

# Copernicus Information Day

## Introduction



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Good afternoon ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to this Information day. My name is Nyall Farrell and I am the Interim Director of Copernicus services at ECMWF.

The European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts is an independent intergovernmental organisation supported by 34 states. ECMWF is both a research institute and a 24/7 operational service, producing and disseminating numerical weather predictions to its Member States. It is also home to one of the largest meteorological supercomputers facilities and data archives in the world.

It was established in Reading in the UK in 1975 and now employs around 280 staff from more than 30 countries.

This afternoon we will focus on the two Copernicus Services that are operated by ECMWF, namely Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service (CAMS) and the Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S)

The successful development and operation of each of these services requires us, at ECMWF, to identify and work with a range of organisations from the public and private sectors that can contribute or deliver the various components or service elements of the overall service.

We aim to do this through a series of competitive procurements which will be carried out in a number of phases throughout the next seven years, starting with an initial list of 19 procurements, details of which were included in Prior Information notices, recently published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

We have a number of objectives here today:

- initially to provide some background to this initial phase of procurement, by explaining the context and how these will fit into the overall service delivery programme. Jean-Noel Thepaut and Vincent-Henri Peuch, Heads of C3S and CAMS respectively will speak to this shortly.
- secondly to provide some information on the procurement process itself, which will follow the procurement policies of ECMWF. Sylvia Baylis, our Head of Procurement will outline the process for you.



- thirdly we will have a session where we will seek to provide you with some information about issues that you have raised in questions submitted to us before the meeting.
- finally to provide you with an opportunity to network amongst each other and possibly identify other organisations with which you may wish to work to respond to some of the requests for tenders

As we have to operate within the strict rules of our procurement policy, we are restricted in what we can say, especially to a group here today which may not include all potential bidders. I would ask you to respect this constraint and understand when we may not be able to answer all your questions here today.