

Monday, October 15th, 2012



Time	Topic
08.30–09.00	Registration
Session 1 – Opening and Keynote address. Chair: S. Stylianidis, O. Altan	
09.00–10.30	<p>Welcome Addresses (Petros Patias, OBSERVE coordinator)</p> <p>Invited also :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Aristotle University Rector/Research Committee • Foreign Embassies • The European Parliament • The Hellenic Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change <p>OBSERVE at-a-glance (Petros Patias)</p> <p>Presentation of the OBSERVE multilingual videos</p> <p>Presentation of the OBSERVE Competition Awards (G. Schwarz, A. Trakas, V. Tritakis)</p>
10.30–11.00	Coffee Break - Group Photo
Session 2 – Capitalizing the outcomes of the OBSERVE project. Chair: Ch. Georgiadis, E. Baltasvias	
11.00–12.00	<p>EO Stakeholders in the Balkans - Spatial information system (Ammatzia Peled)</p> <p>Multilevel assessment and gap analysis (Gottfried Schwarz)</p> <p>Roadmap and Strategy plan for strengthening EO capacity (Mojca Kosmatin Fras)</p>
12.00–12.30	Discussion – Round 1 . OBSERVE Experiences
12.30–14.00	Lunch
Session 3 – Scaling up in challenging times. Chair: K. Smagas, G. Schwarz	
14.00–15.00	<p>The benefits of becoming a GEO member (Douglas Cripe)</p> <p>OGC standards in GEO/GEOSS data base (Athina Trakas)</p> <p>Environment, Economy and Quality of Life (Vasilis Tritakis)</p>
15.00–15.30	Discussion – Round 2 . Making the breakthrough
15.30–16.00	Coffee Break
Session 4 – Sharing experiences . Chair: N. Karanikolas, A. Peled	
16.00–17.00	<p>The BalkanGEONet experiences (Vladimir Crnojevic)</p> <p>EnviroGRIDS: contributions to GEOSS from the Black Sea catchment (Anthony Lehmann)</p> <p>Enhancing resilience of communities and territories through smart technologies (Raffaele de Amicis)</p>
17.00–17.30	Discussion – Round 3 . Building on experiences
21.00	Dinner for the delegates

Tuesday, October 16th, 2012



Time	Topic
08.45–09.00	Welcome to Day 2
Session 5 – Raising awareness in the Balkans. Chair: V. Tsioukas, M. Fras	
09.00–10.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping of Earth Observation capabilities and requirements in Greece (Vassilis Tsagaris) • Outcomes & Results of EFFMIS Capitalization Project (Ioannis Bakouros, Evelin Matiaki) • Strengthening of collaborations (Orhan Altan) • Dissemination activities (Emmanuel Baltsavias) • Announcement of the 5th International Conference on GEOgraphic Object-Based Image Analysis-GEOBIA 2014 (George Mallinis)
10.00–10.30	Discussion – Round 4. Bridging the gap
11.00–11.30	Coffee Break
Session 6 – Emerging policies and support	
11.30–12.30	<p>Major challenges – Best practices – Case studies (OBSERVE Partners) (12min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slovenia (Mojca Kosmatin Fras) • Serbia (Zoran Radmilovic) • Albania (Gezim Gjata) • FYROM (Vanco Gjorgjiev) • Croatia (Marinko Oluic) • Bulgaria (Petar Penev) • Bosnia-Herzegovina (Admir Mulahusic) • Turkey (Orhan Altan) • Greece (Charalampos Georgiadis)
12.00–13.00	Final words and Closing



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