



# the Copernicus In Situ Component

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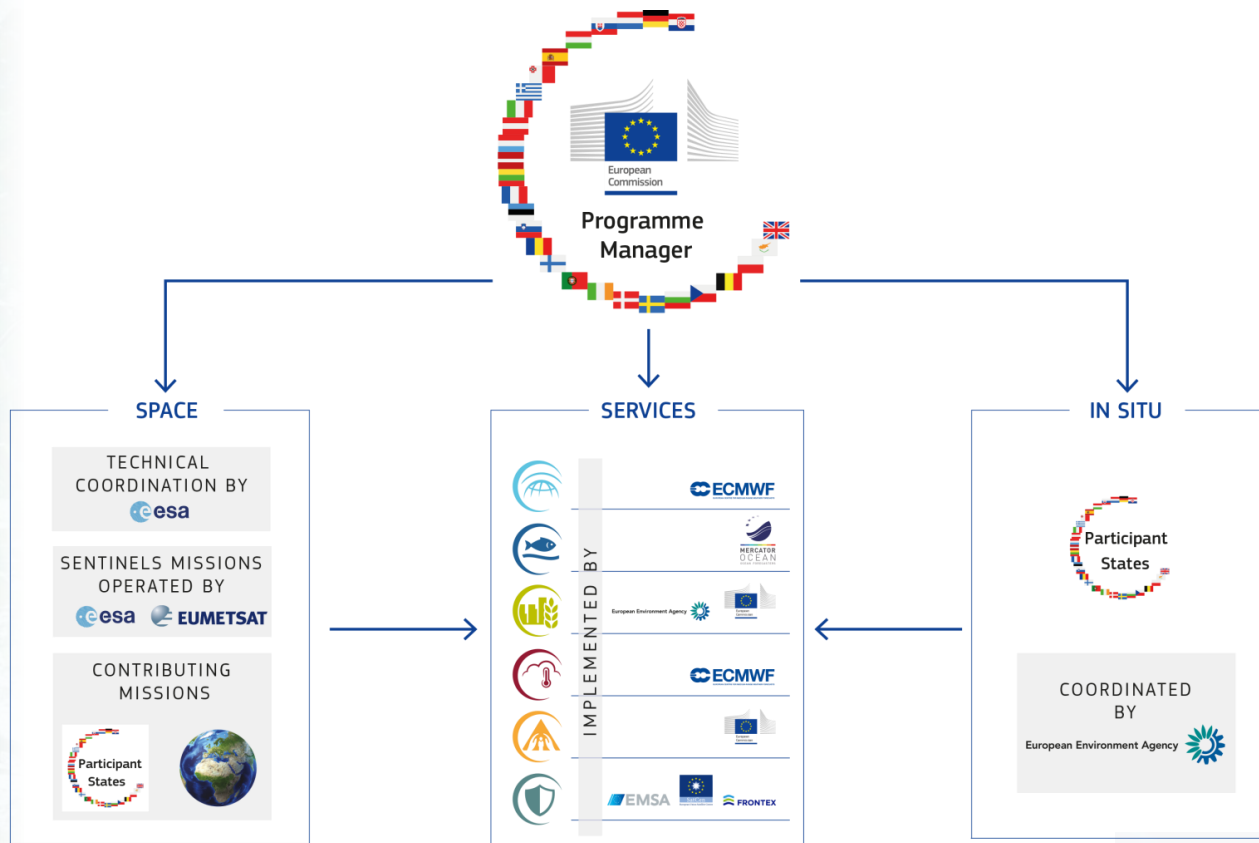
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# Copernicus In Situ Component

- ‘in situ data’ means observation data from ground-, sea-or air-borne sensors as well as reference and ancillary data licensed or provided for use in Copernicus; (Art.3 Copernicus Regulation EU377/2014)
- “The Copernicus in situ component shall provide access to in situ data serving primarily the services...” (Art.7 Copernicus Regulation EU377/2014);



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# Copernicus in situ component

## Space component & Copernicus Services

Using *in situ* data tailored to specific need

Space component/Individual services focus on:

- Data requirements;
- Access agreements and cooperation with data providers;
- Operational management and processing of in situ data.

Delegation agreements with entrusted entities

## Programme level

### *Article 7 – Copernicus regulation*

Cross-cutting coordination across Copernicus services by the EEA

Focus on:

- Overview Copernicus in situ component across services;
- Improving data access;
- Establishing partnership agreements;
- Coordination and exploitation of synergies across all services.

Delegation agreement with the EEA



Why does CMEMS need access to in situ data:

- Operational use in CMEMS forecasts
  - Merge, complement and correct with satellite data
  - Access in-situ information **in depth** when satellites cover **the surface**
  - Assimilate local values in models
  - Validate satellite observations, forecasts and reanalysis
- CMEMS support to Environmental assessment
- CMEMS contribution to Climate science and policy

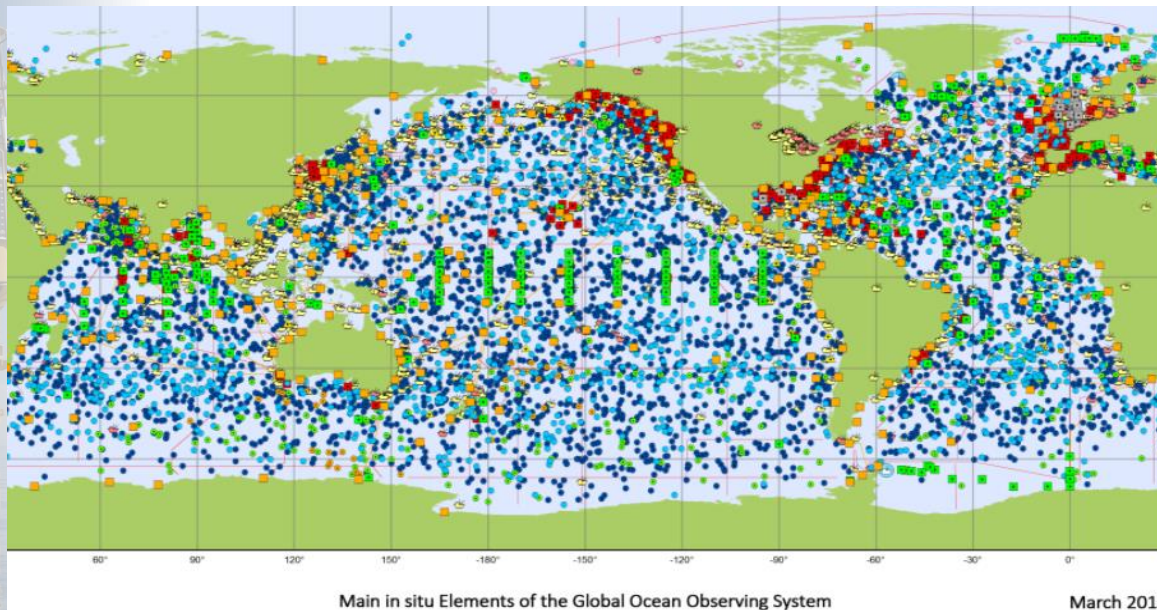




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# Example: Ocean modelling in CMEMS

## CMEMS insitu Thematic Centers



Which types of in situ data:

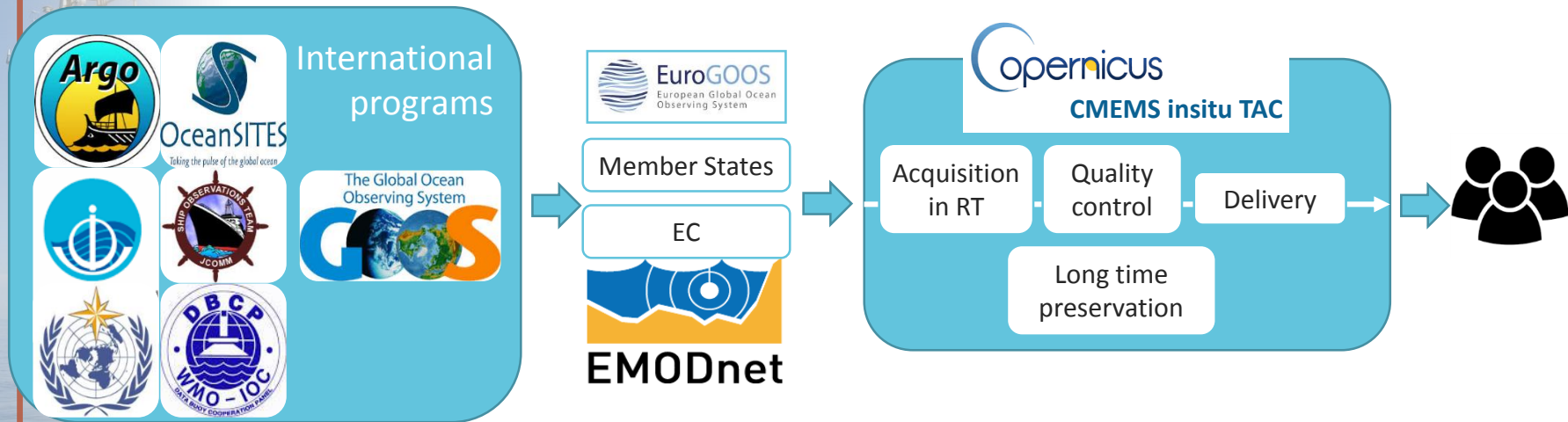
80 parameters, 31 000 platforms, 5 billions observations collected since 2015



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# In-situ for the Copernicus marine service

- Success of in-situ in CMEMS : **A complex but efficient and operational organisation in place**





<https://insitu.copernicus.eu/library/fact-sheets>

Why does CLMS need access to in situ data:

- Supporting the visual interpretation and feature delineation
- Improving the reliability and thematic accuracy
- validation of products and internal quality control steps
- Improving the calibration quality





## Example: LPIS/IACS & Copernicus

LPIS : Land Parcel Identification System  
IACS : Integrated Administration and  
Control System

Fruitful interchanges are possible in both directions between  
LPIS, IACS and CAP & Copernicus

LPIS, IACS and CAP		Copernicus & its products
Targeting and evaluation	←	Information about non-declared land Information about environmental conditions
Grassland management	→	HRL Grassland, Natura 2000, Riparian zones
Types of crops	→	Natura 2000
Types of crops – Crop conditions (also relevant for product development)	← →	Biophysical products
Greenhouses	→	HRL Imperviousness
Permanent grassland monitoring	→ ←	HRL grassland (ploughing indicator)
Ecological Focus Areas	→	Small woody features



Climate  
Change

<https://insitu.copernicus.eu/FactSheets/C3S/>

Why does C3S need access to in situ data:

- Climate reanalysis
- Calibration and validation
- Evaluation and improvement

In situ data requirements for Essential Climate Variables (ECVs) to systematically monitor the Earths' climate

- Atmospheric: over land, sea and Ice
- Oceanic
- Terrestrial



<https://insitu.copernicus.eu/FactSheets/CAMS>

- Accurate, stable and well-calibrated observations to constrain the air quality models at the near-surface level of exposure
- To validate the global and regional forecasts and reanalyses

Only the combination of all the data sources including in situ data will provide users with reliable and up-to-date information.



Atmosphere  
Monitoring

## CAMS SPECIFIC IN SITU DATA CONTRACTS



European Environment Agency



ICOS

integrated  
carbon  
observation  
system



A range of dedicated directly negotiated contracts with the main networks that monitor atmospheric composition in Europe and worldwide. Contracts (until 2020) negotiations are in progress.



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Why does CEMS need access to in situ data:

- To reduce the delivery time final products
- To increase the thematic and geometric accuracy
- To facilitate the integration of the data and information
- To provide input to models
- To validate post-events
- To improve the accuracy of the (forecasted and monitored) risks
- To reduce potential losses
- To increase awareness





Security

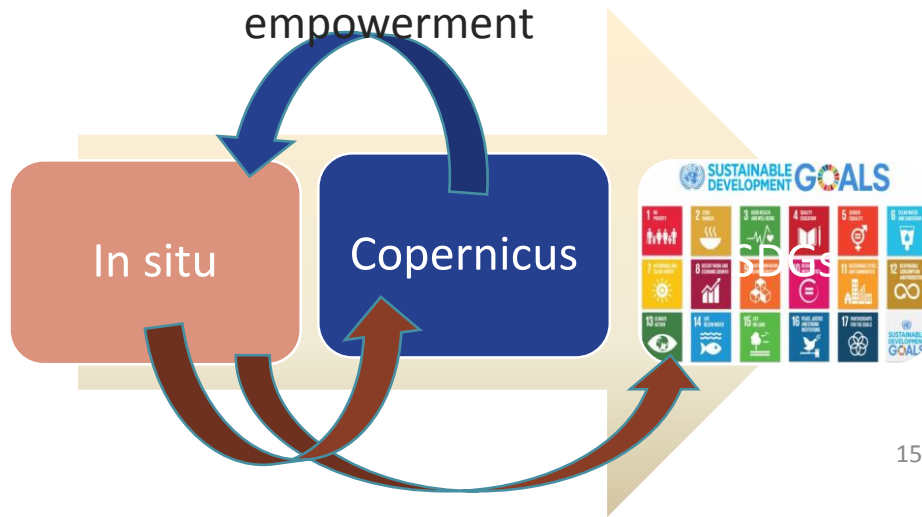
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- Why does CSS need access to in situ data:
  - To increase situational awareness
  - To improve reaction capability
  - To improve thematic and geometric accuracy
  - To increase area coverage and observation time
  - To increase the speed of response to user requests
  - To improve the quality of products
  - To improve the tasking and acquisition of satellite imagery (by relying on accurate meteorological data)



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## In situ & Copernicus & SDGs

- UN sustainable development knowledge platform
- "The-Future-We-Want" in paragraph 274 recognizes "the importance of space-technology-based data, in situ monitoring, and reliable geospatial information for sustainable development policy-making, programming and project operations."





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CEOS publication:

Satellite Earth Observations in support of the sustainable development goals  
– Special 2018 Edition

[http://eohandbook.com/sdg/files/CEOS\\_EOHB\\_2018\\_SDG.pdf](http://eohandbook.com/sdg/files/CEOS_EOHB_2018_SDG.pdf)

- *"EO data is no doubt going to play a significant and **central** role in the **global reporting processes** for the next 15 years. Its use will not be in isolation and **must be** guided by issues around definition and scope and **supported by complementary in-situ information.**"*



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## Coordinating in situ

- Provision of in situ data to the operational services based on existing capacities of others (CORDA)
- **Improving the access** and (harmonized) license conditions
  - Best practices and Quality control
  - Can be beset by technical challenges of
    - lack of data,
    - missing contributions by communes,
    - missing attributes,
    - errors in presentation/formats
    - ...



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# Coordinating in situ

## Example of technical challenge: Working with downloadable harmonized datasets: Administrative Units (INSPIRE Annex I theme) – status April 2018

http://inspire-geoportal.ec.europa.eu/thematicviewer/Theme.action?themecode=au&national=true&country=EU

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**Datasets - Administrative units of Europe**

Dataset:

INSPIRE Geoportal Dataset Statistics

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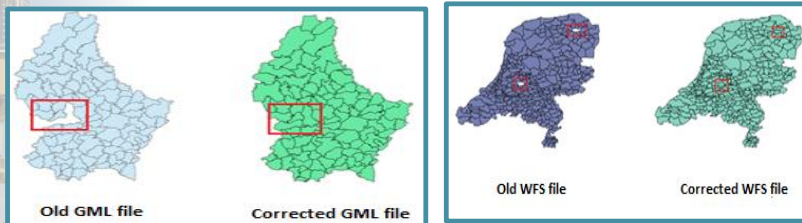


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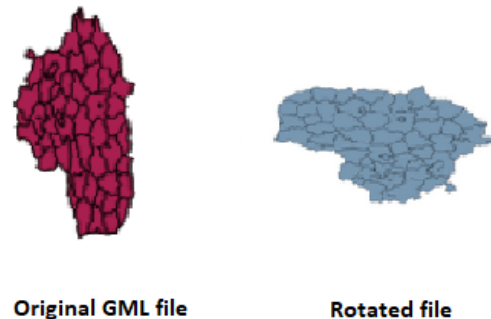
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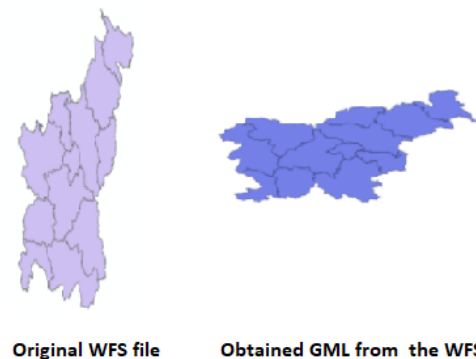
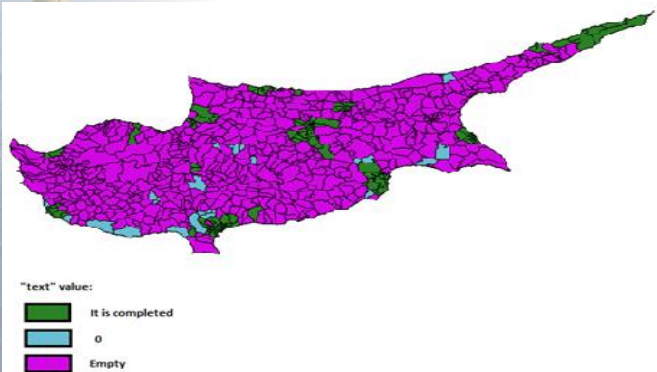
### Missing communes



### Rotation



### Lack of attributes





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## Coordinating in situ

- **Partnership agreements:** engagement and exploring synergies with in situ data networks, international organisations, global networks
  - Best practice of efficiency : agreement with EUMETNET : one single interface providing access to several partners;
    - exploring the possibility to negotiate data exchange agreements e.g. with China, India, USA on air quality;
- **Copernicus international administrative arrangements:**
  - Technical Operating Arrangements (TOA) for access to in situ data e.g. Geoscience Australia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and India;
  - Coordinating to include the provision of the in-situ data into the core DIAS infrastructure in the TOA's managed by ESA and EUMETSAT.
  - Testing access and quality control



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## Copernicus In Situ Component v2.0

- Exploring **synergies with research infrastructure**

E.g. explore the possibility to coordinate data exchanges with European Research Infrastructure for the observation of Aerosol, Clouds, and Trace gases (ACTRIS)

<https://insitu.copernicus.eu/library/reports/ResearchInfrastructuresandCopernicusFinalversionNov2017.pdf>

- Examples of RIs that have established a link to GEOSS at national level :
  - the European Marine Biological Research Centre (EMBRC)
  - European Multidisciplinary Seafloor and water column Observatory (EMSO)
  - SeaDataNet: a distributed Marine Data Infrastructure for the management of large and diverse marine in situ datasets.
  - JERICO: *in-situ* coastal and shelf-sea observations



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# Copernicus In Situ Component v2.0

- Exploring **synergies with the space component** (e.g. CO<sub>2</sub>)
- Identifying **coverage gaps, sustainability issues**



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## Challenge:

- Locating the right partners to have a dialogue with, since in situ data is held by communities outside Copernicus: very heterogenous landscape (complexity);
- Locating communities own coordination bodies
  - At supplier level – commercial, public provision, research driven
  - At user level – users groups formed to improve access





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