

## Webinar

1<sup>st</sup> OCRE call for projects

Adoption of Earth Observation Services

"1<sup>st</sup> EO Call"

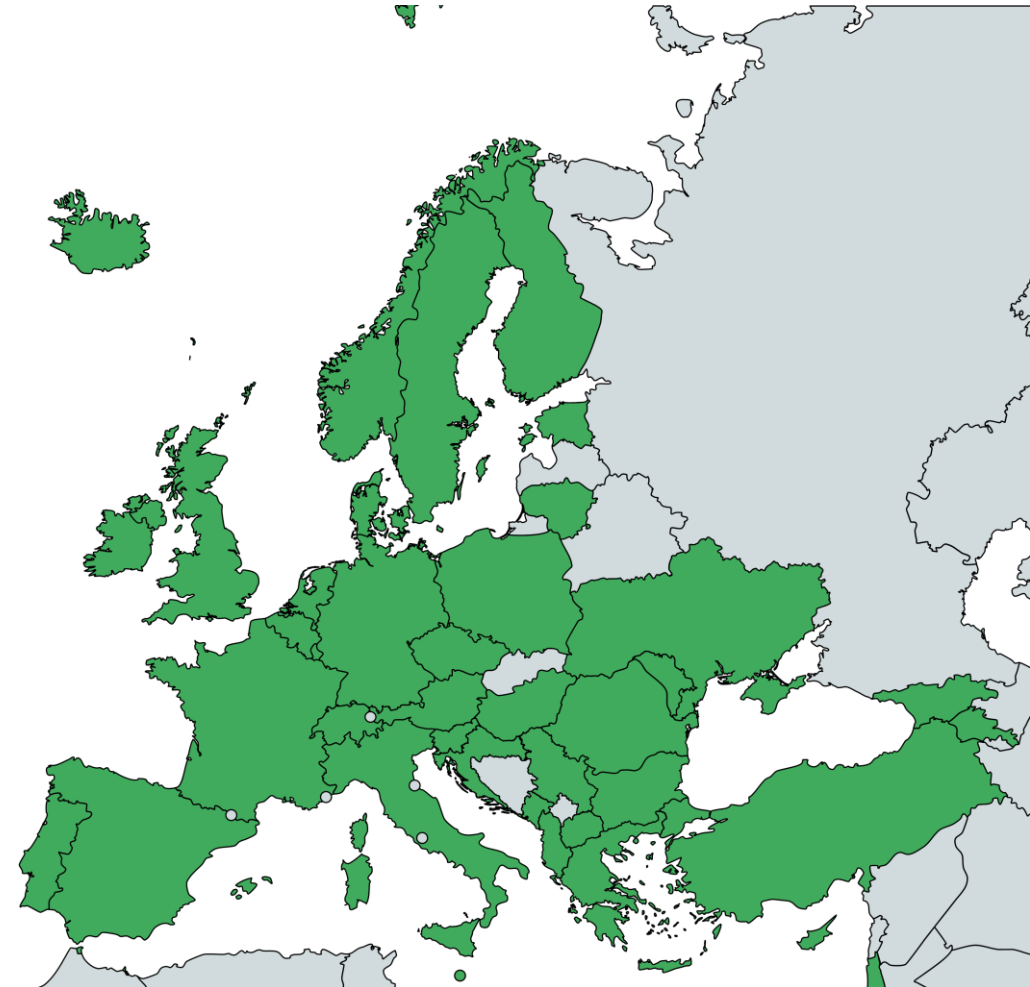
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**OCRE** | Open Clouds  
for Research  
Environments



1. OCRE will establish procurement vehicles to provide the European not-for-profit Research & Education (R&E) community access to a portfolio of
  - A. commercial infrastructure cloud services
  - B. commercial Earth Observation Platform Services**
2. Following this, three funding waves will then target the research community to stimulate adoption of these services.
3. By developing and executing the processes required to execute the aforementioned, OCRE will develop the capability for procuring and brokering commercial services in the EOOSC



# Adoption funding waves and budget

	Infrastructure Cloud Services	Earth Observation Platform Services	Target group
Wave 1	€ 1.4775M	€ 0.975M	individual researchers
Wave 2	€ 1M	€ 1.5M	research projects at individual institutions
Wave 3	€ 2.25M  50% co-funded by research project	€ 2.25M  50% co-funded by research project	research projects at (groups) of institutions represented by / referred by research support organisation organisation

## 1st Earth Observation Services call

- Open 14 October (webinar)
- Application deadline:
  - Mon 30 November
- Award announcement latest:
  - Fri 29 Jan 2021



## Tentative planning future calls:

- OCRE will try to pull calls forward


Call type	Open	Deadline	Award
1st Cloud Call	15 Sept 2020	2 Nov 2020	14 Dec 2020
<b>1st EO Call</b>	<b>14 Oct 2020</b>	<b>30 Nov 2020</b>	<b>29 Jan 2021</b>
2nd Cloud Call	15 Feb 2021	+6 weeks	+10 weeks
<b>2nd EO Call</b>	<b>15 Feb 2021</b>	<b>+6 weeks</b>	<b>+10 weeks</b>
3rd Cloud Call	July 2021	+6 weeks	+10 weeks
<b>3rd EO Call</b>	<b>July 2021</b>	<b>+6 weeks</b>	<b>+10 weeks</b>

- Applicant submits project proposal
- OCRE evaluates
- OCRE's External Advisory Board reviews intended awards
  - Oversight of funding allocation: balanced, fair, transparent, non-discriminatory
  - <https://www.ocre-project.eu/ocre-expert-advisory-board>
- OCRE contracts with awarded project (MoU)
- OCRE and awarded project establish detailed requirements
- OCRE conducts DPS tender for EO services for awarded projects
- Project uses procured services
- Awarded project will contribute to OCRE's creation of a show case
  - podcast/interview, written document: OCRE does the work

New suppliers can enter Earth Observation Dynamic Purchasing System

DPS closed for new suppliers for that particular tender

- Aim for bigger, research-relevant projects that really show the research community how OCRE's portfolio of services can help to achieve great research outcomes, e.g.
  - new outcomes enabled by services
  - improved execution: time, money, quality
  - impact amplifier - allow small groups to do large undertakings
  - allow for nimble budgets to achieve great things
- 50% Co-funding: Allow existing projects to do MORE



**Inspiring showcases**  
case studies which inspire  
other researchers to adopt  
infrastructure-cloud  
services for their research

# Who is eligible and what can OCRE funding be used for?

Eligible institutions:

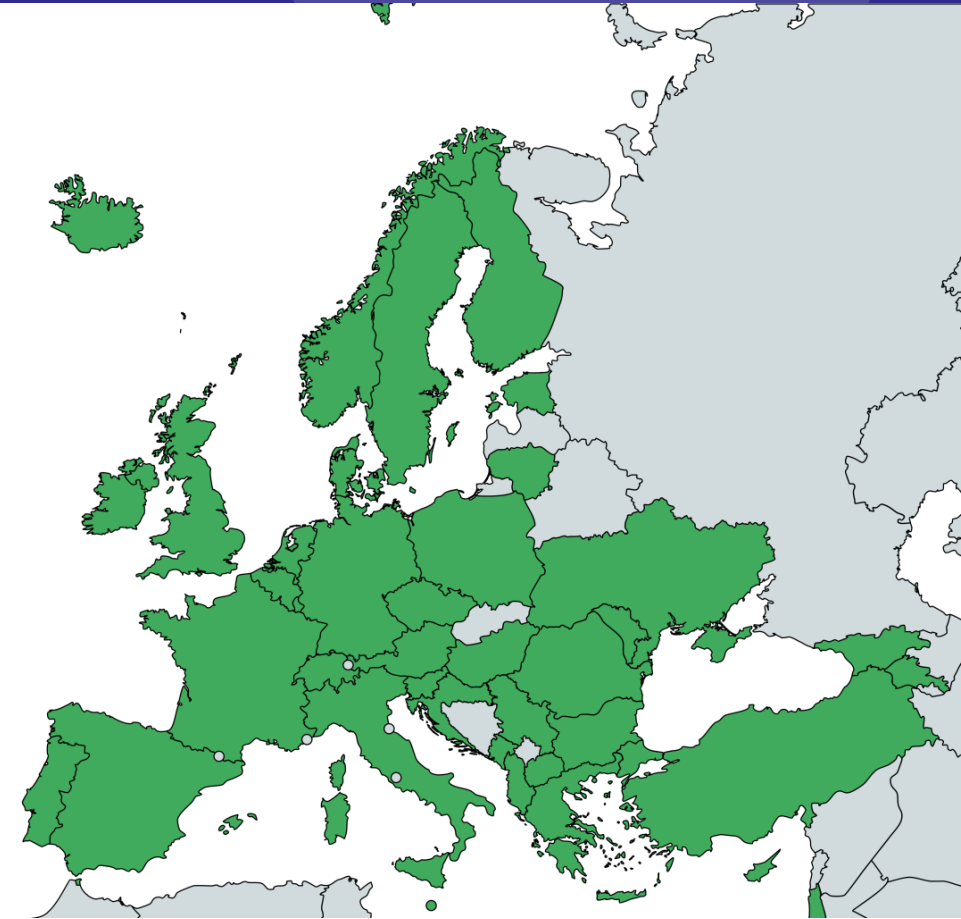
- All member institutions of NRENs in the green countries

The funding is for:

- purchases from the OCRE Earth Observation Suppliers in the **Dynamic Purchasing System**
  - consulting services in support of using these EO services
    - on-boarding, assist with architecting service use, etc
  - IaaS services in support of using these EO services
    - purchases from the OCRE IaaS framework agreements

**Not covered by OCRE funding:**

- your project's person hours



- **Research project description**
  - this is where you explain why your project is worth while and capable of becoming a show case for others
  - and explain how it benefits from a look on the earth from the sky
  - **Can be any research field!**
- **How will Earth Observation Services based on Copernicus Data support your project activities and improve your research outcomes?**
  - What services you intend to use (in functional terms, feel free to use brand names for clarification)
- Your ability to execute and your ability to use the resources in a short time



### **100% funded - funding tiers:**

- Funding for individual institutes to submit proposals for research projects that would benefit by consuming Earth Observations services. OCRE will fund these services which would be supplied by providers on the OCRE procurements.
- up to €50.000, €50.000-75.000, €75.000-100.000

### **50% co-funded:**

- Co-funding for institutional research projects referred by national/multi-national research (support) agencies, in order to provide further support for these projects in terms of Earth Observations services co-funded (50%) by OCRE.
  - ESFRIs/ERICs, NRENs, national eInfra organisations, large European/National research agencies
- funding – tiers: same as 100% funded + €100-250.000

**if you have a fantastic idea outside of these tiers, do apply**

- **Show case effect**
  - of your research
  - impact of OCRE services on your research
- Ability to use services and achieve impact on your research in short time
  - months, not years
- Ability to execute
  
- Eligibility

Thank you

Questions?

- Ask them now in the Q&A
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