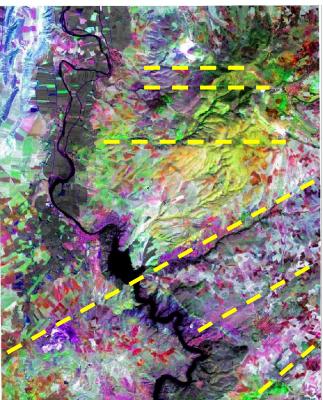
Multi-temporal mapping of changes in the Kirikkale mining area

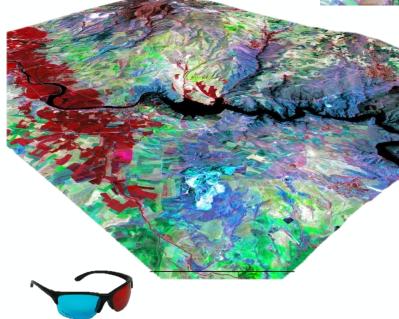




Different image products are evaluated in terms of:

- 1. Contribution to geologic mapping
- 2. Mapping of the various mining sites
- 3. Monitoring the mining areas





Enhanced images can be viewed as stereo using Anaglyph 3D Glasses





#### **Turkey 2:**

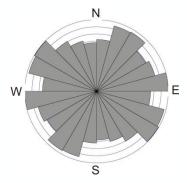
#### Coal deposit potential - lineament extraction

#### Feasibility study for designation of layers:

- \* Tectonic (lineament) map
- \* **Geological** layers (based on satellite classification)
- \* **Tuff outcrops** only (as above)
- \* Hydrological map
- \* GIS map of potential coal bearing basin (based on spread of tuff outcrops and possible propagation)

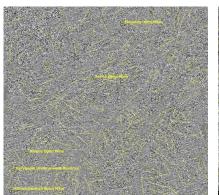
For Tukey lignite 2 test site lineaments were extracted from Sentinel 2, Landsat 8 and Landsat 7 ETM+.

#### Final products

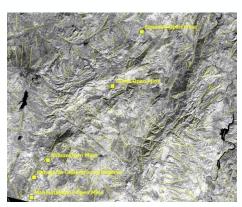


Rose diagram from extracted lineaments

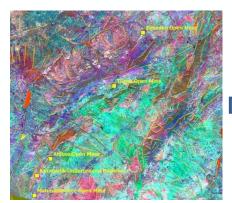
#### Different processing techniques to extract lineaments



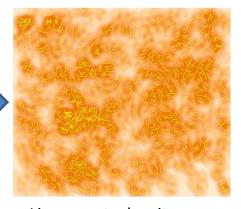
Filtering operations (Sobel filter)



Principal Component Analysis (PCA)



False Color Composite FCC752 Landsat 8



Lineaments density map





#### Closer collaboration was established with the following end-users so far:



 Ministry of Environment and Energy of Greece: a close collaboration has started in order to implement the pilot project on mitigation of illegal quarrying.



• GSD-FD-Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment of Cyprus: the scope of the feasibility study for monitoring of ground deformation and stability in the Asbestos Mine under restoration was established.



 Hellenic Copper Mines Ltd and Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment of Cyprus: the exchange of information on environmental monitoring before the closure of the mine and the possible use of EO data for Skourriotissa Village area can lead to future collaboration with the Geological Survey of Cyprus.





#### **Objectives**

- Coordination of regional EO capacities & research activities (including Copernicus Space & Service Segment initiatives) for an **operational, satellite-driven, real-time system for solar energy now-cast**.
- Long term solar energy atlases for various areas with high temporal and spatial detail.
- Solar radiation related products (real time and forecasts) related with: health (UV Index melanoma, DNA damage, cataract, Vitamin D efficiency), agriculture (photosynthesis), scientific...





### SENSE: a Solar Energy Nowcasting and forecasting SystEm + solar energy long-term analysis

#### **SENSE** inputs

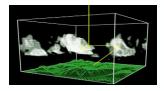
Satellite Data



Copernicus Atmospheric Monitoring Service



Radiative Transfer models



Neural networks, Multilinear functions, machine learning

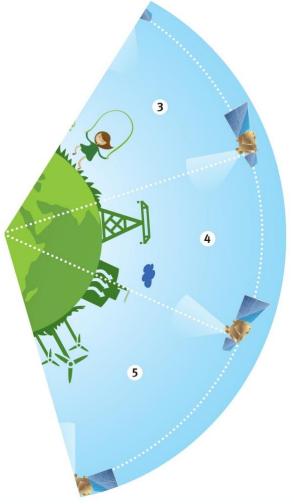












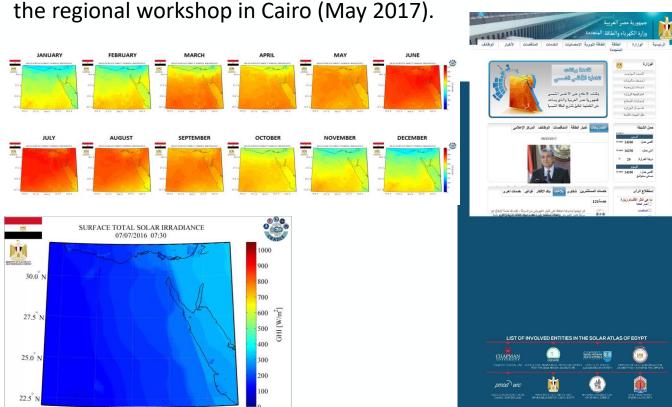


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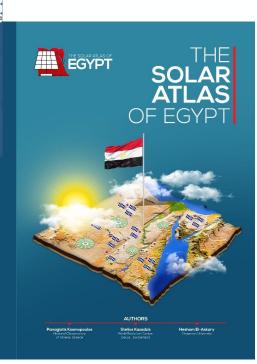
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#### State-of-the art, progress, achievements, impact

• Egyptian Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Energy: a **common website** was developed in which the **real-time and climatological solar energy products** of SENSE are disseminated. An **analytical Egyptian solar atlas** was presented in the regional workshop in Cairo (May 2017)





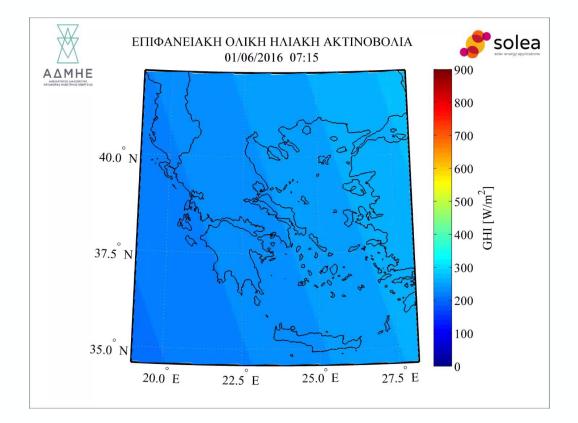




 Greek Independent Power Transmission Operator: a close collaboration in order to update their nowcasting and forecasting power systems with the SENSE's state-of-the-art methods. They exploit the real-time solar energy maps and data (60K pixels/integrated energy values every 15-minutes) by comparing them with real solar farms and controlling the local energy demands.





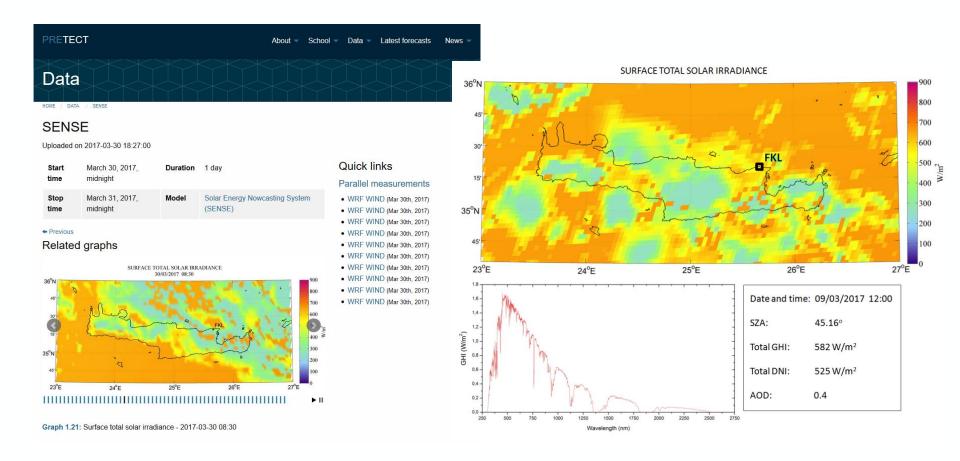






• Pre-tect international campaign: the **solar energy maps of Crete** were provided **in real-time** for the purposes of the campaign (April 2017) and **spectral comparisons with a high precision solar spectroradiometer (PSR)** are made to further validate the SENSE under high-aerosol loads.



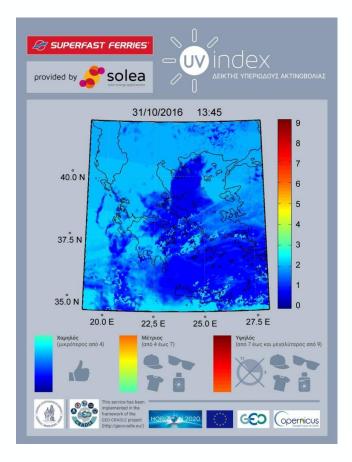




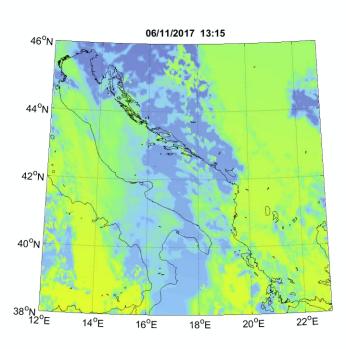


Attica group with Bluestar and superfast ferries, Greece: for the pilot period
they attract relevant ads in order to efficiently advertise the real-time UVindex service from SENSE through the monitors of their ships with routes to
the Aegean and the Adriatic seas.











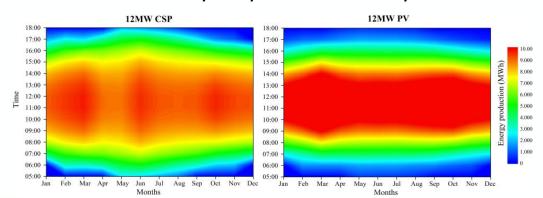


• Magdy Yacoub Medical center in Aswan, Egypt: Solar energy model and plan

Area = 1260000 m2 (300 Feddan)



#### Aswan yearly solar variability



#### Medical center proposed location

Proposed Location of Solar Station of Dr. Magdy Yacoub Medical Center in Aswan

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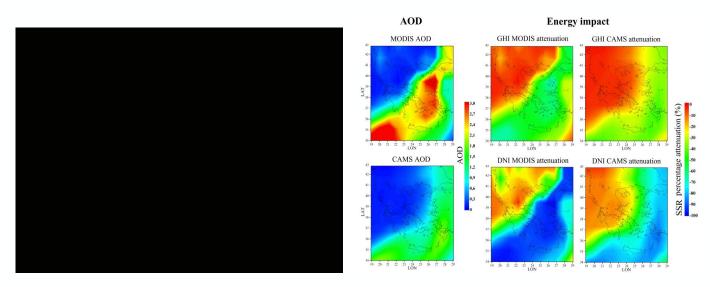


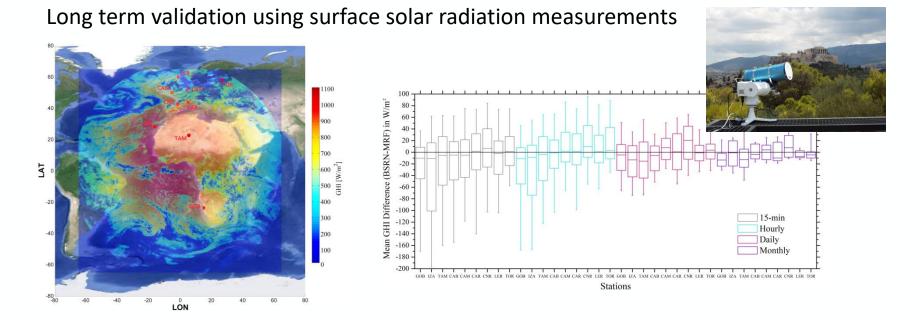




**Validation** 

Dust events Aerosol and solar energy validation

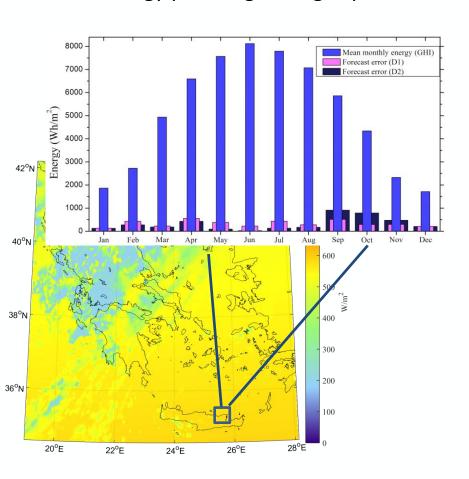


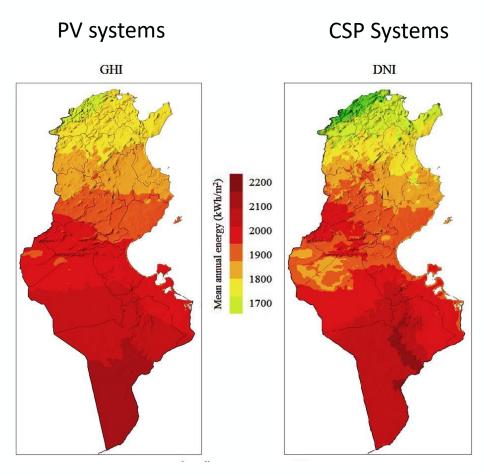




#### **Capabilities**

Solar energy planning for high spatial and temporal resolution





Greece, Crete: Mean monthly Solar Energy

Tunisia 1999-2013 mean annual Solar Energy





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#### SENSE can be implemented anywhere - tailored products

- Identify common calls for projects (e.g. GMES in Africa, AfriGEOSS, and future EuroGEOSS)
- Capacity building
- Continuation of the collaboration with Mediterranean countries



Forecasting solar variability
Energy storage
Production distribution
Demand management

#### **Pilot 4: Access to Solar Energy**



#### Collaboration and extensive cooperation with the following end-users so far:



• Egyptian Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Energy.



• Greek Independent Power Transmission Operator.



• Pre-tect international campaign.



• Attica group with Bluestar and superfast ferries, Greece.



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