

Copernicus4regions new edition: new call for articles is open, deadline 31st of January 2025

The European Commission, the European Space Agency, and the Network of European Regions Using Space Technologies (NEREUS) are pleased to announce a new call for articles, building upon the success of their previous joint publication, *The Ever-Growing Use of Copernicus Across Europe's Regions*. As part of the Copernicus4regions follow-on activity, the new edition of the initiative seeks to expand and update the collection of 99 user stories and testimonials from public authorities and service providers across Europe. For this reason, we welcome new authors as well as authors with existing stories who would like to share an update to submit their use cases!

We invite local and regional authorities, as well as companies and institutions, to submit short stories showcasing how Copernicus data or services are being used to address local and regional challenges. We are particularly interested in examples that illustrate collaborations between public users and service providers, where public authority involvement or endorsement is clearly evident. These efforts aim to foster community building and bridge the gap between service providers and public users, highlighting the impact of space-enabled solutions on administrative operations. By sharing your experiences, you will contribute to raising awareness about the tangible benefits of Copernicus and help bridge the gap between policymakers, data providers, and users.

Help us document the growing impact of Copernicus across Europe and inspire others by sharing your success story!

Submit your story here → ([LINK](#) to submit your story)

Who:

We expect contributions from the following entities:

- European local or regional authorities from Copernicus Contributing Countries who are leveraging Copernicus data to support public services (public user).
- European companies or institutions from Copernicus Contributing Countries who are providing Copernicus-based services or products to local or regional authorities in Copernicus Contributing Countries (service provider).

Note that stories presented jointly by the public user and the service provider are particularly welcomed!

Why:

The stories accepted for publication will be:

- Featured digitally as part of the [Copernicus4regions collection of user stories](#) and promoted widely;
- Become part of the growing Copernicus4regions community and be involved in its initiatives.

In addition, selected stories providing the most tangible examples of collaborations between public users and service providers (with clear involvement or endorsement from public authorities) will be considered for

- showcasing at Copernicus4regions events and infosessions at the European Parliament, the European Committee of the Regions, or regional events, in which representatives from local and regional authorities will be invited to share their experiences with a political audience. **Stories submitted by mid-December may be considered for presentation at the Copernicus4Regions forthcoming event in early 2025;**
- being featured in professional videos (see here previous examples <https://www.nereus-regions.eu/copernicus4regions/resources/videos/>)

Submission Guidelines:

- **Involvement and endorsement of the public user is a mandatory prerequisite.**
- Submit a brief story (with images) that demonstrates the role of Copernicus data in addressing territorial challenges.
- Articles must be written in English.
- No publication fee; funded by the European Union.
- Articles must feature EO-derived solutions using Sentinels or Copernicus Contributing Missions data either directly or indirectly (e.g. through the Copernicus Services).
- Lead Authors must be from institutions in Copernicus Participating States.
- Articles must address regional policy needs, preferably related to EU or national directives.
- Solutions must be sound, mature, and in use by local or regional authorities (NUTS 2 or NUTS 3).
- Benefits to society, policy-making, economy, or environment should be clear, with indicators if possible.
- Articles must follow the template, be complete, and written for a non-technical audience.

List of documents for your submission

- Instructions for Authors (submission)
- Mock-up of the infosheet
- Declaration on IPR
- Instructions for Authors on the Conf tool
- Privacy notice