## A brief statement of the Eratosthenes Centre of Excellence

The Eratosthenes Center of Excellence is an autonomous, and self-sustained Centre of Excellence that has been established through the 'EXCELSIOR', H2020 Widespread Teaming project. The vision of the Eratosthenes Centre of Excellence is to establish a world-class Digital Innovation Hub for Earth observation, remote sensing, space technology, geospatial information, Geographic Information Systems and photogrammetry and to be the reference Centre in the Eastern Mediterranean, Middle East, and North Africa.

The mission of the Eratosthenes Centre of Excellence is to conduct both basic and applied research towards improved understanding, management, and monitoring of natural resources and infrastructures and to offer expert services and products of excellent qualities in line with the latest development remote sensing and related geospatial technologies and other high-tech tools. The Eratosthenes Centre of Excellence ecosystem combines state-of-the-art remote sensing, data management and processing technologies, cutting – edge research opportunities, targeted education services and promotion of entrepreneurship.