

DORIS_Net

Downstream Observatory organised by Regions active
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DEVELOPING EUROPE'S GMES DOWNSTREAM ECONOMY

Across Europe, regional authorities are among the main beneficiaries of GMES products and services. DORIS_Net helps keeping them up to date with new GMES possibilities.

Addressing the key domains – atmosphere, land, marine, emergency response, climate change and security – with a view to facilitate informed decision making at local, regional, national and European levels, Europe's Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES) initiative is a complex, and multifaceted programme.

In order to secure optimal harvesting of GMES results, the development of a GMES downstream service sector is of great importance. Refining data, products and services from global GMES services in the various domains, GMES downstream services may be customized to individual user needs, many of which are to be found at the regional level.



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DORIS_Net will develop a GMES Downstream Service Platform, facilitating information on GMES products and services directly to users, and deepening links between regional and European GMES stakeholders.

In support of the development of such a GMES downstream sector, DORIS_Net is set to create a platform that will allow for more effective coordination of individual activities both within and between the regions of Europe, GMES downstream service providers, and the GMES European governance level.

Hence, this project will establish a Downstream Observatory, organised by regional GMES users, which, supported by a network of GMES Regional Contact Offices (RCO) constitutes a European GMES Downstream Service Platform aimed at facilitating a smooth flow of information between GMES users and GMES service providers. Keeping regions up to date with new GMES possibilities, and conversely, keeping GMES service providers in the know on user needs, is pivotal for the successful development of the GMES downstream economy in Europe.



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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What do you want to achieve with this project?

DORIS_Net will put regional users in the driving seat. By facilitating the long process of increasing awareness, demonstrating, educating and training to help make GMES services operational, the Regional Contact Offices shall be the regional link for local stakeholders and GMES.

Why is this project important for Europe?

GMES will only be fully successful on an operational level if regional actors are more involved since they face diverse economic, political and cultural conditions. On the other hand, the DORIS_Net network will allow data/knowledge exchange and optimise synergies between regions.

How does your work benefit European citizens?

Our work will bring GMES to the regional level and closer to the individual needs of European citizens. The project will increase awareness of GMES services by dealing with barriers like language and culture. This will benefit regional economies and the quality of life in Europe.