



The Copernicus Programme and its applications for environmental and infrastructure monitoring in the Gulf region

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TIMING	CONTENT	SPEAKERS
10:00 – 10:05 (GMT+3) <i>9:00 – 9:05 (CEST)</i>	Opening remarks	Moderator , EU Global Action on Space
10:05 – 10:20 (GMT+3) <i>9:05 – 9:20 (CEST)</i>	<p>Session 1: The EU Space Programme and the EU Global Action on Space</p> <p>The session will provide a general presentation of the EU Space Programme components and the opportunities of the EU Global Action on Space initiative.</p> <p><i>Questions & Answers (5 mins)</i></p>	<p>Dominic Hayes, Policy Officer (Frequency coordination), Unit B3 “International Relations and Communication”, Directorate-General for Defence, Industry and Space (DG DEFIS), European Commission</p>
10:20 – 10:45 (GMT+3) <i>9:20 – 9:45 (CEST)</i>	<p>Session 2: EO for infrastructure monitoring</p> <p>The session will showcase EO data capabilities in monitoring energy infrastructure.</p> <p>Copernicus’s use cases will be included throughout the presentation. A Gulf perspective on EO for infrastructure monitoring will be presented, particularly on petroleum facilities.</p> <p><i>Questions & Answers (5 mins)</i></p>	<p>Hugo Zunker, Copernicus Team Leader, Unit C3 “Earth Observation”, Directorate-General for Defence, Industry and Space (DG DEFIS), European Commission (tbc)</p> <p>Rifaat Abdalla, Associate Professor of GeoInformatics, Earth Science Department, Sultan Qaboos University</p>





<p>10:45 – 11:20 (GMT+3) 9:45 – 10:20 (CEST)</p>	<p>Session 3: EO for environmental protection and resources exploitation</p> <p>The session will focus on the natural resource protection and exploitation EO data.</p> <p>A few topics most interesting for the Gulf region have been identified: oil spill detection, crop surveillance, and protection of natural land and water areas.</p> <p>Copernicus applications will be presented together with a local perspective. A Gulf perspective will be presented, focusing on oil spills.</p> <p><i>Questions & Answers (5 mins)</i></p>	<p>Hugo Zunker, Copernicus Team Leader, Unit C3 “Earth Observation”, Directorate-General for Defence, Industry and Space (DG DEFIS), European Commission (tbc)</p> <p>Dimitrios Alexakis, Principal Researcher, Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas (FORTH), and Pantelis Soupios, Professor, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</p> <p>Ghazi Ali Al-Rawas, Dean of Research, Sultan Qaboos University</p>
<p>11:20 – 11:35 (GMT+3) 10:20 – 10:35 (CEST)</p>	<p>Session 4: Copernicus Academy & Relays networks: representing Copernicus around the world</p> <p>The session will present the Copernicus network membership’s opportunities and benefits.</p> <p><i>Questions & Answers (5 mins)</i></p>	<p>Annekatrien Debien, Copernicus Support Office</p>
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