

NEREUS General Assembly 2016

**ACTIVITY REPORT 2015/2016 and
Outlook Activities 2017 by
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Activity Report 2016

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NEREUS-Activities

Political
Dialogue

Involvement
in EU-and
ESA-funded
projects

Regional
Workshops

Political Dialogue of the network (1)

- January 2016: NEREUS-Delegation led by president Nichi Vendola met with ESA-Director General Prof. Jan Wörner to open a dialogue on how to bring space to European regions via a user-driven approach. With view to the up-coming European Space Strategy the role and impact of the regional dimension was underlined by both organisations.



Political Dialogue of the network (2)

- February 2016 NEREUS-Delegation met with ESA/ESTEC Director Franco Ongaro to discuss matters of common interest, in particular explored potential collaborations in the field of training, education and public outreach.



Political Dialogue of the network (3)

NEREUS published in May 2016 its position paper “Recommendations on adding a regional dimension to the European Space Strategy” following a broad interregional consultation process and promoted it prior to the release of the EC-communication broadly at EU and regional-level

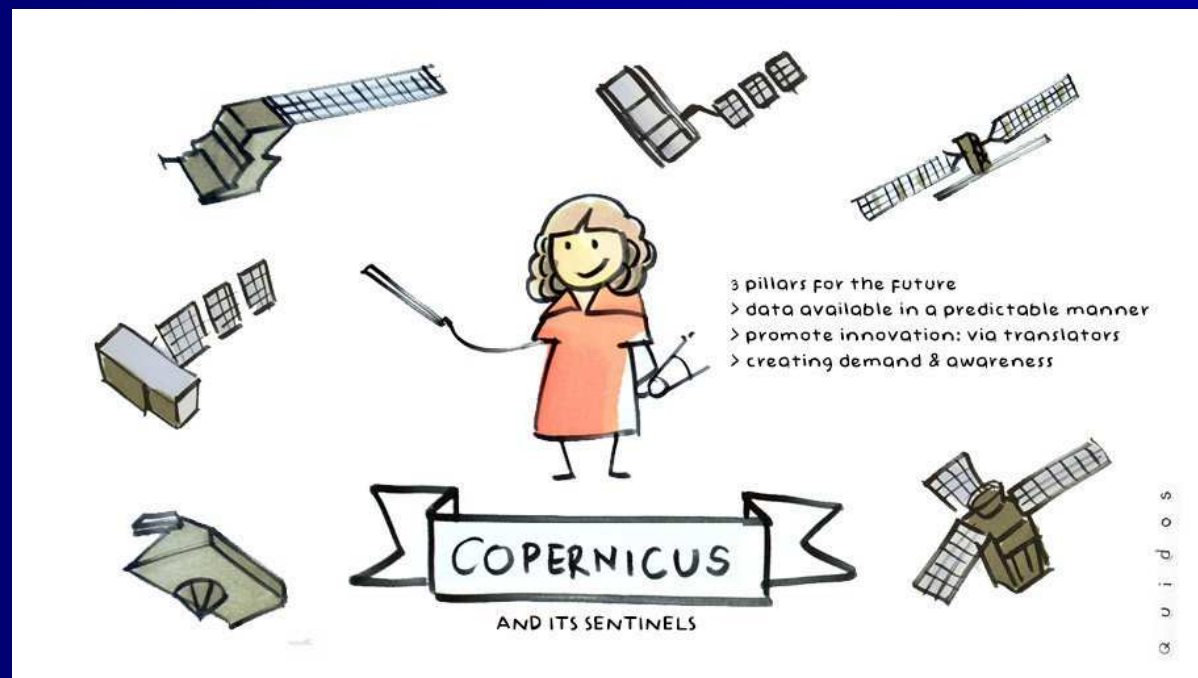
Political Dialogue of the network (4)

- Sentinels4Regions, 28th June 2016- Final festive event of joint NEREUS/ESA-collaboration
- Political Parliament debate focused on the uses of Sentinel satellite data for Local and Regional Authorities
- Bringing real Copernicus public user experiences to the EP – NEREUS-regions (Azores, Bavaria, Lombardy, Mazovia and Wallonia) took the floor
- 230 registered participants



Political Dialogue of the network (5)

- Digital technologies, such as web streaming and social media allowed to outreach to new communities approx. 50 followers via web streaming
- **Webstory:** <https://storify.com/ilaria2019/what-can-sentinels-do-for-regions>



Involvement in EU or ESA funded projects

EU-funded Framework Contract
Copernicus-User-Uptake

NEREUS/ESA-
project:
*"Improving
Copernicus
among Local
and Regional
Authorities"*
(Thematic
Workshops)

*Copernicus-
Briefs*
(Copernicus-
promotion
material
funded by
ESA)

1. Specific
contract:
Study

2. Specific
contract:
*Participation
in thematic
WS*
(Copernicus
-Value-
Chain)

5. Specific
contract:
Info and
Training
Sessions in
Member
States

Impact on the network

Impacts of
project activities
for the network
on different
levels

Networking and
Visibility impact

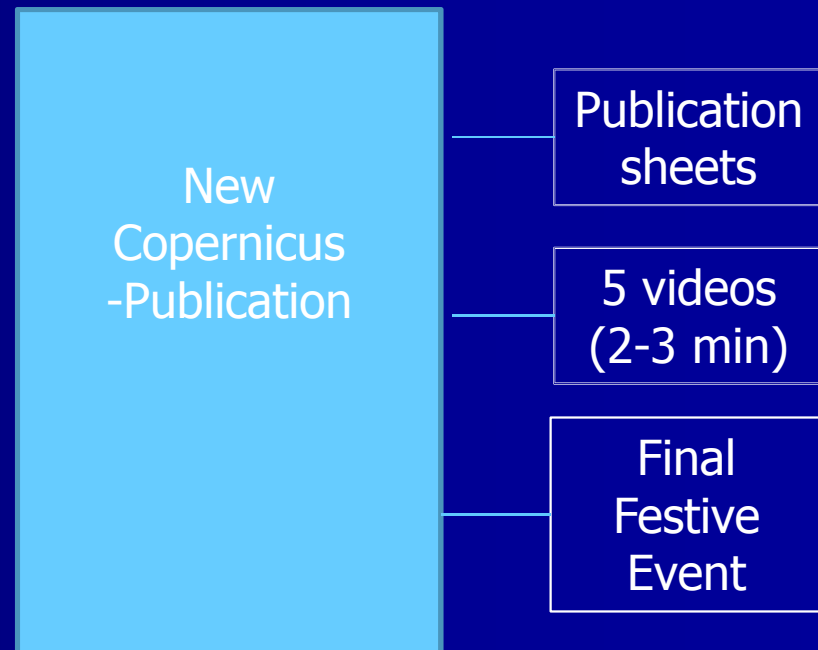
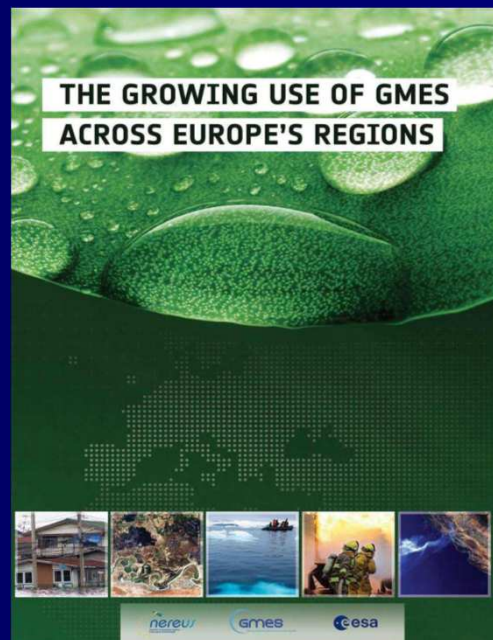
Community
Building

Tangible outcomes

Additional
Resources

Next NEREUS/ESA-initiative (1)

- ESA suggested to produce a new publication portraying regional uses of Copernicus
- Ambitious approach:
- 67 Uses in 2012 ⇒ Target: 100/150 Uses in 2017



Next NEREUS/ESA-initiative (2)

- **Active involvement of LRAs** has been identified as a key challenge by past initiatives (!)
- A set of incentives are proposed to attract LRAs to contribute and get involved:
 - Regional Award: Selected LRA/region will receive award
 - Up to 5 professional short videos will be shot to feature the most “inspiring” regional cases by LRAs
 - Up to 3 LRA representatives will be invited to present their articles during a final event at EU Parliament

Next NEREUS/ESA-initiative (3)

- All NEREUS-regions are invited to nominate candidates for the review panel
- Within the project there will be a subcontract for a review chair and manager
- Initiative should start in 2017 and last max. 12 months
- Budget currently under negotiation

Regional Workshop: Space4Agriculture

- Regional Workshop: *When Space Technologies meet Agriculture - Fostering Interregional collaborations, investments and definition of users requirements*
- Organizers: NEREUS, Basilicata Region and Tern with support of ERIAF and CopaCogeca
- 14-15 November 2016 Matera, Basilicata Region
- Linking the space community to the agriculture community
- Next steps: Workshop Conclusions, Project Activities, joint position paper with CopaCogeca and other partners on impact of space for agricultural challenges

Space Uses & Development Cooperation

- Workshop on "Space Applications and Development Cooperation" on 8th December 2016 (Free Hanseatic City of Bremen, GIZ (Bremen branch) and NEREUS
- Federal Ministry for Development Cooperation (BMZ) granted funding to GIZ for a networking action targeted at developing EO/Copernicus downstream activities in Africa
- Planned working Breakfast in Brussels on 8th December 2016 with relevant Brussels-Based (African) stakeholder and organisations and NEREUS-membership

Proposal for a regional WS:

⇒ WS on Space4Tourism

Space Uses for coastal and maritime tourism

Interested regions????

SPACE GIRLS/SPACE WOMEN (1)

- *"Space through the eyes of women"* – 70 photos Travelling Photo Exhibition portraying girls and women of three generations and different nationalities who share their passion for space (study space, work in space, space professionals)



Website: www.spacewomen.org

SPACE GIRLS/SPACE WOMEN (2)

- Of the 40 photos two women portrays from NEREUS-regions (Azores, Apulia)
- Exhibition is touring NEREUS Regions:
 - Bari, Apulia (21-26 September 2015, Fortino Sant'Antonio)
 - Milan, Lombardy (21-30 October 2015, Universal Exhibition Expo 2015)
 - Chieti, Abruzzo (11 December 2015 - 15 January 2016, Università Gabriele d'Annunzio)
 - Leicester, East Midlands (8-18 March 2016, University of Leicester)
 - Santa Maria, Azores (20 April 2016, Vila do Porto)
 - Venice, Veneto (October 2016)
 - Matera, Basilicata (November 2016)

SPACE GIRLS/SPACE WOMEN ()

- ⇒ Bring the exhibition to your region and share it with the community in your territory

Thank you for your cooperation and
efforts in the past year! 😊