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

8 June 2023

Stockholm

9.00-13.00 CEST

## AGENDA



25<sup>TH</sup> 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



**Erik Bergkvist**

Member of the European Parliament for the Swedish Social Democrats

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 Rathsmann**

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



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## 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, 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”

*This panel discussion will underline the key role of Copernicus in supporting marine biodiversity and blue economy. Panellists relying on the Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service will discuss how Copernicus supports public authorities and scientists by providing timely and accurate data.*

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”

*This panel discussion has for purpose to highlight the importance of Copernicus in land management and how public authorities at the regional and national level use Copernicus data in their daily work from urban planning to forest fires prevention.*

Panel discussion with participants:



**Camilla Jonsson**

Remote sensing expert, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency



**Thierry Cotelle**

President, NEREUS



**Andre Kalia**

Senior scientist, Remote Sensing Department, German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources

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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 their share experience.*

Panel discussion with participants:



**Isabel Montoya Montes**

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



**Igor Magdalenic**

President, Croatian Crisis Management Association



**Olimpia Imperiali**

Deputy team leader, Directorate General for European Civil Protection & Humanitarian Aid Operations, European Commission



**Peter Salamon**

Scientific project manager, Joint Research Center, 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, 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



12.30-13.00

## 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

## VENUE

Swedish National Space Agency  
Solna, Stockholm, Sweden





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