



GMES POLAND

Promoting Polish participation in GMES

POLAND AND GMES

The main goal of GMES POLAND has been the promotion of the participation of Poland and other Central European countries in the Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES) initiative. For this purpose and in order to exploit synergies of information, advisory and support activities a single entity – the GMES Information Centre (GIC) – has been established within the Polish Space Office which is co-ordinated by the Space Research Centre of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Its activities are devoted to:

- Supporting the participation of Polish institutions and institutions from other Central European countries in GMES thematic projects;
- Supporting the growth of the user segment of GMES-related projects.

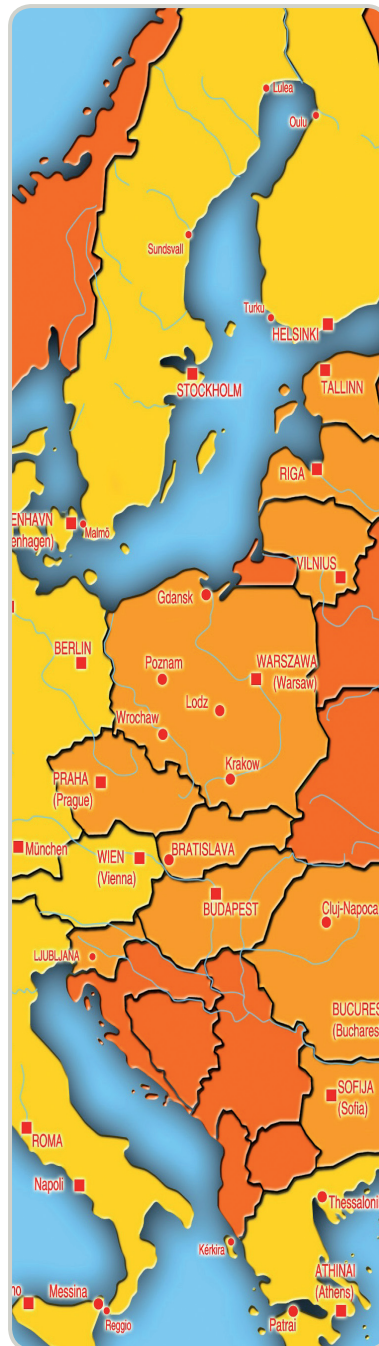
LONG-TERM SUCCESS OF THE GMES INFORMATION CENTRE

During the project, the GIC significantly facilitated the information exchange between GMES-related entities in Poland. It opened several communication channels especially with potential Polish co-operators. It contributed to a more efficient participation of Poland in GMES activities, as proved by actions that the GIC either initiated or supported.

The GIC initiated the work of 8 thematic panels to exchange information about the activities of institutions involved in research on particular topic and to coordinate their efforts with regard to participation in GMES activities. Leaders of panels were also strongly involved in user-oriented activities, in particular seminars and meetings with local authorities.

The GIC also initiated or co-organised 16 activities aimed at supporting institutions willing to participate in projects submitted to the Aeronautics and Space, and to the Global Change and Ecosystem priorities of FP6.

The GIC co-ordinated the preparation of a regional specific support action - 'NewEUser' - focusing on networking of the GMES users. The consortium assembled 20 entities from 8 new EU Member States and Candidate Countries. Communication channels created remain in place and facilitate further efforts in the area.



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The project was also dedicated to support the growth of the user segment. The GIC co-organised 2 seminars for representatives of public administration to promote awareness of opportunities offered by the earth observation technologies. This effort was followed by GIC co-organising Eurisy conference on GMES. As a result, the growing political awareness of potential GMES benefits led to greater support for the concept of the 'common action plan', an effort aimed at co-ordination of GMES-related activities of Polish public institutions, subject to regulatory framework and funding priorities.

The GIC also organised a series of seminars dedicated to local authorities, held in six major Polish cities. The seminars contributed to a better understanding of the local users' needs and subsequent activities resulted in definition of several concepts of possible pilot projects to be funded independently of GMES Poland.

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