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COMMUNICATING ABOUT GMES

The GENACS project aimed at supporting information exchange within the Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES) community and strengthening the involvement in GMES of countries from the enlarged Europe through a series of complementary actions.

The first action concerned the identification of institutional actors in new Member States and candidate countries, with the objective to encourage and help them to cooperate more actively with the GMES community, and to establish constructive and long-standing contacts. The second action focused on the organisation of thematic workshops in order to foster the collaboration between the various stakeholders. The third action targeted the dissemination of GMES-related information and the implementation of a communication flow in close relationship with the European Commission.



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THE WWW.GMES.INFO WEBSITE

During the project significant resources have been dedicated to the design and implementation of the www.gmes.info website. The contacts established with the representatives of the GMES Advisory Council have enabled the consortium to identify the relevant institutional actors and GMES-related activities within the Member States.

This work led to the production of “national” pages on the website providing country-specific information.

The www.gmes.info website has been regularly updated and in addition, several in-depth evolutions have been implemented in order to reflect some major changes such as the creation of the GMES Bureau, the launch of the GMES Fast Track Services and of the corresponding implementation groups.

In its current version, the website welcomes more than 10 000 visitors each month. Since its release in 2005, more than 130 events have been announced and more than 220 news have been published. A database of 116 GMES-related projects is available on line and an “e-newsletter” is sent to 1360 registered users every two months. A library of GMES reference documents is also available.

WORKSHOPS IN SUPPORT OF GMES

GENACS assisted the European Commission services in the organisation of thematic workshops which gathered large audience of experts and scientists. Three workshops were dedicated to the GMES Fast Track Services (“land monitoring core service”, “marine core service” and “emergency response core service”) in October and November 2005, and a fourth workshop dedicated to GMES Atmosphere Service took place in 2006. The project contributed to the organisation of major events such as the ‘Earth and Space Week’ and supported also groups of National Contact Points for information days.



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