



“State of Play and Challenges ahead”

Starting situation

NEREUS has great successes at EU-level

- NEREUS is acknowledged as a competent and important partner and interlocutor for the European Parliament, European Commission, European Space Agency and Committee of the Regions
- NEREUS has become a strong and visible advocate for European regions on matters of space uses

Current situation

- As a result NEREUS has a wealth of possible opportunities
- However, we experienced that our structure is not yet prepared to respond to arising opportunities which are often a challenge

Challenges ahead

In a nutshell main challenges of the network:

- Regional anchorage and participation
- Growth
- Public Awareness of space applications
- Support of working and participatory network structures

Regional anchorage

We need

- Stronger presence in member regions
- Availability of regional experts, expertise and political interests
- Broader public awareness of potential of space uses
- Strong and stable working and participatory network structures for regional actors

What could be approaches to improve regional anchorage?

Actions to improve regional anchorage (1)

- Regional Strategies (also addressing Regional Contact Offices) in NEREUS member regions
 - Regional Events in every region
 - Awareness raising of regional and local actors (NEREUS produced a number of tools, even in your mother tongue video, publications etc. – use them)
- Example: Bring latest GMES-publication that highlights GMES-uses in different public policy domains to your administration and politicians

Actions to improve regional anchorage (2)

- Performance of working groups and capability to mobilize EU-funded projects are important element for perception at regional level
 - Elaborate proposal to reform working and participatory network structures
 - Elaborate strategy how regional actors can better access and exploit EU/ESA- programs and funding for the development of space applications

Problem-solving-approaches (2)

What could be approaches to stimulate the growth in member regions?

Actions to stimulate growth

- Each member region takes over a god parenthood for a region to introduce it to NEREUS
- Develop proposal to make network more attractive for new members
- NEREUS should enhance its contacts and collaboration with regional structures and organisations

Thank you for your attention



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