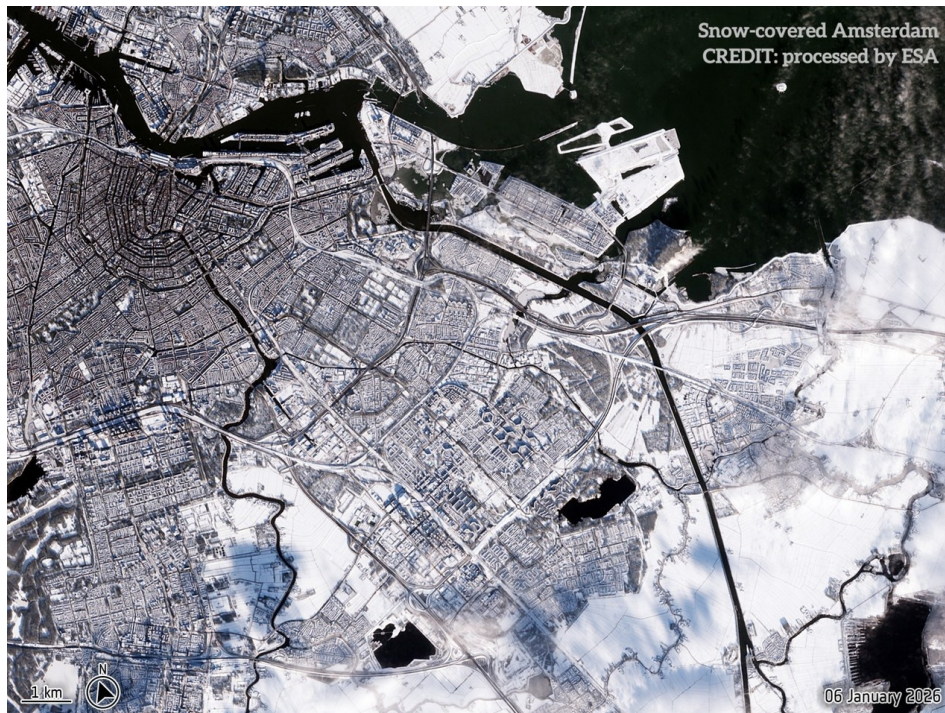


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NWO thematic GO call open: Use of Space Infrastructure for Vegetation Research

The GO programme aims to support researchers working in the Netherlands in the substantial use of space-based research infrastructure for high-quality scientific research. This GO Call is open to interdisciplinary scientific research focused on the use of space infrastructure for vegetation research, with a strong emphasis on combining satellite observations (e.g., hyperspectral data) and in-situ measurements to address research questions in the fields of biodiversity and ecosystems.

Deadline: 7 May 2026, 14:00 (CEST). More information: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/use-of-space-infrastructure-for-vegetation-research>

This GO Call for proposals is open to innovative scientific research focused on the use of space infrastructure for vegetation research, in which the use of various types of satellite- and in-situ data for research within the application areas of biodiversity and ecosystems is central. The budget is €3,200,000 to fund 1 consortium of at least 1 main applicant and 3 co-applicants. Applicants (main and co) should be affiliated with at least 4 different institutions.

There are two preparatory workshops in the afternoons of Friday 13 February and Friday 27 February. Participation in these workshops is mandatory for the main applicant. Registration for the workshops is mandatory. Upon registration, participants are asked to briefly explain how they wish to contribute to this Call for proposals. The input will serve as a starting point for the workshops.

NEW: possibility for an investment for in-situ (cal/val) purposes (up to €500,000).

NEW: For PhD's, postdocs and non-scientific staff appointed at universities the UNL tariffs are available, for staff appointed at other organisations mentioned in the call the Government Tariff Manual (HOT) are available

SURF Research Day 2026: Save the date (19 May 2026) & Call for proposals

SURF Research Day returns on **Tuesday 19 May 2026 at Gooiland in Hilversum (10:00-18:00)**. The event brings together research supporters, innovators and professionals from across the research community for a full day of innovation, technology and networking.

Theme: **Connecting Minds**

Real progress happens when ideas meet, perspectives collide and expertise is shared. Participants will leave with new perspectives, concrete connections and ideas they can apply directly within their institution or collaboration.

1. Pre-registration is now open (full programme to follow): <https://surf-research-day.yellenge.nl/registration/>
2. Call for proposals open: help shape the programme by submitting a session proposal before 15 March 2026.

Session proposals are welcome on research innovation, emerging technologies, leadership and collaboration, especially ideas that connect minds across disciplines and institutions.

Save the date: Earth Observation Fall School organized by the EO Council (2-7 November, TU Delft)

The Earth Observation Science Fall School will take place from 2-7 November at TU Delft, featuring lecturers and participants from the Netherlands and Belgium. The fall school will offer a week of training and scientific exchange in Earth observation, and is aimed at PhD candidates and early-career researchers interested in EO methods and applications. Further details on the programme and registration will be shared soon.

New EGU journal launched: Earth Observation (EO)

The European Geosciences Union (EGU) has launched a brand-new journal: Earth Observation (EO), a new home for innovative, interdisciplinary Earth observation research, with open access and transparent scientific discussion at its core.

Key features include: (1) Fully open access; (2) Publicly peer reviewed (interactive review process); (3) Edited by leading experts across EO and geosciences; (4) International and community-driven

The journal welcomes submissions on a broad range of EO topics, including:

- Satellite and airborne missions
- Sensors, retrievals and algorithms
- Data fusion, AI/ML and large-scale EO analytics
- Applications across climate, hydrology, cryosphere, ecosystems, hazards, and beyond

More information (scope, editors, and submission options): <https://www.earth-observation.net/home.html>

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