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DG RTD - CDMA building**

Dear colleague,

The GEO 'Supersites' is an initiative of the geo-hazard science community to access space-borne and in-situ geophysical data of selected sites disposed to earthquake, volcano or other natural hazards. Its overall objective is to stimulate an international and intergovernmental effort to monitor and study selected reference sites by establishing open access to relevant datasets according to GEO principles and to foster the collaboration between all various partners and end-users.

In support of the GEO Supersites initiative, the European Commission has selected 3 projects under Priority 6, Environment (including Climate Change) of the FP7 Cooperation Program, focussing on European sites located in Island, Italy and Turkey. The main objectives of the projects are to enhance global earthquake and volcano monitoring, alert, and damage assessment by applying a fully integrated approach to geo-hazards monitoring, based on collaboration among existing networks and international initiatives.

In order to coordinate the efforts and to build upon the knowledge obtained from previous and other on-going activities, the European Commission is organising a European Supersites Coordination Workshop which will take place on:

10 & 11 June, at DG RTD, CDMA Building, rooms SDR1 and SDR2, rue du Champ de Mars 21, Brussels, Belgium

The workshop will be organised around keynote presentations covering the state of the art in geo-hazard science and monitoring technologies (EO and in-situ), aiming to trigger discussions about requirements furthering scientific knowledge and supporting the development of an operational monitoring system. The overall study objectives and architecture of the EC Supersites projects and other activities will be presented in plenary sessions, whereas additional splinter sessions will allow a more detailed discussion on specific topics such as data integration, sharing and access, e-science solutions, dissemination and publishing strategies. Outcomes of the splinters will be presented and discussed at the final plenary in order to come up with a roadmap towards the achievement of the objectives with highest possible impact.

A draft agenda accompanies this message for your perusal its final version of which will be distributed at a date closer to the workshop.

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We would welcome very much your participation to the workshop. In case you wish to join in our two-days event, or/and wish to recommend other participations please contact Efthimios Zagorianakos (Efthimios.ZAGORIANAKOS@ec.europa.eu), **latest by 24 May, 2013.**

Should you have any queries or suggestion to the workshop please do not hesitate to contact Efthimios and please feel free to forward this invitation to colleagues who might be interested in attending the workshop.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Brussels.

Yours sincerely,

(Signé)
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