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Geodata for Agriculture and Water – G4AW



Space for Food Security, connecting the global and local dimension – G4AW 2nd Call for Proposals

Analysis of information chain and good practices

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Pinpointed and targeted customer value proposition with potential for expansion

- Tackle a well-defined and specific problem;
- Part of a portfolio of services (opportunity to assess future potential), but focus remains on core offer;
- Well-elaborated use of satellite information;
- Thorough analysis of alternative solutions, in case primary sources of (satellite) information cannot be used;
 - Not developed from scratch: usually a reproduction of an already (elsewhere) tested service;
 - Builds on already existing delivery mechanism(s);
- Embedded in local context.



Impact indicators

- **Fit-for-purpose:** demonstrated with a clear focus and tested elsewhere.
- **Comparative advantage:** clearly demonstrated.
- Complexity to user / ease-of-use: to be demonstrated, but evident from description.
- **Elegance:** to be demonstrated, but well-elaborated and appealingly described.
- Cost-benefit: most likely from calculations, but to be demonstrated during the project
- Reliability / continuity of service: different options are available, proposed solutions are tested elsewhere, ownership, tasks and responsibilities after the end of the project is arranged



Impact indicators (continued)

- **Resilience:** a plan B is available in case a data source is (temporarily) unavailable.
- Reproduction capacity / flexibility: the proposed solution is tested elsewhere and can be adapted to new environments.
- Acceptance: to be demonstrated, but likely from proposal and existing contacts with the target group (building on existing platforms / networks).
- Level of knowledge transfer required: covered by the proposal, in alignment with reduction of complexity to the user / ease-of-use.
- Ethics, transparency, public accountability, objectivity and impartiality: will improve the lives of farmers on the basis of objective and transparent (satellite) information.



Bonus: World Bank RS for water impact case study (Water Partnership Program - WPP)

Remote sensing for water resources management is a promising technology with great potential.

Relevance for the decision-making process is not selfevident.

The remote sensing community should:

- More clearly demonstrate that the applications are operational and fit-for-purpose,
- Reduce the complexity of use (by simplifying user operations and/or technology transfer),
- Pay more attention to resilience (always have a plan B available) and
- Ensure reproduction capacity (scalability) of applications.



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Thank you for your attention

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Photo 'the Netherlands by night' taken by Dutch ESA astronaut André Kuipers from ISS with 'night-pod system' developed by cosine