

EVENT: Baltic Copernicus Day in Riga



World Congress of Latvian Scientists

On 28 June in Riga, we are holding the Baltic Copernicus Day as part of the 5th World Congress of Latvian Scientists. The event is international and aims to welcome more people to benefit from the Earth Observation (EO) sector. Speakers from EUSPA, ESA, the European Commission, Copernicus Services and leaders of the Baltic EO industry.

The aim of the event is to ensure that Copernicus target groups in the Baltics are aware of the programme and its data applicability in their industries as well as are equipped with minimal skills (and thus, practical understanding of the data functionality) to actually drive data uptake in their respective organisations.

The seminar will provide current and practical information about the earth observation program Copernicus and the opportunities it provides for scientists, entrepreneurs and representatives of state institutions that use or plan to use earth observation data and promote the more active use of satellite data from the Baltic States in a wide range of industries.

Copernicus day will also bring a networking opportunity for representatives from the European Space Agency, the European Commission, other European institutions, industry representatives, companies and scientists working in the field of smart energy, logistics, bioeconomy and ICT.

The event is international and will take place in English.



Agenda

Moderator: **Inese Suija-Markova**, Vice-Mayor of Cēsis Municipality, Vice-Chairman of Vidzeme Planning Region Development Board

09:30 – 09:50 **Development, future and role of the Copernicus programme in sectors outside of the space industry, and Horizon Europe support for Copernicus-based solutions**

Speaker: **Ewelina Piskorz**, Programme Officer, Earth Observation Unit, European Commission (DG DEFIS)

09:50 – 10:10 **The Copernicus Marine Service and its localization to Baltic users**

Speaker: **Tina Silovic**, Market Development Office, Mercator Ocean International

10:10 – 10:30 **The Copernicus Land Monitoring Service and its localization to Baltic users**

Speaker: **Joanna Balasis-Levinsen**, Expert of Copernicus Land Monitoring Service, European Environment Agency

11:00 - 11:20 **Support mechanisms for start-ups, businesses, public authorities and scientists in the development of Copernicus applications and services**

Speaker: **Gerda Kuum**, Market Development Expert at Market Downstream and Innovation Department, European Union Agency for the Space Programme

11:20 - 11:40 **Support instruments in ESA Earth Observation programs for Baltic EO community**

Speakers:

Gordon Campbell, Head of Enterprise EO Data Applications Division, European Space Agency

Dr. Claudia Vitolo, EO Digital Twin Earth Applications Scientist

11:40 - 12:00 **Bringing Copernicus into Business**

Speaker: **Annekatrien Debien**, Manager, SpaceTec Partners

13:30 - 14:15 **Baltic Copernicus use cases**

Speakers:

Dainis Jakovels, Leading Researcher, Institute for Environmental Solution

Ilze Bargā, Member of Board, Baltic Satellite Service, Ltd. (BSS)

Kaupo Voormansik, CEO, OÜ KappaZeta

Gediminas Vaitkus, Director, GEOMATRIX UAB

14:15 - 14:30 **Digital Earth Sweden - a national resource for satellite data**

Speaker: **Selima Ben Mustapha**, Head of Earth Observation Applications, Swedish National Space Agency

14:30 – 14:45 **National Satellite Data Centre ESTHub**

Speaker: **Maili Hirlak**, Head of Department, ESTHub

14:45 – 15:00 **Idea about National Satellite Data Centre LATHub**

Speaker: **Dāvids Štēbelis**, CEO & Senior consultant, Management Service Company and ESA industrial coordinator in Latvia

15:30 – 16:30 **Panel discussion: Competition or Cooperation? Towards a joint effort of bringing Copernicus to the Baltics: Baltic EO Platform? BALTHub? A regional centre of excellence?**

Speakers:

Gordon Campbell, Head of Enterprise EO Data Applications Division, European Space Agency

Dainis Jakovels, Leading Researcher, Institute for Environmental Solution

Maili Hirlak, Head of Department, ESTHub

Andrei Grishanov, CTO, Baltic Satellite Service, Ltd.

Gediminas Vaitkus, Director, GEOMATRIX UAB

REGISTRATION & PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Language of the event: English

Participation: free of charge

Venue: National Library of Latvia

Registrations: please register **here** and **NB!** indicate "*Copernicus Days*" in "other information" to secure in-person attendance.

Organisers: The Ministry of Education and Science.

Questions? Welcome at Kaspars.Karolis@izm.gov.lv