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### **Executive Summary**

The consortium of the EXCELSIOR Project and the Eratosthenes Centre of Excellence organised a heavily publicised virtual workshop with the participation of all national, EMMENA and international stakeholders. The workshop, which will be organised annually, addressed all the different activities of the Eratosthenes Centre of Excellence, i.e., infrastructure, research, education and innovation through entrepreneurship. The intention was that this Workshop would coincide with the Annual International Conference on Remote Sensing and Geo-information of Environment, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions the 2020 conference was cancelled. Thus, the workshop was postponed for the 15<sup>th</sup> of July and was held virtually using an online platform. The workshop aimed in strengthening regional links, investing in the continuous interaction with the strategic user segments of the Eratosthenes Centre of Excellence and sustaining long-lasting relationships and partnerships in the region. The Cyprus University of Technology led the organization of this workshop, while all EXCELSIOR Project partners contributed.





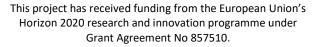


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### **Abbreviations**

CUT	Cyprus University of Technology
CyRIC	Cyprus Research and Innovation Center Ltd
CYTA	Cyprus Telecommunication Authority
DAS	Data Acquisition Station
DEC	Department of Electronic Communications
DLR	German Aerospace Centre
ECoE	Eratosthenes Centre of Excellence
EMMENA	Eastern Mediterranean Middle East and North Africa
ESA	European Space Agency
EO	Earth Observation
EUSI	European Space Imaging
EUSC	European Union Satellite Centre
EXCELSIOR	Eratosthenes: Excellence Research Centre for Earth Surveillance and Space-based
	Monitoring of the Environment
MedRIN	Mediterranean Regional Information Network







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NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration

NOA National Observatory of Athens

RS Remote Sensing

RSCy2020 Eighth International Conference on Remote Sensing and Geoinformation of

Environment

TROPOS Leibniz Institute for Tropospheric Research





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#### Introduction

The 'EXCELSIOR' H2020 Teaming Project Consortium and the ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence (ECOE) organised the First Virtual International Workshop on 'Space Operations and Environmental Monitoring in Cyprus'. This Workshop was the first of a series of workshops that will be organized annually, with the participation of all national, EMMENA<sup>1</sup> and international stakeholders, addressing all the different activities of the ECoE, i.e., infrastructure, research, education and innovation through entrepreneurship and giving partners a forum to explain their work and interest in collaborating with ECoE. This workshop was planned and initially scheduled to coincide with the Annual International Conference on Remote Sensing and Geo-information of Environment/RSCy2020, however due to COVID-19 this workshop had been postponed. Eventually, the workshop took place virtually on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 through the ZOOM platform.

#### 1.1 Main aim and objectives

The aim for these annual workshops is to interact with existing and new stakeholders, strengthen regional links, invest in the continuous interaction with the strategic user segments of ECoE and sustain long-lasting relationships and partnerships in the region.

The main aim of the First Virtual International workshop was to bring the participants and partners across with the plans and prospects of EXCELSIOR. Specifically, the workshop focused on demonstrating the EXCELSIOR infrastructure for space operations, monitoring and environmental research and how these can be used for the projects and challenges in the Eastern Mediterranean. The workshop was also a forum for entities to present their interests in collaborating with EXCELSIOR.

#### **Venue of International Workshop** 1.2

The international workshop was hosted through the ZOOM<sup>2</sup> video communication platform. To ensure a professional facilitation of the workshop, it was decided to purchase the ZOOM licence for up to 500 view-only attendees on a webinar. This has costed 13.99 € for the standard PRO monthly fee, plus 130.00 € for the 1-month Webinar 500. The choice for this subscription was proven to be essential for the workshop, as we reached up to 210 unique viewers and 105 maximum concurrent viewers.

The screenshots taken during the virtual workshop are uploaded in the EXCELSIOR project Flickr page<sup>3</sup> and the recording is uploaded in the EXCELSIOR project YouTube channel4. Some examples of the screenshots are shown in Figures 1 to 3Error! Reference source not found..

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EMMENA: Eastern Mediterranean Middle East and North Africa

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://zoom.us/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> EXCELSIOR Flickr Page: https://www.flickr.com/photos/187632056@N02/albums/72157715259788002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> EXCELSIOR Youtube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZKj43OK4VApGsU4fkXQZGWOkgU 2we5J&fbclid=lwAR0nlYuBEOABHK









Figure 1: Prof Diofantos G. Hadjimitsis, Managing Director of ECoE



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### 2 Scientific Program and Presentations

The topic of the scientific program was "Space Operations and Environmental Monitoring in Cyprus". The scientific program hosted members from the EXCELSIOR consortium, stakeholders from Cyprus, the EMMENA region, as well as from partner institutions. The members of the EXCELSIOR consortium introduced the EXCELSIOR Project and presented its future plans, which aim to support the ECoE in achieving its mission<sup>5</sup> and vision<sup>6</sup>. Cypriot stakeholders presented the state the art of the space sector in Cyprus, focusing on the environmental aspect. The stakeholders from other countries presented the know-how and existing technologies of their institutes, as well as their future plans. Their presentations provided the EXCELSIOR consortium with insights in order to identify similar interests and break new ground for the establishment of collaborations.

The extensive program of the workshop is presented in Table 1. The program was available in the website of the EXCELSIOR Project as shown in Figure 4. All presentations are openly accessible through the "KTISIS" repository of CUT and, thus, Table 4 also includes the persistent URL of each presentation.

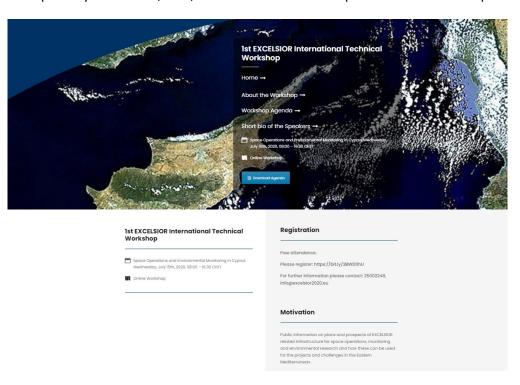


Figure 4: EXCELSIOR Website - Workshop Agenda

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The mission: To upgrade the existing Eratosthenes Research Centre into a self-sustainable Centre of Excellence in EO, recognised at an International level.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The vision: Within the next seven years, the ECoE will become a world-class Digital Innovation Hub and a Research Competence Centre for Earth Observation and Geospatial Information by offering education, research, innovation and application services capable of sustaining Cyprus development and of actively contributing to the European Research Area (ERA) in Atmosphere and Climate, Resilient Society and Big Earth Data Management as well as becoming the reference EO/GI Centre for research and innovation in the EMMENA area.





Table 1: Workshop Agenda

	Duration [min]	EXCELSIOR Intro	KTISIS hyperlink
09:00 - 09:05	5	Welcome	Click here
CYP. TIME		Diofantos HADJIMITSIS - CUT & ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence	
	5	Welcome	Click here
		Nikolas MASTROYIANNOPOULOS - Chief Scientist for Research & Innovation Republic of Cyprus	
	15	Brief overview of EXCELSIOR	Click here
		Kyriacos THEMISTOCLEOUS - CUT & ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence	
	5	What the Cyprus National Council for Research and Innovation expects from EXCELSIOR? Sustainability of the ECoE	<u>Click here</u>
		Andreas ANAYIOTOS - CUT & ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence	
	5	Cyprus Activities in Space	Click here
		Stelios TZIORTZIS - Department of Electronic Communications, Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy	
	5	Intro to the topic: What would be advantages and challenges for a space related infrastructure in Cyprus?	<u>Click here</u>
		Gunter SCHREIER - DLR	
	5	Opportunities for Earth Observation Business in EMMENA	Click here
		Marcello MARANESI - Member of the External Advisory Board of Excelsior & ECoE	

To 9:45

		EXCELSIOR Plans	
10:00	15	A satellite ground station for maritime security	Click here
		Egbert SCHWARZ - DLR	





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Haris KONTOES - NOA

15 Ground-based remote sensing supersite for Click here atmospheric/climate research, satellite calibration and support of local services

Albert ANSMANN, Johannes BÜHL, Patric SEIFERT, Ulla WANDINGER -TROPOS

15 Leveraging Copernicus big satellite data and space technology for societal resilience. The generation of science and innovation in the context of EXCELSIOR for the ultimate benefit of the citizens

#### To 10:45

		Future demands & Opportunities Part I	
11:00	15	NASA Contribution to the Eastern Med Region and to the EXCELSIOR Project & The Mediterranean Regional Information Network (MedRIN) NASA Network	Click here
		Vincent AMBROSIA - NASA	
	15	The Copernicus space segment – current and future Sentinels	Click here
		Simon JUTZ - ESA	
	15	Copernicus SEA: Security in the Eastern Med area and Space assets Denis BRUCKERT & Marcello MORETTI - EUSC	<u>Click here</u>
	15	The AIR Center on Azores Island	Click here
		Pedro DA SILVA - AIR CENTRE - ATLANTIC INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE	
	15	Earth Observation activities in Malta and future opportunities for collaboration with Excelsior for the benefit of Med region	<u>Click here</u>
		Charles GALDIES - University of Malta	

#### To 12:15

12:15 - 13:00	Noon Break
	Future demands & Opportunities Part II







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13:00	15	CYTA - a satellite station hosting facility	Click here
		Antonis ANTONIOU & Soteris ALEXANDROU - CYTA	
	15	Opportunities for new VHR Missions	Click here
		George ELLIS - EUSI	
	15	International Ground Stations	Click here
		Rani HELLERMANN - RBC	
	15	The SoilPRO® as a new assembly to measure soil spectral information in the field over the Mediterranean region	Click here
		Eyal BEN-DOR - Tel Aviv University	
	15	Overview of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev/The Earth and Planetary Image Facility activities with Nano satellites	Click here
		Aviran SADON, Dan BLUMBERG, Shimrit MAMAN - Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	
	15	The Greek National Observatory of Forest Fires: an example for collaboration opportunities in the Eastern Mediterranean region	Click here
		Ioannis GITAS - Aristotle University	
	15	Earth Observation Data and Services for Carbon reduced agriculture	Click here
		George ZALIDES - Aristotle University & I-BEC	

### To 14:45

		Future demands & Opportunities Part III	
		Short Break	
15:15	15	Remote and in situ sensing of water combining Copernicus services with biosensor and IoT technologies	<u>Click here</u>
		Antonis HADJIANTONIS - CyRIC	
	15	Optical communication from Space to Ground	Click here
		Marcus KNOPP - DLR	





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15	CIP (Critical Infrastructure Protection): the interface between safety and security	<u>Click here</u>
	George BOUSTRAS - EUC	
15	Landslide Monitoring and Susceptibility Mapping	Click here
	Skevi PERDIKOU - GEOFEM	
15	Offshore wind power assessment around Cyprus using Sentinel-1 data	Click here
	Phaedon KYRIAKIDIS - CUT & ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence	
15	Measurement of Rainfall from Space-based Platforms	Click here
	Silas MICHAELIDES - ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence	
15	CyCLOPS: A Strategic Research Infrastructure Unit for Geohazards Monitoring in Cyprus and the Southeastern Mediterranean Region	Click here
	Chris DANEZIS - CUT & ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence	

To 17:00

17:00 - 17:30	<b>Questions/ Remarks</b>
17:00 - 17:30	Questions/ Remarks

One day prior to the workshop, a testing session was arranged with all speakers. The speakers were provided with the virtual image background, shown in Figure 5, and they were able to join online anytime, during the working hours of the 14<sup>th</sup> of July, to obtain assistance on the use of the virtual background and the ZOOM webinar platform. This was proven to be very helpful, since in this way we have avoided spending time to tackle technical issues during the workshop.







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Figure 5: Virtual image background





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### 3 Workshop dissemination

The workshop was disseminated through the EXCELSIOR subscription list, various networks on EO and RS, as well as through the social media pages of the EXCELSIOR Project. For a more effective dissemination, a flyer invitation (shown in Figure 6) was prepared and circulated (together with additional information on the EXCELSIOR virtual workshop) to various contact points through the following networks that the EXCELSIOR consortium has established up to July 2020.

- CUT ERATOSTHENES Stakeholder hub
- DEC-MTCW Stakeholder database (more than 400 contacts)
- NetU Group
- ARinfuse consortium
- Marie Skłodowska Curie Network established through successful proposal writing (e.g. University Sheffield, Imperial University, University of Ghent, University of Salento, University of Minho, Universidad Politecnica de Madrid, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Technical University of Lisbon, Technical University Gheorghe Asachi Iasi, University of Zagreb)
- SignalGeneriX Ltd
- CyRIC
- Cyprus Association of Research and Innovation Enterprises
- PARSEC Accelerator
- EURISY
- Royal Jordanian Geographic Centre
- Councillor for Northern Africa, African Association of Remote Sensing of the Environment AARSE
- PRIMA consortium (submitted proposal with ECoE as a partner)
- Cyprus Scientific and Technical Chamber (ETEK)
- Cyprus Energy Regulatory Authority
- Senior Advisor on MENA Affairs
- Cyprus University of Technology School of Engineering and Technology
- Cyprus Association of Civil Engineers
- Research Promotion Foundation
- Aegean University
- Royal Center for Space Remote Sensing CRTS, Morocco
- Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania: CIHEAM IAMC
- GEO Group on Earth Observation
- GEO-CRADLE Networking Platform
- Water Development Department of Cyprus
- Forestry Department of Cyprus
- I-BEC Interbalkan Environment Centre
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Department of Meteorology, Cyprus





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- National Centre for Remote Sensing Lebanon
- MedRIN Mediterranean Regional Information Network
- NEREUS Network of European Regions Using Space Technologies
- EARSeL European Association of Remote Sensing Laboratories
- Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas (Forth)
- CopHub.AC Copernicus Academy Hub for Knowledge, Innovation and Outreach



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Figure 6: Workshop invitation

To promote the speakers individually and inform the audience know about the background of each speaker, individual promotional flyers were prepared for each speaker; these promotional flyers are presented in Appendix A.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2020 (i.e. ca. 2 weeks before the workshop), a preliminary invitation was sent together with the draft agenda to all subscribed e-mail addresses of the EXCELSIOR website. The e-invitation (presented in Appendix B) was also available online<sup>7</sup> through a digital marketing platform. Additionally, the workshop was disseminated on a daily basis through social media; some indicative

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> https://mailchi.mp/51b23874672b/mark-your-calendar-excelsior-workshop







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analytics about our posts are provided in Figures 7 to 10. The event was also announced in the homepage of the EXCELSIOR <u>webpage</u>. More posts from the EXCELSIOR Project social media pages are available in Appendix C of this deliverable report.

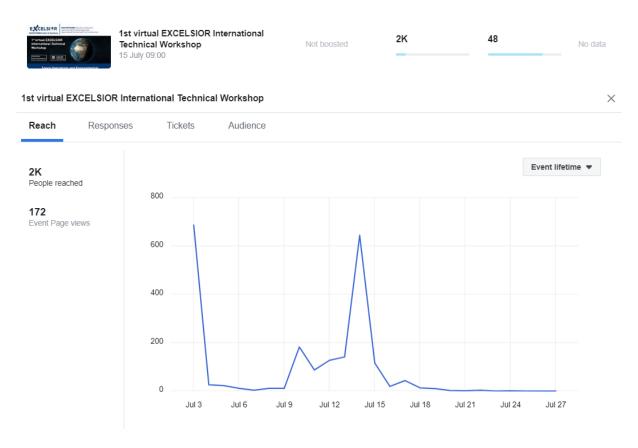


Figure 7: Facebook Event Analytics









Figure 8: Facebook posts analytics

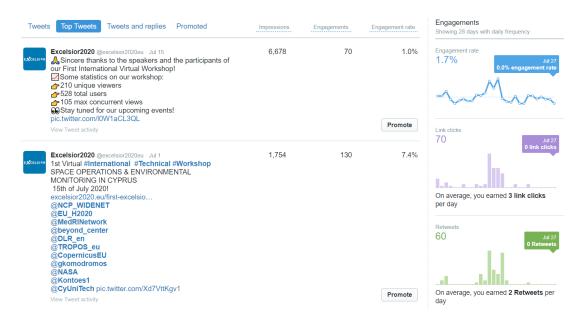


Figure 9: Top Tweets of July 2020





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### Top mention earned 101 engagements



@GEOSEC2025 · Jul 13

On 15 July @excelsior2020eu is hosting the First Virtual International Workshop on '#Space Operations and Environmental Monitoring in #Cyprus.' Receive free attendance with your pre-registration here: excelsior2020.eu/first-excelsio... #E04Impact pic.twitter.com/hCBD5HsZv8

1 st virtual EXCELSIOR International Technical Workshop

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View Tweet

Figure 10: Top mention in Twitter for July 2020





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#### 4 Stakeholder attendance

The registration to the EXCELSIOR workshop was free and possible through "Microsoft Forms". The registration form had the format shown in Figure 11. All registered participants received an <u>e-mail</u><sup>8</sup> <u>confirmation</u> with the invitation link to the workshop. The final list of the registered participants is found in the Appendix C. Using the Microsoft Form, 308 people from 41 countries around the world registered to attend the workshop (Figure 12). The number of registrations per country are shown in Table 2, with the shaded blue box indicating participants from the EMMENA region.

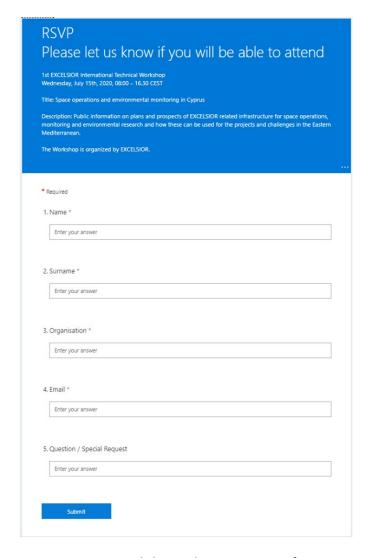


Figure 11: Workshop online registration form

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> https://mailchi.mp/cd898de919ee/mark-your-calendar-excelsior-workshop-2017729





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Table 2: Registrations per country

	Regi	istered Attendee	s per country (30	18)	
Belgium (1)	Lebanon (1)	Russia (1)	China (2)	Tunisia (2)	Pakistan (5)
Cameroon (1)	Malta (1)	Serbia (1)	Nigeria (2)	France (3)	UK (5)
Canada (1)	Mexico (1)	Singapore (1)	Peru (2)	Indonesia (3)	Germany (15)
Croatia (1)	Morocco (1)	Sri Lanka(1)	Portugal (2)	USA (3)	India (32)
Czechia (1)	Nepal (1)	Uganda (1)	Romania (2)	Bangladesh (4)	Greece (45)
Egypt (1)	New Zealand (1)	Uzbekistan (1)	South Korea (2)	Italy (4)	Cyprus (123)
Iraq (1)	Norway (1)	Bulgaria (2)	Spain (2)	Israel (5)	Unknown (23)

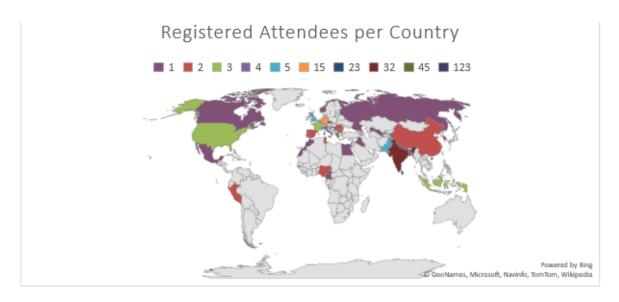


Figure 12: Map of the registrations per country

Table 3 presents the number of attendees per country while Figure 13 shows the map of the attendees; overall, 210 people from 35 countries attended the workshop. It is worth noting that the attendees included people from 8 countries of the EMMENA region (shaded blue boxes in Table 3).

Table 3: Attendees per Country

		Attende	es (210)		
Belgium (1)	Indonesia (1)	Norway (1)	United Arab Emirates (1)	Spain (2)	Israel (6)
Cameroon (1)	Jordan (1)	Peru (1)	Uzbekistan (1)	United Kingdom (2)	Germany (14)
Croatia (1)	Lebanon (1)	Portugal (1)	Czechia (2)	Bulgaria (3)	India (15)
Denmark (1)	Malta (1)	Romania (1)	Italy (2)	Pakistan (3)	Greece (42)
Egypt (1)	Myanmar (1)	Singapore (1)	Nepal (2)	United States of America (3)	Cyprus (85)
France (1)	Nigeria(1)	Tanzania (1)	Netherlands (2)	Bangladesh (4)	Unknown (3)





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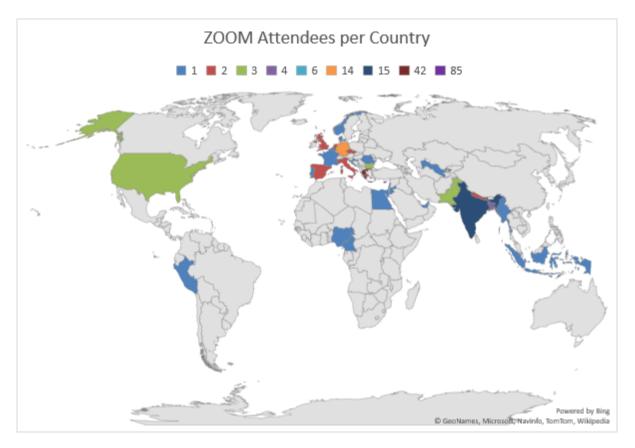


Figure 13: Map of the ZOOM attendees per Country

#### 4.1 National stakeholders

The registered national Stakeholders that attended the workshop are presented in Table 4. There were 123 registrations from Cyprus, coming from 66 different organizations and, based on the ZOOM statistics report, 85 Cypriot Nationals and/or Residents attended the workshop.

**Table 4: National Stakeholders** 

Organisation
Department of Electronic Communications
Cyprus University of Technology
Lands & Surveys Department
Gis Surveyor
СуІ
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Cyta
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#### 4.2 EMMENA and International stakeholders

The list of stakeholders from the EMMENA region is shown in Table 5, while Figure 14 presents a map with these countries. From Cyprus, there were in total 123 registrations from 66 organizations, while from Greece, there were 45 registrations from 10 organizations. The number of organizations that registered from the rest of the EMMENA region ranged between 1 and 2 per country.

Table 5: Stakeholders from the EMMENA Region

Organisation	Country	No. of Organisations	
Narss	Egypt	1	
Freelance Environmental Specialist	Iraq	1	
United Nation - ESCWA	Lebanon	1	
Institute of Earth Systems, University of Malta	Malta	1	
University Sultan Moulay Slimane	Morocco	1	
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	Israel	2	
Tel-Aviv University	Israel	2	
AVIONAV	Tunisia	2	
The Institute of Arid Regions of Medenine (IRA-Tunisia)	Tuttisia	2	
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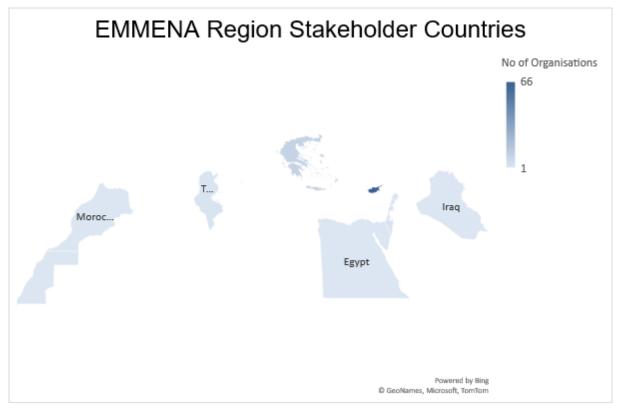


Figure 14: EMMENA Region Stakeholder Countries





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#### 6 Discussion and Conclusions

The First Virtual International Workshop of EXCELSIOR exceeded the expectations of the consortium in terms of attendance, both from the audience as well as from the speakers' engagement. The high level of the speakers attracted a respectful number of attendees. The wide dissemination of the workshop gathered participants from many countries, and most importantly, not only people who are already aware of the EXCELSIOR Project, but also people who joined the workshop in order to be informed about the project.







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### Appendix A – Promotional flyers







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Denis Bruckert is the Head of Copernicus Unit at the European Union Satellite Centre (EU SatCen) since 2004. His work is principally focused on the definition and implementation of the EU SatCen role(s) in the EU Copernicus Space Programme. In addition and always related to Copernicus, he is also in charge of other SatCen Capability Development activities such as Maritime Surveillance and Border Surveillance in cooperation with the EU Commission. Mr. Bruckert holds a Ph.D. in Remote Sensing obtained at Strasbourg University in 1996.



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A full professor at the Tel Aviv University (TAU) and was the chair of the Geography and Human Environment Department at Tel-Aviv University from 2005-2009 and again from 2012-2015



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# MARCELLO MORETTI EUSC

Marcello Moretti is a former officer of the Italian Navy, where he served from 1981 to 2003, serving on board of several warships and in naval and defence intelligence services.

He has been working on imagery and intelligence analysis since 1994 at operational and strategic levels.

He joined European Union Satellite Centre in 2003, as Data Manager, responsible for the imagery and collateral data acquisition and management. From 2011 he works in the Operation Division as Operations Manager, assuming responsibility for the management of information requests and the validation of the resulting intelligence products.

During this period, he has assumed leadership of the operational activities of the Copernicus External Action Service, as well as support to EU Missions Atalanta and Sophia, and international organisations such as UN and OPCW.



















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Head of ESA's Copernicus Space Office since April 2014, responsible for coordinating ESA's Copernicus activities and liaising with the European Union/European Commission, national bodies, industry, and ESA delegations



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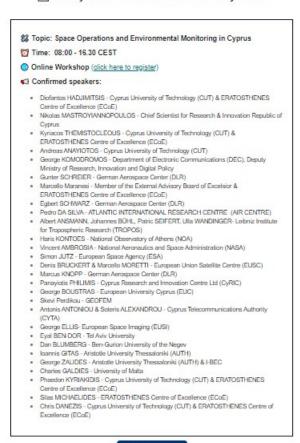


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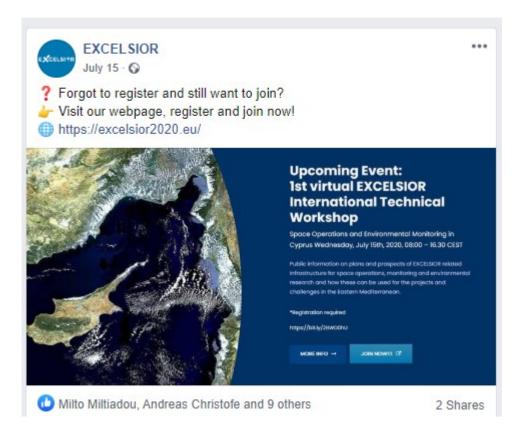










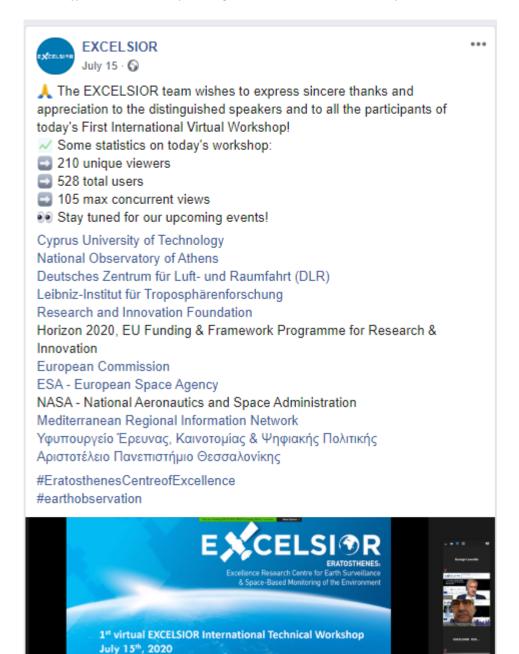








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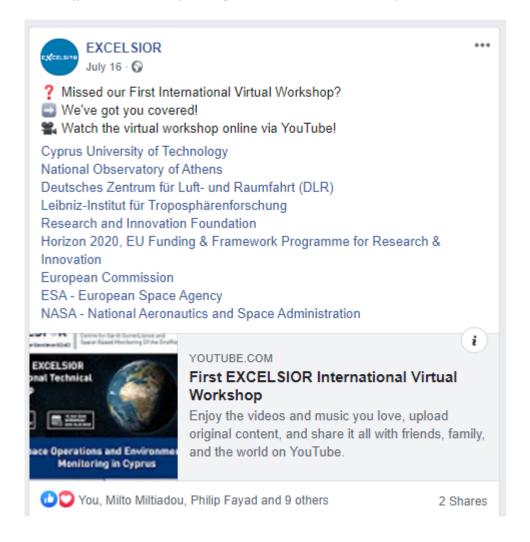


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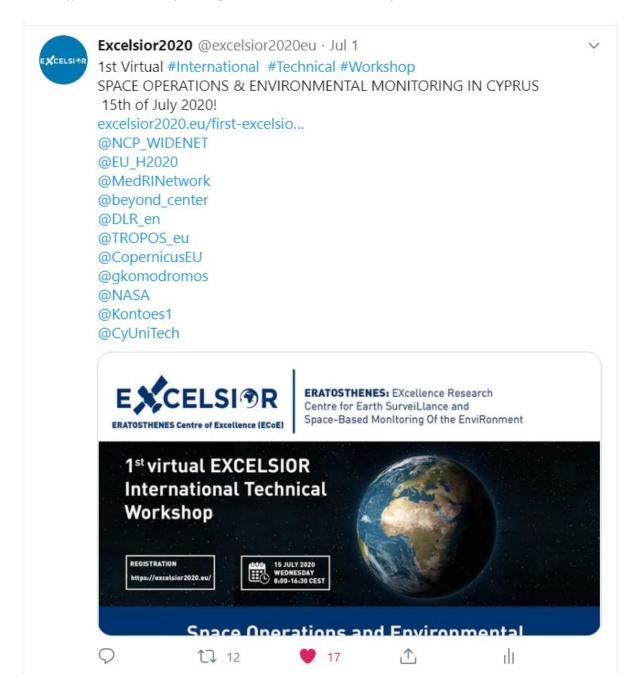
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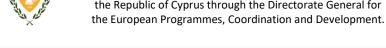






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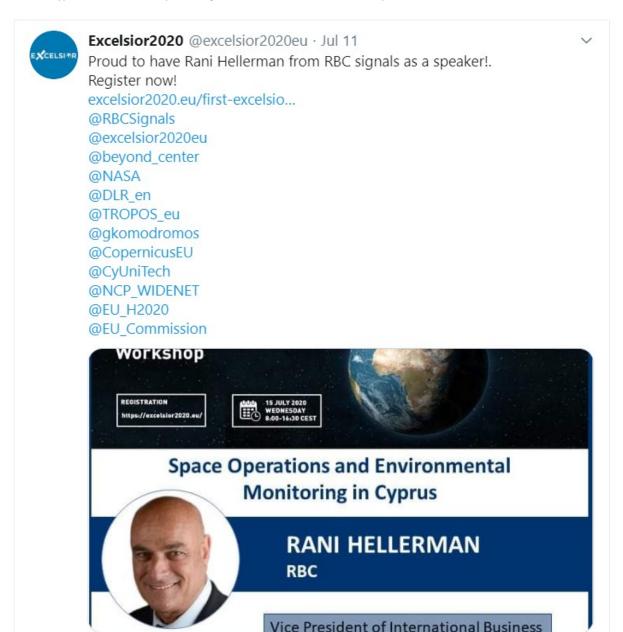








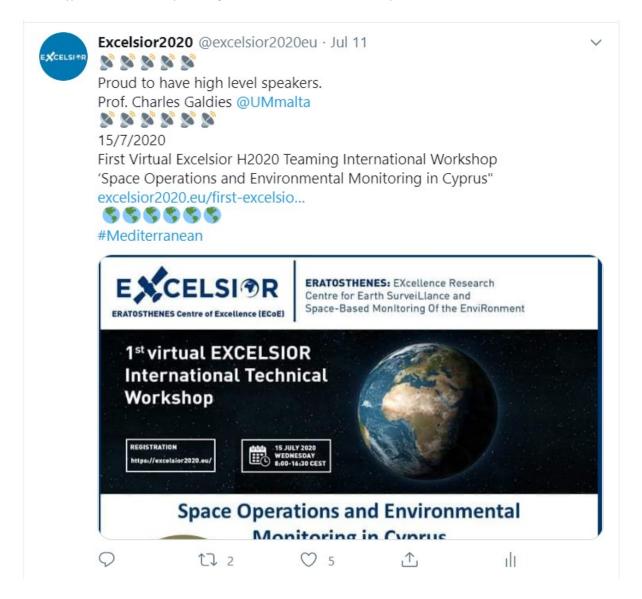


















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