



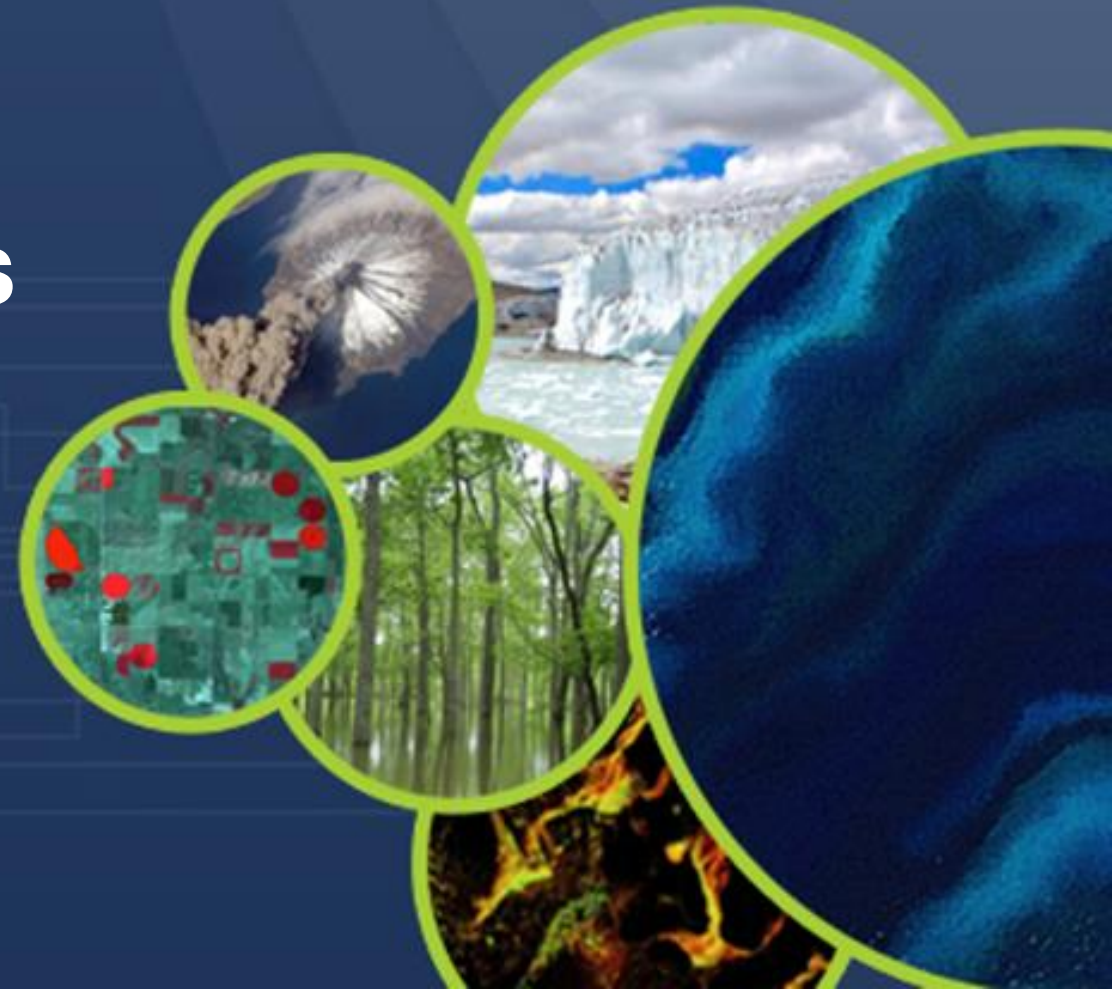
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Framework Partnership Agreement on Copernicus User Uptake (FPCUP)

Regional Spotlight: Europe

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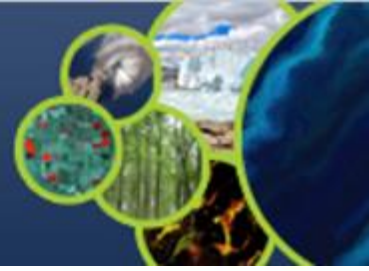
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- **Overall objective:** enhance user uptake of Copernicus data & services
- **EU-funded project** → FPCUP is one specific action in the Commissions' User Uptake Strategy
- Project duration: **2018 – 2022**
- Consortium consists of **48 partners from 23 European countries**; DLR project lead → Diverse backgrounds and experience
- **Bottom-up approach** → consortium suggests EU user uptake actions in annual work programmes (budget: 5 – 9 Mio. €)

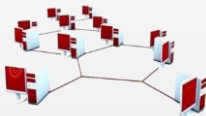
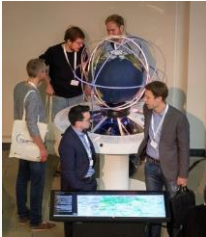




- **70 running actions;** more will start soon

Types of activities

- **Information- & training-events → raise awareness and foster knowledge**
- Building an active dialogue with actors → establish user fora
- Developing and piloting downstream applications and services → roll-out services and applications taking into account user-needs
- Promoting national and multi-national innovative actions → communicate Copernicus via new formats or challenges supporting particularly start-ups and SMEs

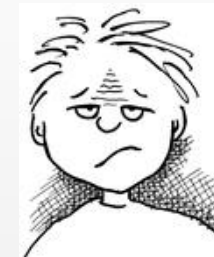


For: National & international user uptake, business solutions & innovative applications

- Outputs will be on project homepage (launch ~April 2020)
- Exchange within the consortium is fostered exploiting synergies and strengthening learning-effects



- FPCUP is a new instrument for EU user uptake → time was required for learning processes and solving administrative problems
- Complexity of the instrument → time was required for learning processes
- Delay caused by administrative problems → adapt implementation schedule (incl. canceling of actions)
- Restricted third party implementation → continuous and intense exchange with EU trying to amend FPCUP agreement (not successful), thus clarifying possibilities given in the framework of the FPCUP
- Not suitable for short term implementation → adapt selection of suitable actions proposed to the EU



→ **continuous and intense exchange with EU & all partners**



- FPA is an interesting new instrument to foster European User Uptake measures
- It is responsive to diversity across countries
- Takes into account national and European user requirements
- Is not limited to European User uptake -> several actions related to User uptake in Africa
- Allow flexibility
- Relevant issues such as third party implementation must be suitably regulated in the FPA agreement as their amendments are very difficult at a later stage



- FPCUP supports European cooperation in the field of **Copernicus User Uptake and Capacity Building**
 - e.g. realized in the project: **Cop4Schools** -> University Tartu from Estonia joined the DLR project proposal fostering user uptake in schools
 - Several proposed projects are supporting **user uptake, capacity building and in Africa and European – African partnerships**: e.g. :
 - Copernicus prototypes and training in Africa (BE): Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast and Rwanda
 - Copernicus User Uptake for Disaster Management & Risk Reduction (DLR)
 - Building an active user dialogue with the Balkans, Middle East, and North Africa (GR)
 - Monitoring of informal settlements in Africa (DLR)
- The **FPCUP project homepage** will offer more information in future (www.fpcup.eu)

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