

## The Roles of Participants and Observers in the 11<sup>th</sup> ESA Training Course in Earth Observation.

This short document explains the roles of a participant and an observer in the 11<sup>th</sup> ESA Training Course in Earth Observation, respectively. You are required to read this carefully and submit your option by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February, close of business.

### **A participant:**

- shall attend all theoretical sessions and can ask questions;
- shall attend all practical demonstrations and can participate in the quick round of questions at the end of the demonstrations);
- shall use the Virtual Machine to execute practical exercises, while remaining in the call with the teacher, to consult any issues that arise, until the closure of the day;
- shall fill in the ESA feedback form at the end of the course;
- will get a certificate of attendance at the end;
- will get the theory and practical materials (data, step-by-step guides) inside the VM, where they can be downloaded on a personal laptop;

***Note 1: Participants are expected to attend all the sessions.***

### **An observer:**

- may attend the theoretical sessions and can ask questions;
- may attend the practical demonstrations and can participate in the quick round of questions at the end of the demonstrations);
- will be disconnected from the course for the practical sessions only;
- does not have access to a virtual machine and will not be able to remain in the event while participants repeat the exercise.
- does not get a certificate of attendance at the end;
- will be able to access materials from the course of the website, when they are published after the event (a link will be shared during the event);

Teachers will indicate which datasets, software and computational resources would be needed to repeat the exercises without using VMs, (e.g., on a personal laptop). Note this may not be possible for all the exercises. But where feasible, it will be indicated.

Teachers will indicate how one may request access to the VMs via the website of RUS Copernicus.

***Note 2: Observers may attend all the theory & demo sessions except for the practical sessions at the end of each day. Full attendance is not expected. Therefore, an observer may join and leave any time during the day.***

***Note 3: MCST shall endeavor to publish the course content online for the general public to follow. However, this is not guaranteed where it is not feasible.***