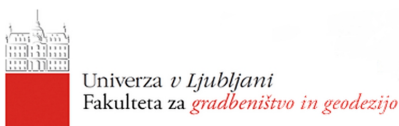


A workshop titled "Collection, processing and application of data on environment and spatial planning: GEO, GMES and national activities in Slovenia" was held at the Jozef Stefan Institute's Reactor Centre Podgorica on 16 February 2012.

The workshop was organized by the following parties:

- University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering (Slovenian partner on OBSERVE)
- Jožef Stefan Institute (Slovenian partner on BalkanGEOnet and Slovenian partner on EGIDA)
- Slovenian Centre of Excellence for Space Sciences and Technologies - SPACE-SI



BACKGROUND

The fundamental purpose of the workshop, which was designed for Slovenian experts, stakeholders, local policy makers and academics concerning Earth Observations, was to inform the audience on the latest developments regarding International and Slovenian Earth Observation activities. In the morning session the first two keynote speakers, Herbert Haubold, PhD, from Environment Agency Austria, and Silvo Žlebir, PhD, from Slovenian Environment Agency, addressed issues related to GEO, GEOSS and GMES activities. Next speakers held presentations on EO developments and applications, national EO data and policies which might have an impact on the environment.

The afternoon round table, which was led by Krištof Oštir, PhD, from Slovenian Centre of Excellence - SPACE-SI, was opened by Vojko Bratina, PhD, with the presentation on EC strategy towards GEO and GMES. Participants of the round table discussion also included representatives from Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Jožef Stefan Institute, Geological Survey of Slovenia, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning and Surveying and Mapping Authority. Invited guests and the audience discussed present opportunities and future challenges regarding EO data and financing of the European programmes. This was a good opportunity for participants to discuss perspectives, and share experiences and best practices in an open debate. The workshop concluded with an important statement that in Slovenia a common GEO and GMES forum for networking and application exchange is needed.

Download the full program [here](#).

SPEAKERS and PARTICIPANTS

The workshop has attracted considerable attention of experts, government representatives, local policy makers, industry stakeholders, academics and students. Overall, there were 68 participants including 17 invited speakers and round table participants from the field of Earth Observations.

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WORKSHOP MATERIAL

A workshop has been video recorded by Hungarian partner on BalkanGEOnet project – Geonardo.

The video material and presentations of invited speakers are planned to be accessible on the web. The author's permission is needed first in order to disseminate their work.