

## 7th Annual Hybrid Excelsior Workshop

### Earth Observation for Climate Change and Security Applications and Services in the Eastern Mediterranean, Middle East, and North Africa (EMMENA)

#### Agenda

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#### Monday 27/04/2026

Speaker	Time
<b>Prof. Diofantos Hadjimitsis</b> , Managing Director of ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence <i>Welcome</i>	<b>14:00 – 14:10</b>
<b>Dr. Eleni Paliouras</b> , Head of the Strategy, Programme & Coordination Office, ESA <i>Title: Evolution of ESA's Earth Observation Programmes post-CM25</i>	<b>14:10 – 14:30</b>
<b>Dr. Egbert Schwarz</b> , German Aerospace Center – DLR <i>Title: Enabling Near Real-Time Maritime Security Applications Through EarthView Cyprus Infrastructure</i>	<b>14:30 – 14:50</b>
<b>Prof. Dan Blumberg</b> , Vice President for Regional & Industrial Development & Simon Family Professorial Chair in Remote Sensing <i>Title: Earth Observation at the Climate-Security Nexus in EMMENA; From monitoring to anticipatory services in the Eastern Mediterranean, Middle East and North Africa</i>	<b>14:50 – 15:10</b>
<b>Dr. Haris Kontoes</b> , Research Director of National Observatory of Athens (NOA) <i>Title: Towards a green and digital era - Protecting sustainable development and societal well-being</i>	<b>15:10 – 15:30</b>
<b>Coffee Break 15:30 – 16:00</b>	
<b>Dr. Rodanthe-Elisavet Mamouri</b> , ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence <i>Title: The Cyprus Atmospheric Remote Sensing Observatory [CARO NF]: Advancing Atmospheric Research, Innovation, and European Integration</i>	<b>16:00 – 16:20</b>
<b>Dr. Michael Falkowski</b> , Earth Fire Alliance <i>Title: Fire Intelligence for Climate Security in EMMENA</i>	<b>16:20 – 16:40</b>
<b>Prof. Andreas Anayiotos</b> , ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence & Cyprus University of Technology <i>Title: Eratosthenes Centre of Excellence infrastructure and Knowhow in the development of Climate Change and Security Applications and Services in the EMMENA region.</i>	<b>16:40 – 17:00</b>
<b>Dr. Thomas Krauss</b> , The German Aerospace Center (DLR)	<b>17:00 – 17:20</b>

<p><i>Title: Creating a Strong Rain Danger Map for Cyprus</i></p>	
<p><b>Dr. Kyriacos Themistokleous</b>, ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence  <i>Title: Earth Observation Ground Segment Operations: Earth View Cyprus</i></p>	<p><b>17:20 – 17:40</b></p>
<p><b>211</b> Human Capital, AI Readiness and STEM Capability in Earth Observation Centres of Excellence: Towards a Talent and Skills Framework for Organisational Excellence, <b>Vana Ioanna Karagianni</b>, Athanasios Drigas, Ioannis Gitas – Case study for ERATOSTHENES</p>	<p><b>17:40 – 17:50</b></p>

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