



# **NEREUS General Assembly 2015**

**CURRENT AFFAIRS – Open space for  
Discussion**

**Introductory remarks by Vice-President  
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# State of implementation EIP-Roadmap and Conclusions (1)

- Thorough Analysis of feed-back received by different European institutions
- Responses tend to be very supportive as regards the objectives, however almost all express scepticism with respect to structure/tool of an EIP-Space
- Lack of political support by EU-institutions for the creation of a new structure has to be taken into consideration (new Commission, new political ideas)

# State of implementation EIP-Roadmap and Conclusions (2)

- European Commission at the level of cabinet suggested to explore the initiation of a KIC space application as an alternative (KICs stands for Knowledge and Innovation Communities)
- Dimension of KIC has to be accessed (Is this a suitable instrument for NEREUS-community????)
- New KICs from 2020 onwards, KICs must address a long-term horizon of 7 to 15 years, but with short-, mid- and long terms objectives that follow the mission of the KIC

# State of implementation EIP-Roadmap and Conclusions (3)

- ⇒ **Nevertheless, EIP-initiative had very positive impulses and stimulated important discussions and opportunities**
- Importance of regional dimension was highlighted by all interlocutors and need to have more info on regional situation
- All interlocutors showed alternatives avenues of opportunities (Coordinated Support Action, PCP, Juncker Package)

# State of implementation EIP-Roadmap and Conclusions (4)

- Initiative was very effective to raise awareness for impact of space applications and need to stimulate development and exploitation of space
- Initiative raised visibility of network
- Also high expectations towards NEREUS

# State of implementation EIP-Roadmap and Conclusions (5)

- Initiative mobilized different groups of network community
- NEREUS-community under the lead of the EO/Copernicus WG engaged in a pilot action bringing space solutions to the EIP-Agriculture and launched the collection of regional best practices

# State of implementation EIP-Roadmap and Conclusions (6)

⇒ Against this background NEREUS-  
community needs to engage in  
**a re-definition of the strategic  
objectives of the initiative and the  
further proceeding**

# Next more immediate steps (1):

- Next Horizon2020 Space Work Program previews a call for proposals particularly targeted at local and regional authorities (*Downstream services for public authorities*)
- Downstream services for public authorities: Pre-commercial procurement (PCP) – Co-funded actions: targeted at public authorities that engage in public procurement (calls for tender) targeted at SMEs, research organisations etc.; co-funded by the EC by max. 70%; earmarked budget: approx. 3 Mio EUR



## Next more immediate steps (2):

- NEREUS will discuss and analysis this planned call with different network bodies: Standing Committee, NEREUS-Working Group, General Assembly and strive to mobilize a strong regional consortium in 2016
- Apart from that analysis outcomes of the SPACE4Growth-Conference, enhanced reflection in regions on linking space applications with regional programs and instruments, SME-support structures, smart specialisation