



Text: The European Commission has requested from EUMETSAT, to submit a proposal for the implementation of one instance of the Data & Information Access Services (DIAS) Platforms in cooperation with ECMWF and Mercator-Ocean (hereinafter called the Partners). The EUMETSAT & Partners DIAS will be one of the functional elements of the Copernicus Integrated Ground Segment (IGS) and will be funded by the European Union under the Copernicus Programme.

A DIAS Information Day to Industry will be held on the 1 June 2017 at EUMETSAT Headquarters starting at 10:00 and finishing at 16:00 with the purpose to:

1. Inform Industry about the intended DIAS development and its implementation logic;
2. Present the intended procurement approach, including tentative schedule for release of the ITTs following their approval by the European Commission;
3. Leave ample time for clarifications and feedback on the concept and procurement approach.

It has to be noted that the implementation of the platform is intended to follow a two phased process. In the first phase (the demonstration phase), already started, the overall concept, high level architecture and a demonstrator of limited scope are performed re-using the industrial service framework and developments put in place for the development of EUMETSAT's future Data Services roadmap under EUMETSAT Multi Mission contracts. The initial DIAS-related activities shall be implemented and performed under the said contracts via the release of specific Copernicus Work Packages. This demonstration phase is planned to be finalised during the first half of 2018.

The second phase (the operational phase), dedicated to the operational implementation and subsequent operations of the DIAS, is intended to start in 2018 following major industrial procurement actions. These will consist of a set of new Copernicus specific competitive service procurements for the full size implementation of the different system elements, integration, testing, operations preparation and operations of the DIAS, lasting until at least end 2020 and interfacing with, while being independent of, the EUMETSAT & Partners and other Copernicus data suppliers infrastructures. These major procurements will be initiated in the time period between second half of 2017 and beginning 2018, subject to approval by the European Commission.

The purpose of the DIAS Information Day is to inform Industry early on the implementation approach and on the upcoming procurements. The industrial feedback will be used to optimise further the procurement approach, such that best use of the European industrial capabilities can be made.



In the second half of 2017, shortly before the related Invitations to Tender will be released, specific Industry Briefing days will be organized for the more complex Invitations to Tender, in order to present the details of these procurement to interested bidders. Specific invitations to such specific Industry Briefing days will be published on EUMITS and/or ECMWF procurement portal in due course.

The registration details will be communicated in due course.