



Emergency Management

Open data and new EFAS Conditions of Access

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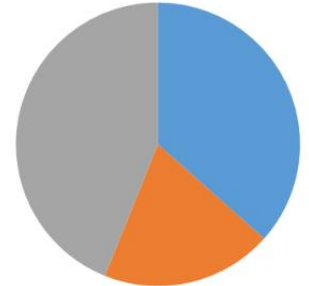


- Copernicus regulation calls for a full, open and free-of-charge access to data to
 - promoting the use and sharing of Copernicus data
 - Supporting growth
 - supporting the European research, technology and innovation communities.
- EFAS RT-data is restricted. EFAS archive is open.
- Discussions on EFAS & open data during EFAS AM 2018 and 2019
 - EFAS partners recognized the trend in open data (more data available, some non-authoritative flood forecasts already available)
 - Concerns related to the single one voice principle, competition, etc...
 - Numerous alternative proposals were discussed (obligation to display national warnings if EFAS forecasts are displayed, only initial conditions, only provide raw-data, etc....)

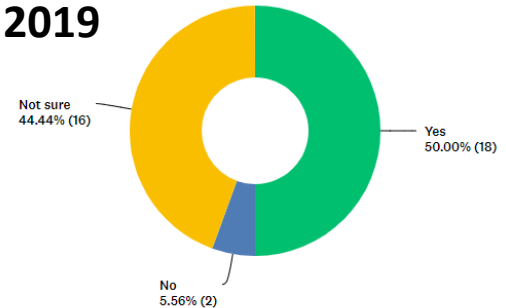
I support the EFAS open data policy as presented during this year's meeting

■ Yes ■ No ■ Not sure

2018



2019



User responses to the question "I support the EFAS open data policy as presented during this year's meeting".



In relation to open data:

- **EFAS Seasonal forecasts** will be open to the **public**
- **EFAS initial conditions** (simulations driven by gridded meteorological observations and not forecasts data) will be open to the **public**
- **EFAS products (including RT)** can be **shared with other Copernicus services** to create no flood-warning related, derivative products
- **Access to EFAS products (including RT) for research purposes is facilitated** through a faster response on possible comments from EFAS partners (reduced to 10 days with a possibility to extend for additional 7 days upon request from EFAS partner)
- **EFAS RT products remain restricted** and will only be available if 1 month old (EFAS archive)



What else has changed in the EFAS CoA:

- takes into account the ***General Terms and Conditions of the CEMS flood early warning and monitoring systems***
- Takes into account the ***Copernicus regulation***
- Takes into account ***data protection*** according to the GDPR
- **Merges** the different **procedural annexes**
- **Shortens** and **simplifies** the overall text

These changes have no impact on the underlying principles! (i.e. use of the data and EFAS Partners as well as EFAS Third Party rights and commitment)



- First draft text was sent to EFAS partners on **8 July 2020**
 - Positive feedback from 17 EFAS partners. The following request for changes have been accepted:
 - Add possibility to extent time for comments in relation to research project for an additional 7 days
 - Minor textual changes
 - **No negative feedback received!**
- Revised and consolidated text was sent to EFAS partners on **16 September 2020**
- Revised and consolidated text was sent to all EFAS AM meeting participants



Who can vote?

Each EFAS partner has one vote (per Institution!)
EFAS Third Parties cannot vote!

How to vote?

Via the Webex chat

When adopted?

Conditions of Access may be updated by a qualified majority, i.e. two thirds of present and voting, decision by all EFAS Partners present at the Annual EFAS Partners Meeting



What are the next steps

- EFAS DISS will send the new EFAS CoA to all EFAS partners and Third Parties via email!
- If no response within a given timeframe it is considered that the EFAS Partner/Third Party accepts these new EFAS CoA
- New EFAS CoA will be published on the EFAS webpage!



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Thank you!