

# Minutes of the DEEP General Assembly

**Time:** 26 September 2022 at 10-15

**Place:** Room S12 DTU and online

## Participants:

Physical: Trine S. Jensen (CLEAN), Robert Buitenwerf (AU), Kiril Manevski (AU), Christoffer Karoff (AU), Peter Mandix Sehestedt (UFM), Michael Schultz Rasmussen (DTU), Thomas Ravn (Miljøministeriet), Georg Bergeton Larsen (SDFE), Jacob L. Høyer (DMI), Julie Friderichsen (LBST), Rasmus Fensholt (KU), Peter Viskum Jørgensen (GEO), Rasmus Fenger-Nielsen (Miljøstyrelsen), Mette Venås Overballe-Petersen (UFM) & Michael Munk (DHI).  
Online: Sebastian Büttrich (ITU), Alexander Prishchepov (KU), Carlo Sørensen (DCA) & Ehsan Forootan,

## Agenda:

- 10:00-11:00 – General assembly part one
  - Election of conductor
  - Report by the board
    - All participants will get 2 minutes to present themselves
  - Proposals received (no proposals received)
- 11:00-11:40 – Presentation of Earth observations activities in Denmark
  - 11:00 DHI (Torsten Bondo)
  - 11:10 DTU (Michael Schultz Rasmussen)
  - 11:20 KU (Rasmus Fensholt)
  - 11:30 AU (Robert Buitewerf & Christoffer Karoff)
- 11:40-11:50 – Coffee
- 11:50-13:00 – Presentation of Earth observations activities in Denmark
  - 11:50 AAU (Ehsan Forootan)
  - 12:00 DMI (Jacob L. Høyer)
  - 12:10 SDFE (Joanna Balasis-Levinsen)
  - 12:20 GEO (Peter Viskum Jørgensen)
  - 12:30 Others that would like to present
- 13:00-14:00 – Lunch
- 14:00-15:00 – General assembly part two
  - Discussion of the presentations
  - Presentation of the analysis of space related green research (Mette Venås Overballe-Petersen)
  - Update on the work with Agriculture of Data (Christoffer Karoff)
  - Presentation of CLEAN videnbroprojekter (Trine S. Jensen)

## Presentation of other suggestions

### Election of board members

Universities, GTS-institutions and other public units elects members by them self. Private companies can elect up to 7 members from different companies. In case of more than 7 candidates, there will be an election.

15:00 – End of program  
Informal round off at DTU Space.

## Minutes

- Christoffer Karoff was elected as conductor.
- Everybody provided a 2-minutes presentation of themselves.
- There were no incoming proposals.
- There were a number of very interesting presentations from the different institutions and it became clear that Denmark has a very strong and diverse remote sensing ecosystem.
- Mette Venås Overballe-Petersen presented UFM's bibliometric analysis.
- Trine S. Jensen provided an update on the work in CLEAN and the possibility to apply for vidensbroprojekter.
- Peter Mandix explained the process up to the ESA ministerial conference. UFM will host a webinar on 5. October.
- UFM also informed that Sentinel-1B had not been sending data since December 2021 and has not been parked in orbit. ESA plan to launch Sentinel-1C in Q2 2023.
- UFM also informed that Harmony was selected as the 10<sup>th</sup> Earth Explorer. Harmony is a climate mission that will fly in constellation with Sentinel-1 and provide information on the ocean-atmosphere interaction.
- During the discussions it was acknowledged that:
  - DEEP has been an important contributor to the development of the European Agriculture of Data Horizon Europe Partnership which is now a Danish priority and will receive funding from the Danish Innovation Foundation. Without DEEP it is highly unlikely that earth observation would have played the role it does now in the methodology of the partnership. The Danish partners stand to benefit from this contribution in the coming years.
  - DEEP was instrumental in organizing the work shop on the coming CO2-mission in Copernicus which was organized at DMI earlier on in the year. The work shop paved the way for a decision in DMI and UFS to make a new and strategic mapping exercise that potentially could lead to investments in new research and innovation in Denmark.
- We also discussed the idea of making a publication that presented remote sensing activities in Denmark. It was not completely clear, who should be the target group of such a publication. It was generally agreed, that the initiative for such a publication should come from UFM, but then we would be happy to help.

- We discussed the idea of having DEEP hosting an international conference. There were arguments for and against. It was agreed that such a conference eventually should focus on environmental monitoring. Also, it was agreed that such a conference should include both the public and private partners.
- The board was re-elected.
- It was agreed that we will continue with one general assembly a year and board meetings when needed.