

Kick-off meeting in Sophia Antipolis

The December, 6, 2011, the Kick-off meeting has taken place in Sophia Antipolis at the ACRI-ST and CLS's instigation and in the presence of representatives of the ESA, CNES, EUMETSAT, PACA Region, Sophia Antipolis Foundation and of representatives of each project's partners.

This prototyping of the Marine Collaborative Ground Segment is co-funded by private & public partners and by the French Government (Fonds Unique Interministériel), the local authorities of French regions (Bretagne & Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur) and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), under sponsorship of the French Spatial Agency (CNES).

MCGS addresses the need of the European Space Agency to build up data processing centers in conjunction with the GMES Program for the provision of services to local and national, public and private European institutions or entities involved in marine activities. For its innovative content, MCGS has been nominated by the economic competitiveness clusters "pole Mer PACA", "pole Mer Bretagne" & "Aerospace Valley".

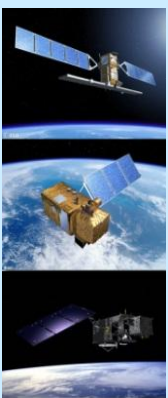


Kick-Off meeting. From left to right in the first row: Juliette Lambin, CNES, Henri Laur, Head of the ESA Earth Observation Missions Management Office, Odile Fanton d'Andon, ACRI-ST's Director, Jean-Noël Durvy, General Director of the Sophia Antipolis Foundation, Jean-Pierre Mascarelli, Vice-President of the Provence-Alpes-Côtes d'Azur Region and of Symisa syndicate, Guy Herrouin, Pôle Mer PACA, François-Régis Martin-Lauzer, Director, ACRI Group and Marie-Christine Huau, Veolia.

A first MCGS' R&D component for shellfish monitoring

MCGS currently contributes to the set-up of a research project using remote-sensing data to assess the environmental and economical impact of turbidity and chlorophyll on the shellfish growth, and notably oysters. This project lead by a French university involves a collaboration with several labs and research institutes.

MCGS presented at the 5th GOCG meeting



GMES hold its 5th Operation Concept Consultation Group (GOCG) in Berlin on 13th December 2012, specifically dedicated to the Collaborative Ground Segments in Europe. The MCGS offer, among others, was presented by Vincent Toumazou (CNES).

Further to the meeting, a questionnaire on preliminary collaborative ground segment initiative will be fill-in by the MCGS consortium and sent to ESA for setting up an efficient collaboration with the agency, in particular in term of data access requirement.

2nd edition of the French Ocean Colour Workshop

The 2nd edition of the Ocean Colour National Workshop will be organised by GIS COOC in Sophia Antipolis on 23rd and 24th January 2012. In parallel of more than 20 communications given by French researchers, MCGS will be presented during a round-table on GMES applications, introduced by Jean Leonetti, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, and the general managers of CNES, ESA, Thales, Astrium, SHOM, European Community, JRC, etc.

For further information, please consult www.gis-cooc.org

