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# Celebrations of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Copernicus

8 June 2023

Stockholm

9.00-13.00 CEST

## AGENDA



## ANNIVERSARY OF COPERNICUS

09.00-09.30

## WELCOME ADDRESSES

*The welcome addresses will shed light on the institutional and political importance of Copernicus.*



**Maria Nilsson**

State Secretary, Swedish Ministry of Education and Research



**Thierry Breton**

European Commissioner for internal market, European Commission



**Emma Wiesner**

Member of the European Parliament

09.30-10.00

## COPERNICUS: A EUROPEAN SUCCESS STORY IN SPACE

*This first panel discussion will aim to reflect on the quarter of a century of Copernicus and underline its big achievements from different institutional points of view and share feedback on experience dealing with Copernicus.*



**Timo Pesonen**

Director-General, Directorate General for Defence industry and Space, European Commission



**Josef Aschbacher**

Director-General, European Space Agency



**Anna Rathsman**

Director-General, Swedish National Space Agency



**Phil Evans**

Director, European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites



**Salla Saastamoinen**

Deputy Director-General for the Joint Research Centre, European Commission



10.00-12.30

## COPERNICUS, EUROPE'S EYES ON EARTH – DELIVERING SOLUTIONS TO USERS

*This part will focus on user testimonials and will feature four panel discussions live from different locations across Europe (Bologna, Brussels, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Toulouse), highlighting the usefulness of Copernicus to protect the planet and its inhabitants.*

10.00-10.10

### Keynote Intervention



#### Paraskevi Papantoniou

Acting Director for Space, Directorate  
General for Defence Industry and  
Space, European Commission

10.10-10.35

### “Seas and Oceans”

Panel discussion with participants:



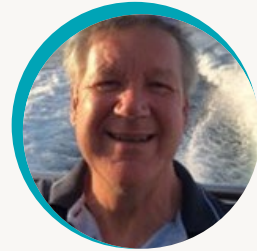
#### Thomas Lesage

Founder, Children for the Oceans



#### Virginie Lafon

President, I-SEA



#### Craig Donlon

Head, Earth Surfaces and  
Interior Section, Earth and  
Mission Science Division,  
European Space Agency



10.35-11.00

## “Land”

Panel discussion with participants:



**Thierry Cotelle**

President, NEREUS

**Camilla Jonsson**

Remote sensing expert, Swedish  
Environmental Protection Agency

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11.00-11.30

## BREAK

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11.30-11.55

## “Disaster Management”

*This panel discussion will highlight how Copernicus helps civil protection authorities and humanitarian agencies in battling emergency situations and saving lives all around the globe. To attest of this, a panel of users relying on Copernicus Emergency Management Service will share their experience.*

Panel discussion with participants:



**Isabel Montoya Montes**

Representative, Canary Islands  
Delegation of the Geological and  
Mining Institute of Spain



**Igor Magdalenić**

President, Croatian Crisis  
Management Association



**Maria Zuber**

Head of Unit, Directorate-General  
for European Civil Protection &  
Humanitarian Aid Operations,  
European Commission

11.55-12.20

## “Climate, air quality and health”

*This panel discussion of the user session will be dedicated to the role of Copernicus in monitoring air quality and other variables to measure and mitigate climate change with speakers live from Bologna. It will be an opportunity to underline the role of Copernicus in understanding the impacts of a changing climate, and air quality, on the health of people in Europe and worldwide.*

Panel discussion with participants :



**Mark Parrington**

Senior Scientist, Copernicus  
Atmosphere Monitoring Service,  
European Centre for Medium-  
Range Weather Forecasts



**Francesca di Donato**

Environmental Epidemiologist,  
Department of Epidemiology of  
the Lazio Regional Health Service



**Susanna Corti**

Director of Research, Italian  
National Research Council –  
Institute of Atmospheric  
Sciences and Climate

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12.20-12.30

## Keynote Intervention



**Simonetta Cheli**

Director of Earth Observation  
Programmes and Head of ESRIN,  
European Space Agency



12.30-12.55

## FOCUS SESSION: COPERNICUS DATA FUELLING BUSINESS & INNOVATION IN EUROPE

*This session will underline how Copernicus drives innovation in Europe and enable sizable economic benefits in a whole range of sectors.*

Panel discussion with participants:



**Catherine Kavvada**

Director for Innovation & Outreach, Directorate General for Defence Industry and Space, European Commission



**Rodrigo da Costa**

Executive Director, European Union Agency for the Space Programme



**Cecilia Hertz**

Founder and CEO, Umbilical design, and Co-founder of International Space Asset Acceleration Company

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12.55-13.00

Concluding remarks

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