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Subject: Hearing on Access to GMES Earth Observation Data

Dear Sir or Madam,

The EC and ESA invite you to attend a Hearing on Access to GMES Earth Observation Data. The date and venue are as follows:

Date : 17 December 2009 starting at 9:30

**Venue: Charlemagne building, Room Jean Durieux (S4),
rue de la Loi 170, 1049 Brussels**

The meeting intends to collect user feedback on the proposed approach and the data sets offered, especially from the GMES services and European value adding and service industry.

The meeting will be co-chaired by the EC and ESA and will be split in 5 different thematic sessions. The feedback of the users will be framed by the attached set of questions.

Background

GMES (Global Monitoring for Environment and Security) is an EC-led initiative to ensure Earth Observation services on a sustainable basis, and tailored to the needs of users, including public authorities and private citizens.

In the GMES Space Component (GSC), which guarantees access to a variety of Earth Observation (EO) data, the EC and ESA are jointly funding the provisions of Earth Observation data from third party missions (GSC Data Access or GSC-DA).

ESA and the EC are specifically working together to define the principles governing access to Earth Observation data from third party missions. These principles are summarised in the annex. A preliminary requirement document will be circulated prior to the meeting.

Agenda

For your information, you will find attached a preliminary Agenda for the meeting.

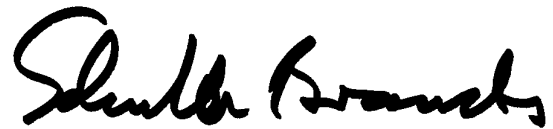
Registration

A website for final information and registration is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=3842&tpa_id=141&lang=en

I hope to see you at the meeting.

Yours Sincerely,



Reinhard Schulte-Braucks
Head of Unit

Annexes: Agenda

Principles governing EO data Access under the EC/ESA Delegation Agreement
Questions to participants