

Call for Experts for the CoRdiNet Evaluation Board

In the frame of the Horizon2020-funded project “CoRdiNet” - *Copernicus Relays for digitalisation spanning a Network* NEREUS (Network of European Regions Using Space Technologies) invites suitable experts from relevant organisations to join the project’s Evaluation Board on a voluntary base.

1. The role of the members of the evaluation board is to evaluate the received proposals in response to (five) Calls for Expressions of Interest that are addressed to interested parties outside the project consortium. The evaluators will receive an evaluator’s package with information guiding them through the evaluation process. They will evaluate the received proposals on the base of predefined criteria and by ranking the proposals select the most suitable initiatives. Reviewers play a fundamental role to ensure a high quality and sustainability of the selected initiatives.
2. Profile of experts:
 - a) Candidates distinguish themselves through a **considerable involvement and expertise on the use of Earth Observation/Copernicus** which is demonstrated through either/and their education, professional life, affiliation to relevant organisations, relevant project experiences.
 - b) Candidates have a **good overview** on the space community, user-community and needs of their respective region or respective European regions;
 - c) Candidates from organisations that are **close to the user or from organisations that supported the CoRdiNet-bid** are welcome to join the CoRdiNet Evaluation Board.
 - d) Please note: Candidates who themselves or whose organisations participate in the respective Calls for Expressions of Interest are excluded to participate in the board.**
 - e) Candidates are allowed to be member of the CoRdiNet Evaluation Board as well as the Regional Strategy Board.
 - f) The composition of the Evaluation Board should ensure a well-balanced geographic coverage, well balance of type of organisation and closeness to the users.
3. The summary and analysis of the feed-back and evaluation results of the CoRdiNet-evaluation board will compose the evaluation report at the end of the evaluation procedure. For each proposal two evaluators will be appointed in order to ensure a robust and fair review process. In case of major conflicting evaluations NEREUS will enhance the interaction amongst the evaluators with the objective to seek a compromise solution.
4. Evaluators **voluntarily** commit to support the initiative and adhere to the Code of Conduct (Annex 3). (If needed travel expenses might be covered by project funds.)

5. The composition of the evaluation board will be **public**. However, the information about who reviewed which proposal will not be disclosed.
6. The evaluation process will be **online** and evaluators will receive a **standard template** for their evaluation report based on the predefined criteria.
7. The quality of the evaluation process depends considerably on the responsiveness of the evaluators. Therefore the evaluators should agree to submit their evaluation and scoring results **latest 4 weeks after being assigned for a proposal as evaluator**.