

## **Copernicus: Challenges the Earth Observation space sector faces to demonstrate impact from space investments beyond the traditional target sectors.**

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For many years Europe has invested significantly in infrastructure and technologies for space enabled services. While the telecommunication and location sectors are booming, the geo-information sector is lagging behind. The advent of Copernicus and free and open data policies is seen as a unique opportunity to change this. A new paradigm providing Information as a Service and built around a federation of partners such as Helix Nebula could further support the emergence of a new ecosystem for scientific innovation and new business alike. This talk will outline the current status of access to Earth Observation information and discuss opportunities to meet the challenges ahead.

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