



Copernicus User Uptake: EO4GEO space/geospatial sector skills alliance at the starting block



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The EU Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) has approved the project **EO4GEO- Towards and innovative strategy for skills development and capacity building in the space geo-information sector supporting Copernicus user uptake.**

EO4GEO is an Erasmus+ Sector Skills Alliance gathering 26 partners (and initially 22 associated partners, looking forward to new adhesions), most of the from the **Copernicus Academy Network**, from 16 countries from academia, private and public sector, active in the education/training and space/geospatial sectors. It is coordinated by the Association GISIG (www.gisig.eu) and will run over four years, starting from 1st January 2018.

EO4GEO aims to help bridging the skills gap between supply and demand of education and training in the space/geospatial sector by reinforcing the existing ecosystem and fostering the uptake and integration of space/geospatial data and services in end-user applications. EO4GEO will work in an multi- and interdisciplinary way and apply innovative solutions for its education and training actions including: case based and collaborative learning scenarios; learning-while-doing in a living lab environment; on-the-job training; the co-creation of knowledge, skills and competencies; etc.

EO4GEO will define a long-term and sustainable **strategy** to fill the gap between supply of and demand for space/geospatial education and training taking into account the current and expected technological and non-technological developments in the space/geospatial and related sectors (e.g. ICT).

The strategy will be implemented by: creating and maintaining an **ontology-based Body of Knowledge** for the space/geospatial sector based on previous efforts; developing and integrating a dynamic collaborative **platform** with associated tools; designing and developing a series of **curricula** and a rich portfolio of training modules directly usable in the context of Copernicus (www.copernicus.eu) and other relevant programmes and conducting a series of **training actions** for a selected set of scenario's in three sub-sectors - **integrated applications, smart cities and climate change** to test and validate the approach. Finally, a **long-term Action Plan** will be developed and endorsed to roll-out and sustain the proposed solutions.

For the time being, you can contact GISIG for more information on the project (please, send an e-mail to m.carbonaro@gisig.it if you want to receive more information). Early 2018 a dedicated website will provide access to information, background documents and other materials.



EO4GEO Project Consortium

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P4	UNIVERSITAT JAUME I DE CASTELLON	UJI	ES
P5	SVEUCILISTE U ZAGREBU - GEODETSKI FAKULTET	GEOF	HR
P6	PANEPISTIMIO PATRON	UPAT	GR
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