

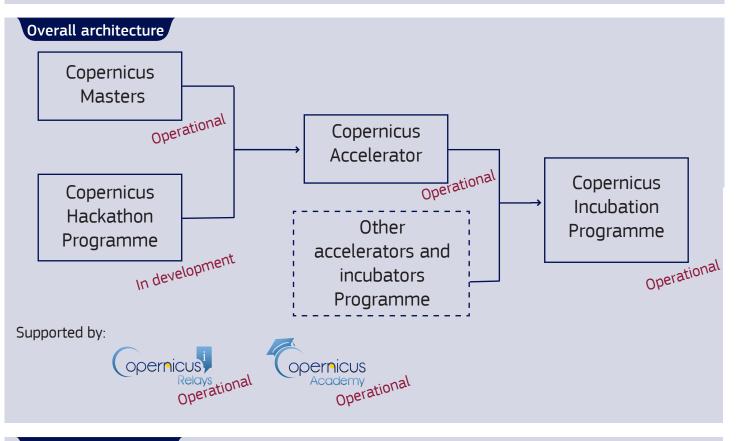


THE COPERNICUS START-UP PROGRAMME



Objective

"The potential of space solutions has not yet been fully exploited. The space sector needs to be better connected to other policies and economic areas". Space Strategy for Europe - 2016 The European Commission thus supports the most promising European start-ups that develop applications based on Copernicus to solve economic or societal problems.



Copernicus Masters

- A competition for entrepreneurs, start-ups & students, who develop new applications based on Copernicus;
- 13 prizes, worth €1.5 million (cash, business incubation, technical assistance...);
- Discover the 2017 winners: <u>www.copernicus-masters.com/hall-of-fame/;</u>
- Next application phase in May 2018: stay tunned at copernicus-masters.com.



Copernicus Hackathons

- A hackathon is a sprint-like event in which computer programmers and subject-experts collaborate intensively to develop software (in that case based on Copernicus data and services);
- The Commission will finance 20 Copernicus hackathons every year throughout Europe. Any organization can apply to organise

Copernicus Accelerator

- Each start-up receives a mentor for the duration of the programme, and works towards a business objective (e.g. entering an incubator, getting a first client...);
- It starts and closes with two BootCamps, where all participants meet their mentor and network. Every month, start-ups can then

a Copernicus hackathon;

copernicus-incubation.eu.

• The organiser of the Copernicus Hackathon programme is being selected. First Appcamp should take place in the Summer 2018.

attend online courses and interact with their mentor;

• So far, more than 90 start-ups benefited from the programme. To apply, look at <u>copernicus-masters.com/accelerator/</u>.

Copernicus Incubation Programme

- The Commission will finance the incubation of 20 start-ups per year;
- Any start-up in Europe will be able to apply (jointly with an incubator/accelerator), to receive a €50,000 voucher;

Copernicus Relays and Academy

- The Copernicus Relays is a network of clusters and businesssupport organization specialized in the use of Copernicus data and services. The Copernicus Academy is a network of universities and research centres active in the development of skills necessary for the use of Copernicus;

• The application is quick and permanently open. Take a look at

- There are more than 160 members in these networks. They act as local multipliers to raise awareness about the opportunities offered by Copernicus (in particular the Copernicus start-up programme);
- The members benefit from tools (communicational material, speakers...) and a direct information channel with the Commission.

Feeling interested? What to do now:

- If you are a start-up:
- Apply to the Copernicus Masters;
- Apply to the Copernicus Incubation Programme, in partnership with an incubator.
- If your are an organisation that supports start-ups:
- Become a Copernicus Relays or Academy to have access to all relevant information and partners;
- Organise a Copernicus Hackathon;
- Apply to the Copernicus Incubation Programme, in partnership with a start-up.

