

### **-Session Convenor (s)**

The session will be led by Marc Olijslagers (Catholic University of Leuven) and Martyna Stelmaszczuk-Górska (Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena).

### **-Invited Speakers**

Representatives of the Copernicus Academy

### **-Agenda Points**

09:00 - 09:10 Towards an innovative skills strategy for EO/GI sector - objectives of the meeting

Speaker: Marc Olijslagers (Catholic University of Leuven)

09:10 - 09:25 Presentation of the EO4GEO project

Speaker: Milva Carbonaro (Geographical Information System International Group)

09:25 - 09:35 Presentation of the CopHub.AC project

Speaker: Peter Zeil (Spatial Services GmbH)

09:35 - 09:55 EO/GI Body of Knowledge

Speaker: Marc Olijslagers (Catholic University of Leuven)

09:55 - 10:10 Development of the EO parts of the Body of Knowledge

Speaker: Martyna Stelmaszczuk-Górska (Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena)

10:10 - 10:40 Coffee break

10:40 - 12:30 EO concepts in the Body of Knowledge - discussion

12:30 - 12:45 Summary of the meeting and next steps

Speaker: Marc Olijslagers (Catholic University of Leuven)

13:00 End of the meeting

The agenda can be found [here](#).

### **-Session scope/description**

The project 'Towards an innovative strategy for skills development and capacity building in the space geo-information sector supporting Copernicus user uptake' ([EO4GEO](#)) is a milestone Erasmus+ Sector Skills Alliance. It gathers 26 partners from 13 EU countries, most of which are part of the Copernicus Academy Network. One of the main objectives of the project is the development of a long-term and sustainable strategy to fill the gap between the supply of and demand for space/geospatial education and training, establish a body of knowledge, relevant curricula, and occupational profiles.

The meeting at the ESA Living Planet Symposium 'Towards an innovative skills strategy for Earth Observation (EO) / Geo-Information (GI) sector' will be a consultation meeting with experts in the field of Earth Observation. The meeting will be a great opportunity to discuss and enrich the Body of Knowledge (BoK), a database that represents the knowledge, skills, and competencies required to master the field of EO and GI. The possibility of exchanging the ideas on the BoK will significantly enhance its quality, as well as, in the long term, contributing to the successful implementation of a sustainable skills strategy in EO/GI field. The goal is also to establish an active network of experts that will maintain the BoK beyond the EO4GEO lifespan. This work will be supported by a technology trend watch that monitors and analyses the evolution in space/geospatial and related sectors.