



Sentinel data on steroids!

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Belgium has its own Collaborative Ground Segment:



Agreement signed with ESA in September 2017



Other Collaborative Ground Segments



ESA signed Agreements

- with Member States:

Greece, Norway, Italy, Germany, Finland, France, UK, Sweden, Canada, Portugal, Austria, Estonia, Luxembourg and Belgium

- also with:

NASA, NOAA, USGS, GSA

(Iterations on-going with Brazil and African institutions)



Collaborative Ground Segment

Maximize the user uptake of Sentinel data by:

- Data dissemination and access
- Complementary products and algorithms
- Development of innovative tools and applications
- Complementary support to CAL/VAL activities

BE Collaborative Ground Segment



- Make use of existing infrastructure related to Remote sensing in Belgium: PROBA-V groundsegment
- The collaborative Ground Segment will evolve depending on the needs of the Belgian users



BE Collaborative Ground Segment



Terrascope survey results

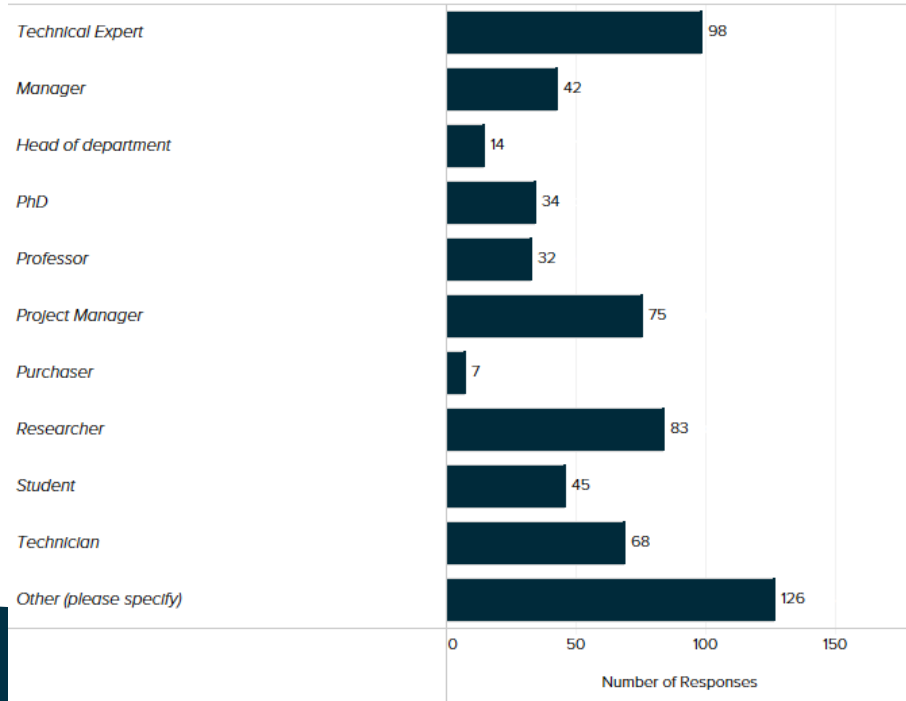
Origin of the responses (based on IP address)



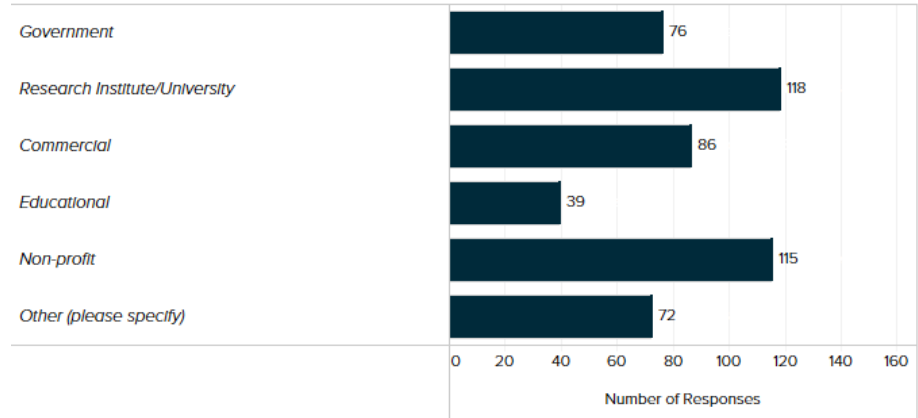
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Portugal	1
Russian Federation	1
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United States	3
Venezuela	1

Survey results

1 - What is your profile? (multiple responses possible)



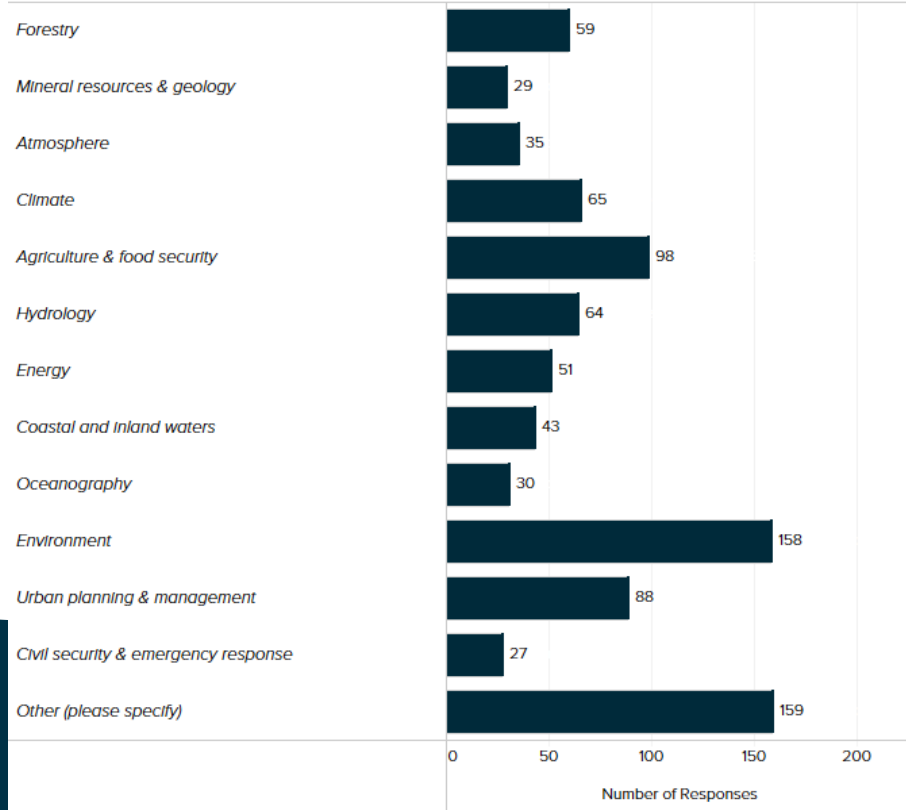
2 - What is your affiliation?



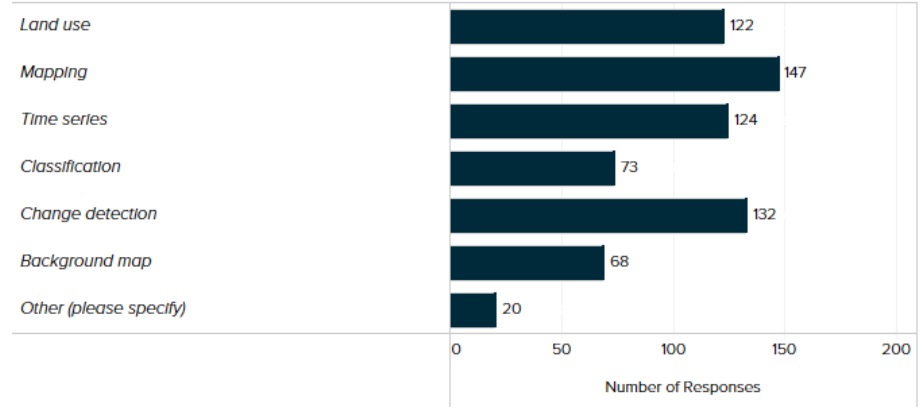


Survey results

4 - What is your activity domain? (multiple responses responsible)

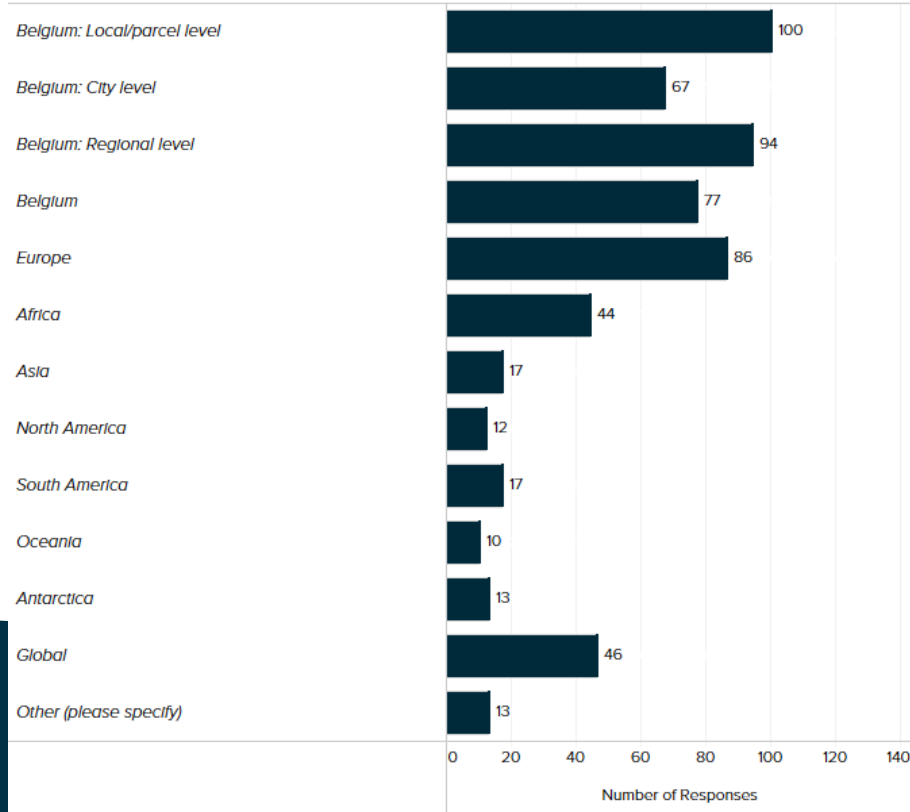


11 - What field of applications are you interested in? (multiple responses responsible)

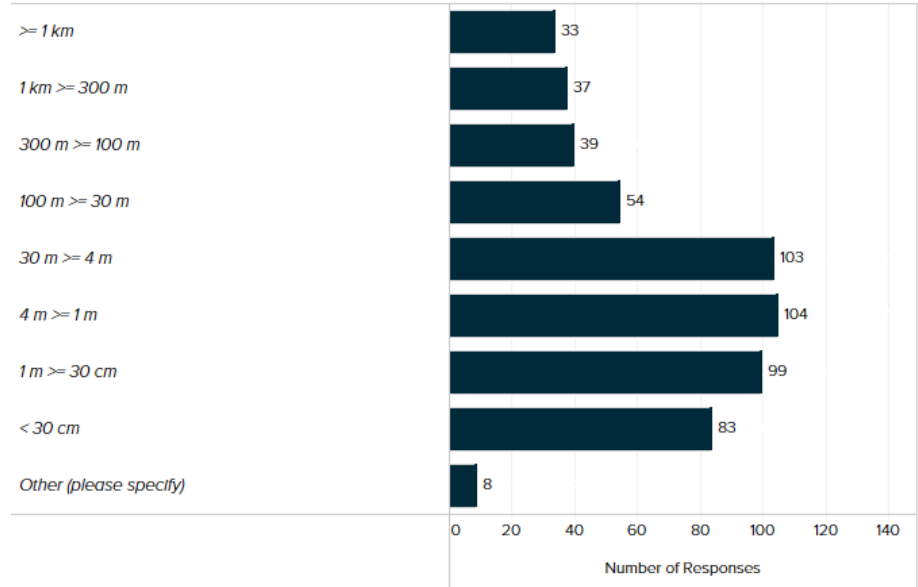


Survey results

14 - What area are you interested in? (multiple responses possible)

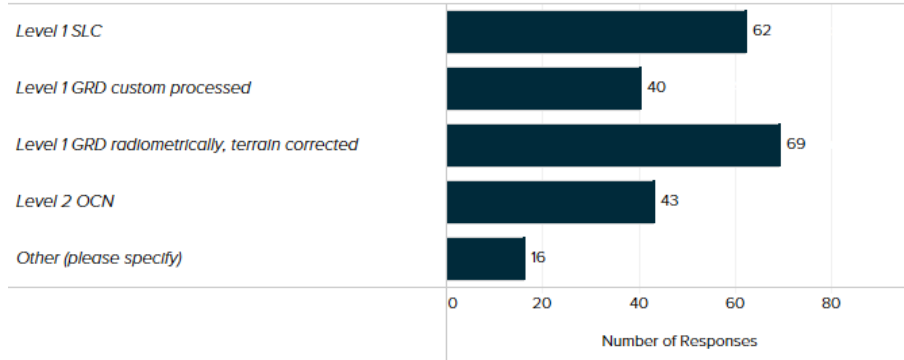


15 - What spatial resolution is of interest to you? (multiple responses possible)

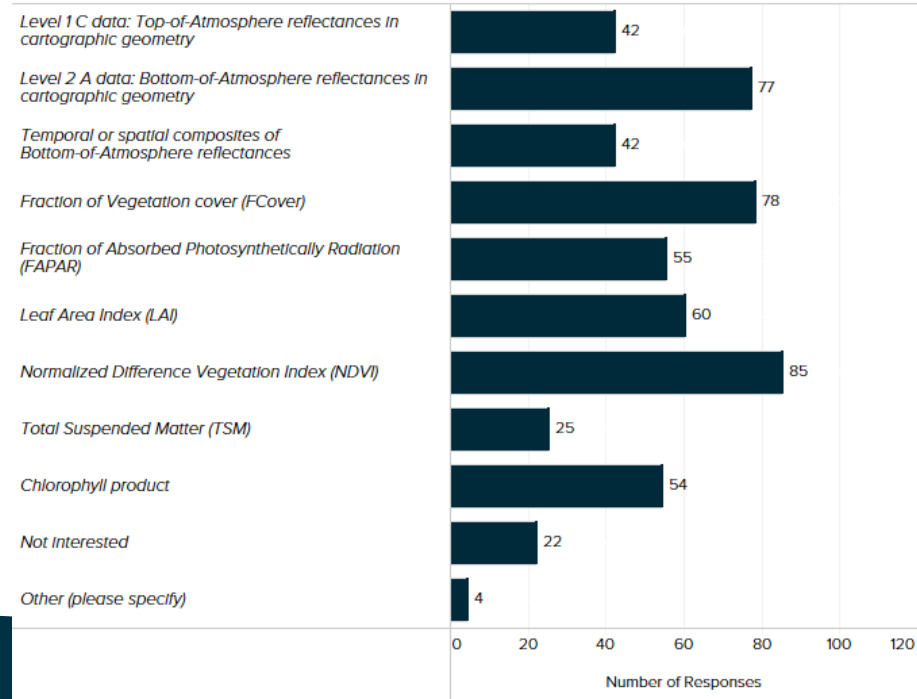


Survey results

18 - Sentinel 1: Which data or product are you interested in? Sentinel 1 (multiple responses possible)



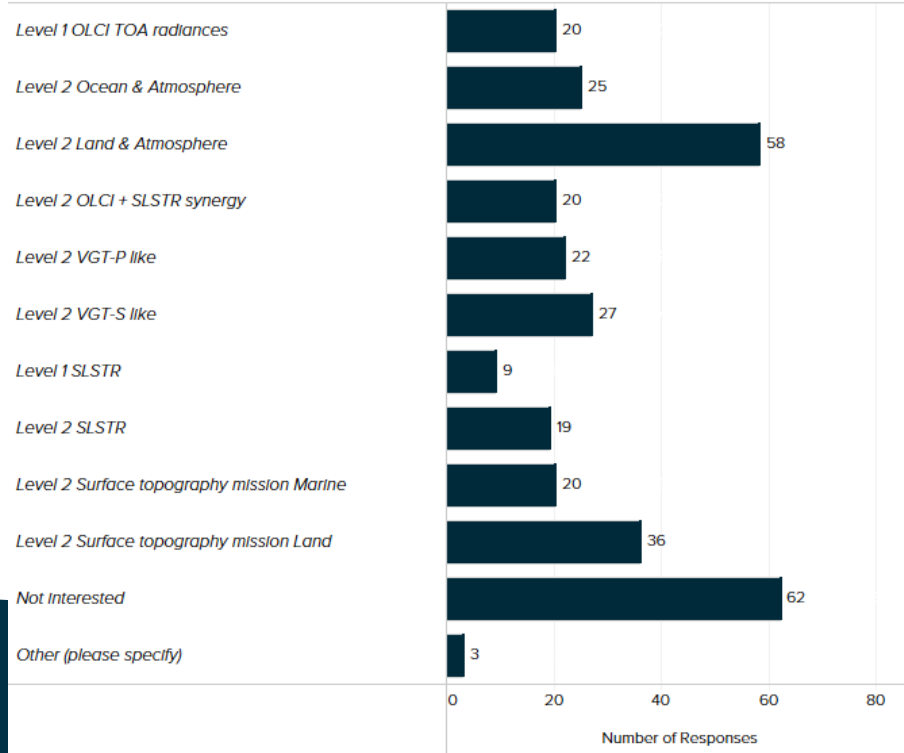
19 - Sentinel 2: Which data or product are you interested in? Sentinel 2 (multiple responses possible)



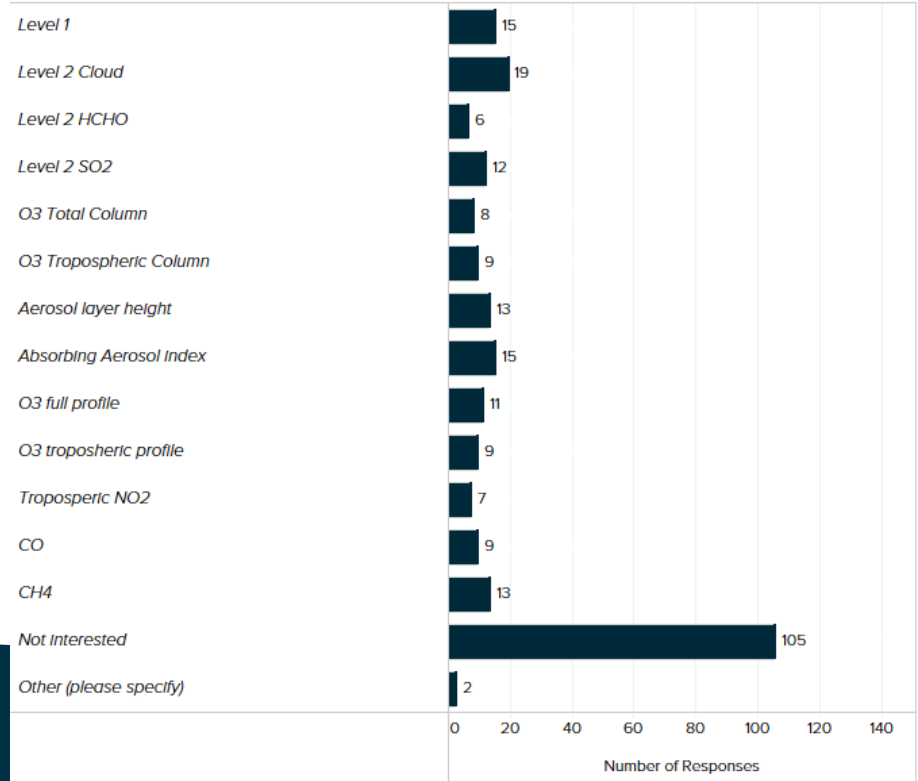


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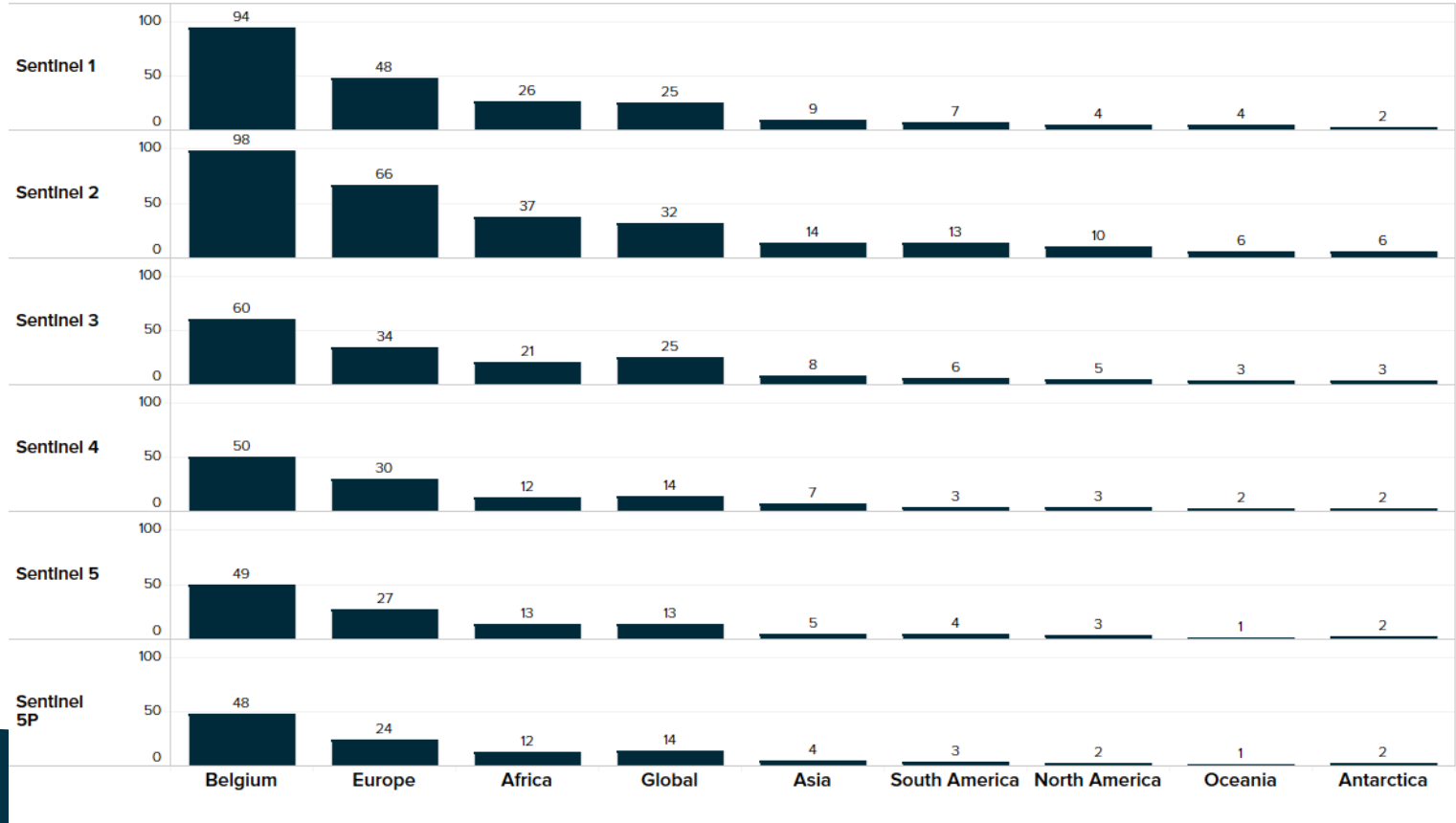
20 - Sentinel 3: What product families are you interested in? Sentinel 3 (multiple responses possible)



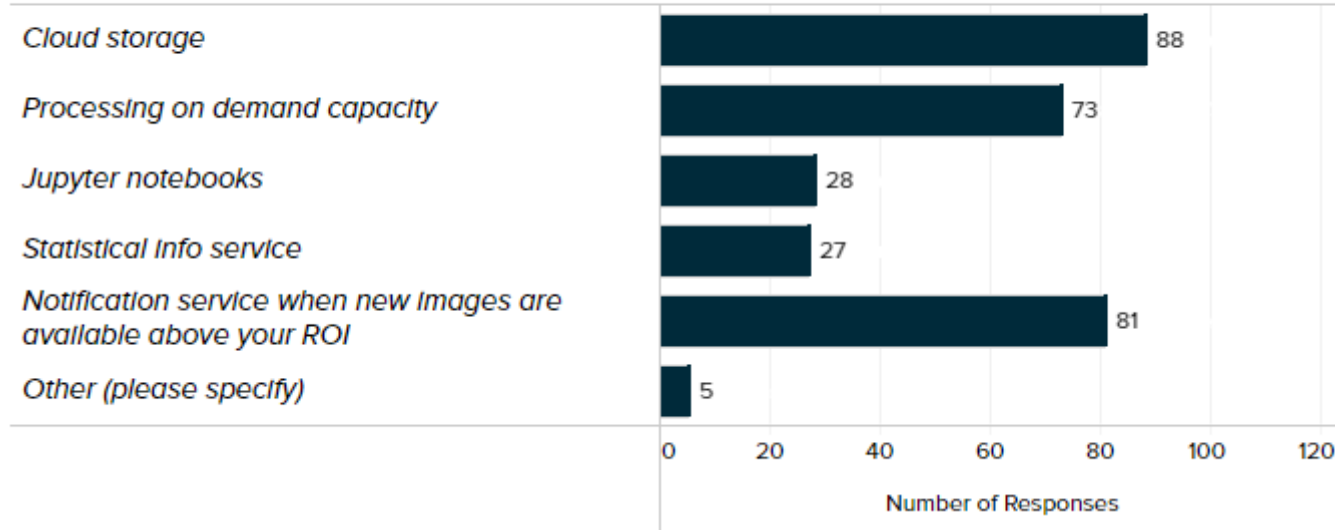
23 - Sentinel 5P: What product families are you interested in? Sentinel 5 P datasheet (multiple responses possible)



24 - What area are you interested in? (multiple responses possible)

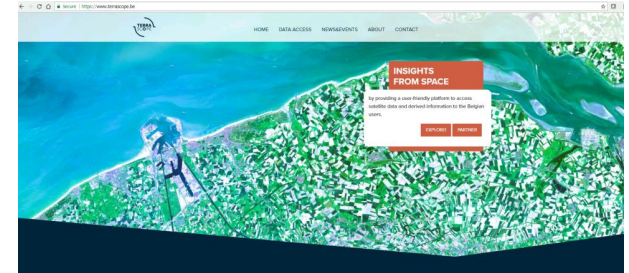


32 - Which facilities would help to expedite your activities (multiple responses possible)



Survey Conclusion

- Good representation of Belgian EO users
- Sentinel satellites cover HR needs, not VHR
- Region of interest Belgian users on:
 - Belgium, Europe, Africa
- Priority for people using EO data:
 - Freely available
 - Intuitive interface
 - Cloud storage & processing facilities
 - Precision of data



Complete insight on
questionnaire:

www.terrascope.be



For whom?

What?

How?

When?





What is our target group?

- Public authorities
- Industry
- Scientific institutions & universities
- Educators & students
- Citizens





Another platform ???



Google Earth Engine



SENTINEL Hub



Copernicus Open Access Hub



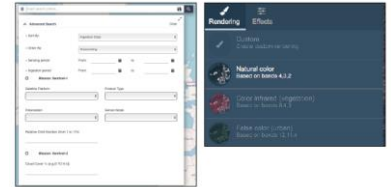
How do we like to stand out ?

- Visually attractive
- Great and performant viewer/web services
- Scientifically correct data (eg accurate geometry)
- Create a Virtual Research Environment
- Multilingual support NL/FR/ENG
- Active user support
- Guaranteed service levels
- Outreach



User interfaces Should Not Reflect Underlying Complexities

User interfaces should in no way reflect underlying technical complexities and implementations. The whole reason to design an interface is to translate needs and goals of end-users to the technology, so the end-user does not have to know any of the underlying implementation. However, most platforms in this domain seem to present the underlying data and implementations to the user, as can be seen in the example below of the search form on the Sentinels National Mirror Austria. An exception to this, and an example of a good design is the Sentinel-hub Playground. Here, comprehensible labels are used, while the technical information is displayed on a secondary level (the used bands in a smaller subtitle, whatever they may mean).



Bad example: Search form of Sentinels National Mirror Austria seems to be a plain representation of the underlying data structure (left). Good example: Main navigation on Sentinel-hub Playground displays comprehensible labels (e.g. natural color) (right)

How to reach our target group?

- Roadshow
- Training sessions
- Copernicus Relays
- Roll-up, flyers...
- Digital:
 - Twitter
 - LinkedIn
 - User forum
 - Tutorials/webinars
 - Sample code

User-centric approach



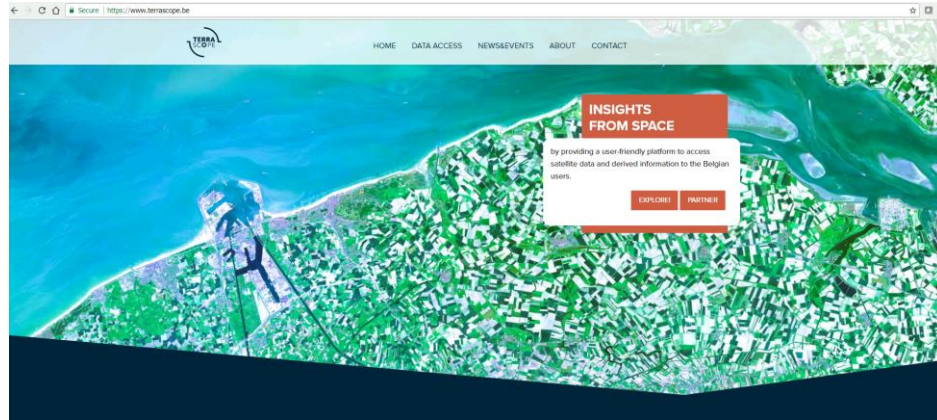


Terrascope development approach

- Short development cycles (3 months)
- Dynamic **feature list** is basis for content per cycle
- Version control
 - Communication
 - Offer old & new products together for a limited time
- Validation
- Regression testing



Platform today

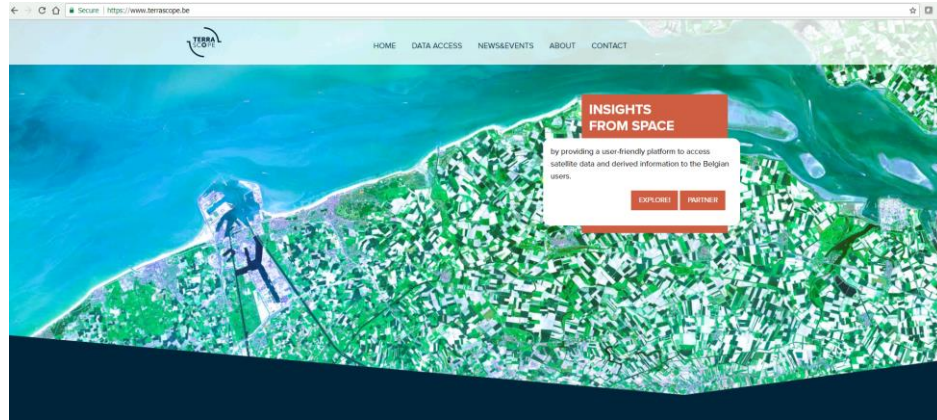


- Landing page online
- S2 products over Belgium via www.vito-eodata.be
- Web services WMS/WMTS
- Virtual Machine with access to S2/PROBA-V/SPOT-VGT data





Platform cycle 1

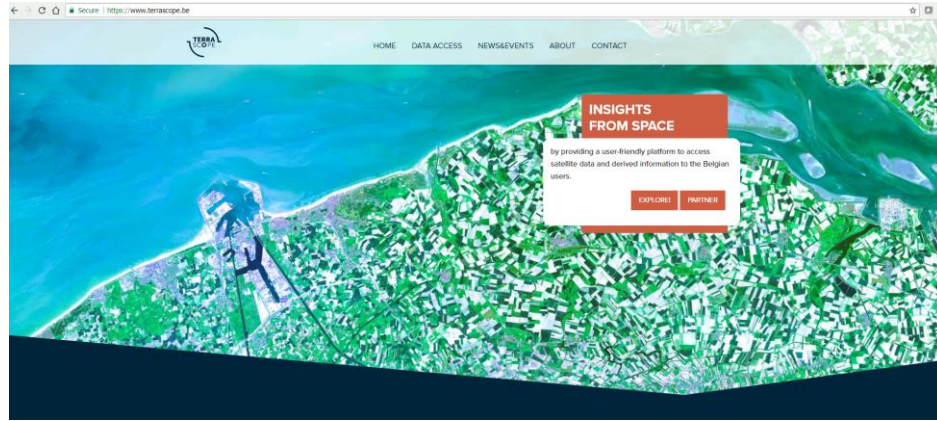


- S1 products over Belgium
- S2 products over Belgium
- S2 Geo viewing application

Release March 2018



Platform cycle 2 – 3 – 4



- S2 products over EU/AFR
- S3 products global
- Advanced Geo viewer
- Access to all data in Virtual Machine
- Access to Jupyter Notebooks
- Access to computing resources

Release Q2 – Q3 – Q4 2018

Next cycles

- Fusion products (S1/S2, S2/S3, ...)
- On-the-fly
 - E.g. SAR interferometry
 - E.g. tailor-made syntheses
 - E.g. time series (based on original data)
- User driven approach in collaboration with BELSPO
- Integrate research results where possible/useful
- Cooperation with Belgian entities

Belgian platform: Can you contribute ?



Jupyter Notebooks?

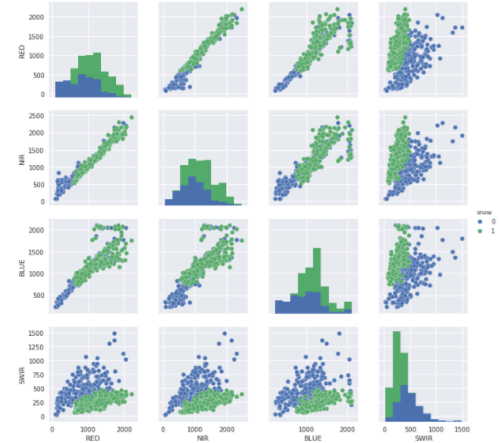


“Jupyter Notebooks are interactive web applications that allow users to create and share documents that contain live code, equations, visualizations, and explanatory text.”

- Direct access to Sentinel data
- Share code/research/comment
- Publish results

! Library for Belgian users !

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Building the classifier

First, we need to do some preprocessing before we can build our classifier.

1. SVM works better when the data is rescaled
2. We need to introduce interaction variables, e.g. by building a polynomial expansion
3. SVM generally requires the dataset to be balanced (or use class weights). Since we have so many available positive samples, we will simply balance our dataset by undersampling our negative class.

So lets do just that, as follows:

```
In [14]: from pyspark.ml.feature import PolynomialExpansion
from pyspark.ml.feature import StandardScaler
from pyspark.ml11b.classification import SVMwithSGD, SVMModel
from pyspark.ml import Pipeline

def transform(data):
    polyExpansion = PolynomialExpansion(
        inputCol="features",
        outputCol="poly/features",
        degree=2
    )
    scaler = StandardScaler()
```



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