

# EARSC Certification Scheme launched during the General Assembly 2015



We are pleased to announce the launch of the EARSC Earth Observation Industry Certification Scheme designed provide companies with a management certification specifically adapted to the EO services industry.

The Scheme is intended as a catalyst to help companies offering services based on satellite Earth Observation data to engender greater confidence within their customers. It is applicable to all sizes of EO companies and allows the possibility of certification to scheme requirements without the need for full ISO9001 compliance.

Industry benefits will be:

- Industry best practices for core processes.
- EARSC maintaining a list of appropriately trained and experienced certification bodies.
- Exposure to potential customers by listing on the EARSC certified companies list.
- Smaller companies will be subject to less audit time to be certified to the EARSC Scheme than they do under ISO9001 – resulting in lower cost of entry into the market.

Customers' benefits will be:

- Access to a list of companies successfully completing assessment.
- EO Industry suppliers providing product information in a common format allowing comparison of like with like by the implementation of a common format for Product Specifications.
- A continually maturing and improving EO Industry, increasing trust.

More information at [www.earsc.org/certification](http://www.earsc.org/certification)

**EARSC** represents the Earth Observation geo-information services companies in Europe. Today EARSC has 75 members coming from more than 22 countries in Europe. Our members include both commercial operators of EO satellites, IT, downstream and value-adding companies. The sector plays a key role in providing value-added geo-spatial information to its customers in Europe and the world. In 2014, the revenue of the European EO services sector is estimated to be around €900m for approximately 450 companies and giving work to over 6500 highly skilled employees. [www.earsc.org](http://www.earsc.org)



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