



# EUROPEAN REGIONS AS GALILEO AND/OR COPERNICUS USERS: EUSPA'S PRE-COMMERCIAL PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITY IN THE NEW HORIZON EUROPE CALL

**Online event**

**Friday 2nd December 11:00-12:00 CET**

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## **Programme 2nd December 2022, 11:00-12:00 AM, CET(moderated discussion):**

- Welcome and Introduction by Roya Ayazi, NEREUS Secretary-General (5 min)
- The Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP) topic as an opportunity for European Regions: information about the topic, ideas for funding, structure by Vasilis Kalogirou, EUSPA (10 min)
- "PCP instrument information: all you need to know about the PCP funding instrument", by Lieve Bos, DG CONNECT (15 min)
- Short pitches (optional): Pitch on your Region's challenges (regional representatives are welcome to present their pitch, please contact first the secretariat) (3 min per pitch)
- Q&A Interactive session

## **What is About?**

This webinar will introduce the HORIZON Pre-commercial Procurement call 'Strategic autonomy in developing, deploying and using global space-based infrastructures, services, applications and data'. Ultimately, the goal of the webinar would be to inform the regional stakeholder how to benefit and better access EUSPA's funding opportunities, build a consortium, exchange with the public user.

The objective of the call is -among others- to stimulate the public sector in Europe to use space downstream products, involving SMEs and midcaps, and support to public stakeholders through specific funding tools, to develop, via pre-commercial procurement (PCP) innovative EGNSS and/or Copernicus based solutions. This infosession is addressed to all regional stakeholders (public/private sector, academia, etc) to better familiarize themselves with the objectives of the call, and join the discussion focused on the understanding of the public sector's needs (demand) and the space-based solutions offered by the regional ecosystem (supply).

**Target group:** space clusters within and outside NEREUS, SMEs, companies, and all regional stakeholder interested in space businesses regarding the use of space technologies.

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## **Background:**

Public sector's increasing needs become evident now more than ever in a wide range of domains, such as transport, smart cities and air quality monitoring and forecasting, crisis emergency management, civil security applications and border management, climate change adaptation, mitigation and resilience services, civil infrastructure, agriculture, environmental protection, urban planning, and coastal management. For more information, you may consult NEREUS flagship project, Copernicus4regions.

In this respect, regions and public administration come across a lot of challenges related to these and other domains of their activity. To this end, sustainable and innovative solutions in different market segments using space data are needed to overcome these barriers. The downstream sector represented by the regional ecosystem can offer space-based solutions (applications and services) to the regional policies and strategies improving the quality of life for the citizens. In this context, NEREUS organizes this online event for discussion between EUSPA, the public sector and the regional stakeholder to identify what are the needs and what are the actions to be taken.

NEREUS is a European network of regions, currently comprised of 23 Member regions and 33 Associate members (including space clusters and companies). NEREUS is the only European association that represents the interests of European regions and their stakeholders (companies, clusters, etc) using space technologies while simultaneously highlighting the regional dimension of European space policy and programmes.