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5th European Symposium by NEREUS Regions: *Space Data powered by Data Valleys and AI Factories*



October 22-23, 2026

DAMA Technopole

B4 Pavilion, Via Stalingrado 84/3
Bologna (Emilia-Romagna, Italy)

Hosted by the Emilia-Romagna Region and co-organized by ART-ER and the European network NEREUS.

About the Symposium

This year's symposium places a strong emphasis on the strategic role of regions in Europe's digital and green transitions, focusing on how the use of **space data, managed and powered by artificial Intelligence (AI)**, and **High-Performance Computing (HPC)**, can reinforce Europe's technological sovereignty and resilience and it will highlight the importance of robust data governance frameworks, trusted infrastructures, and coordinated policy action to unlock the full value of Earth Observation and space-based services for public authorities.

In particular, the goal of the Symposium in Bologna is to explore what could be considered the "**perfect model**" of Space Data Management for empowering the "typical" **Regional Geographic Data Platform**. While such a model varies across ecosystems - and, in practice, may not truly exist - sharing experiences across regions and insights from diverse stakeholders will provide valuable benefits for all participants.

A New Interactive Format

To move beyond traditional conferences, the Symposium is designed to combine plenary sessions with highly interactive networking opportunities. The core of the event will feature:

- **B2G (Business-to-Government) Meetings:** Dedicated one to one matchmaking sessions connecting Public Administrations with Service Providers.
- **Cooperative Discussion Tables:** Interactive working groups guided by facilitators to debate, network, and gather insights on specific space data challenges.

Important Logistical Information & Accommodation

The Symposium will officially kick off on the morning of **Thursday, October 22 (around 9:00)** and will conclude with a **programme of technical visits** in the afternoon of **Friday, October 23 (around 18:30)**.

Please be aware that Bologna is a highly requested destination and can be very busy during this period. **We strongly recommend booking your hotel as early as possible to secure your stay.** [At this link](#) you can find suggested accommodations either in the city center, or in proximity of the train station and the DAMA Technopole.

Next steps

A preliminary version of the full programme, along with the official registration form, will be shared soon.

Mark your calendars, prepare your regional ecosystems, and get ready to join us in Bologna!
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