

PRESS RELEASE

e-GEOS (Telespazio/ASI) reconfirmed as head of the Emergency Management Service consortium

Rome, 6 March 2023 - e-GEOS, a company established by Telespazio (80%) and the Italian Space Agency (20%), has been reconfirmed head of the consortium that provides the **Emergency Management Service (EMS) - Rapid Mapping** services for the **European Commission's** Joint Research Centre.

In fact, the **European Commission** has renewed the **36 million euro** contract for the provision of satellite maps for the emergency management sector for the fourth time. The contract, which has been managed by the e-GEOS-led consortium for the past 10 years, will run from 2023-2029 as part of the operational division of the **Copernicus European Union's Earth observation programme**, a unique global service in the field of emergency management.

Under the new contract, the consortium will provide the European Commission with on-demand satellite maps of areas affected by natural disasters or humanitarian crises within just a few hours from request (2 hours for initial assessment and a maximum of 10 hours for the complete range of services).

EMS – Rapid Mapping, which is active 24 hours a day 365 days a year, will be operated by a **consortium led by e-GEOS** and its German subsidiary **GAF**, **Telespazio Iberica** in Spain, the Italian company **Ithaca**, French partners **Sertit** and **CLS**, **GMV** in Portugal, **IABG** in Germany, **Planetek Hellas** in Greece and **Hensoldt Analytics** in Austria.

Since its launch in 2012, the service has been used to monitor more than **650 events**, delivering over **5000 satellite maps** to more than 46 countries, both in Europe and worldwide. The European Commission **provides all civil protection, emergency and territory management users in Europe with maps free of charge**, facilitating damage assessment procedures, allowing relief agencies to respond much more quickly and efficiently. To ensure worldwide coverage, coordinated access to multi-mission satellite data is guaranteed by the European Space Agency (ESA) within the framework of an EU delegation agreement.

"I am really proud that e-GEOS and the entire consortium has been reconfirmed as Europe's technological reference point for a service that is useful for every citizen. This international team has developed unprecedented skills and know-how in the world of geoinformation services which, today, given the growing emergency situations, have become more important than ever before", states **Paolo Minciocchi**, CEO of e-GEOS. "With this contract, e-GEOS and its industrial shareholders, Telespazio and Leonardo, reaffirms its leadership as a provider of services and technologies to support emergency management".

Copernicus EMS Rapid Mapping is a well-established, internationally recognised service, which is further confirmed by the positive feedback and engagement of its users across Europe. A European success story for all EMS-RM stakeholders, including the European

Commission, the European Space Agency and other service providers, that work to improve and consolidate the service in this ever-evolving domain.

Over the term of the 6-year contract, this **state-of-the-art service will be further improved** by leveraging technology and digitization to **deliver maps at an increasingly faster rate**. With this in mind, **a new Situational Report** has been added to the Rapid Mapping portfolio, providing key information on the disaster-affected area, such as the exposed population and critical infrastructure, **photographic images and open-source data and multimedia content** and other useful information to assess the impact of the disaster, within the first 4 hours of activation, which will be updated as and when new information and products become available.

ABOUT e-GEOS

e-GEOS is an ASI (20%)/Telespazio (80%) company, a global leader in the delivery of applications and services using innovative, high-tech Geoinformation platforms based on Artificial Intelligence and cloud technology. With a unique portfolio, e-GEOS offers a wide range of application services, from data acquisition to analytical report generation, also thanks to its optical and radar capabilities and rapid access to the superior monitoring capabilities of the first- and second-generation COSMO-SkyMed constellation, for which the company is the exclusive distributor worldwide. e-GEOS also manages the acquisition, storage and processing of multi-mission satellite data for the Matera Space Centre, one of the stations of the Copernicus Core Ground Segment, and receives radar data acquired by the Sentinel-1 mission.

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