

EuroGEOSS' request for Expressions of Intent: in brief

Further information is available from the [EuroGEOSS website](#) including the text of the EuroGEOSS Request 2018 and its associated Frequently Associated Questions)

1. Context

GEO is a partnership of more than 100 national governments, 100 participating organisations and the European Commission and implements the GEOSS (Global Earth Observation System of System). It envisions a future where decisions and measures for the benefit of humankind are informed by coordinated, comprehensive and sustained Earth observations. To implement this vision, GEO has divided the world into five regional areas. Europe is one of them and EuroGEOSS is the regional initiative launched in October 2017. EuroGEOSS has a focus on accelerating innovation and showcasing the most promising user-driven applications based on Earth Observations (EO) including from the Copernicus programme. The activities in Europe should be more connected to provide a coherent European picture. EuroGEOSS will help by combining existing earth observation assets and initiatives.

2. Objectives of the EuroGEOSS request 2018

From 2018 onwards, the EuroGEOSS initiative plans to launch annual "Requests for Expressions of Intent". A EuroGEOSS Request for Expressions of Intent is a light mechanism aiming at enabling the formation of voluntary partnerships of Earth Observation developers and users along the value chain as well as attracting ongoing or upcoming EO developments in Europe with high market/uptake potential. Participating in a EuroGEOSS request is the main mechanism to get your ongoing EO application development known as a "EuroGEOSS pilot application" and to benefit from the EuroGEOSS network.

This request aims to increase development, cohesion and consolidation of EuroGEOSS applications pulling together resources from various existing funding schemes (Horizon 2020, Copernicus, national programmes, ESA, etc....).

3. Why participate?

While there is no direct funding for selected Expressions of Intent, there are multiple benefits arising from taking part in the implementation of EuroGEOSS.

It will enable you to:

- ✓ share good practice, benchmark experiences and strengthen the European playing field;
- ✓ get high visibility and recognition under the EuroGEOSS 'flag', including on the EuroGEOSS website and in GEO and Copernicus events;
- ✓ benefit from involvement in GEO including from links between EuroGEOSS and other regional GEO initiatives on the global scene (AmeriGEOSS, AfriGEOSS and AOGEOSS);

- ✓ link in with important EO projects and programmes in Europe including Copernicus, Horizon 2020 and its follow-up programme after 2020;
- ✓ benefit from and contribute to a reinforced European EO marketplace;
- ✓ be regularly informed on supporting programme and funding opportunities;
- ✓ participate in a European-wide, enduring partnership where shared competences, resources and skills are combined;
- ✓ extend your network with users and other stakeholders working on the same topic with opportunities to develop new partnerships.

4. What is the intended outcome?

The main EuroGEOSS intended outcomes are:

- Real life, user-driven demonstrated EO applications
- Reviews of user-related experience and questions
- Catalogues of good practices available in different languages
- Strategies for scaling-up new services including critical success factors
- Guidelines for business models, evidence on return on investment
- Reference site with high potential for replication in Europe
- Awareness raising campaigns
- Education and training modules, including for trainers
- Emerging themes of novel interest for European research & innovation

5. What is the approach?

Where a critical mass of Expressions of Intents is obtained, EuroGEOSS activities will be launched for a period of up to a maximum of three years in order to scale-up EuroGEOSS pilot applications in Europe and showcase them internationally in the GEO context. The Request for Expression of Intent borrows from the call for commitments under the European Innovation Partnerships ([EIPs](#)) launched in the context of Innovation Union and the EU agenda (2010-2020) for growth and jobs.

Following the Expressions of Intent, voluntary implementation groups on specific topic will be formed.

EuroGEOSS activities have no contractual basis. They represent ad hoc, voluntary partnerships aiming at advancing the EuroGEOSS innovation agenda on a best-effort basis and for a period of up to three years.

6. Practical issues related to the EuroGEOSS Request 2018

The EuroGEOSS Request 2018 will be open from mid-April until the end of June 2018.

It is open to all stakeholders from any European GEO member country¹ and to all European GEO participating organizations.

The EuroGEOSS Coordination Group (formed of members of the European GEO Caucus) will evaluate the Expressions of Intent.

Organisations having submitted an Expression of Intent will be informed about selection outcomes by the end of August 2018.

Resulting EuroGEOSS implementation groups are expected to commence activities during the second half of September 2018.

7. How can I participate?

You can participate by completing the EU-Survey that will be available from mid-April until the end of June 2018, either through the [EuroGEOSS website](#) or by submitting a request to the [EuroGEOSS functional mailbox](#).

8. Where to go for further information?

Information can be found on the [EuroGEOSS website](#), through the members of the [EuroGEOSS coordination group](#) or via questions to the [EuroGEOSS functional mailbox](#).

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