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4. Conferences

Europe

November 2026

1. *4-6: Visualizing Climate 2026*

Venue: Bologna, Italy

2. *12-13: Strategy Forum on Space-based Data Centers*

Venue: ESTEC, Noordwijk, The Netherlands

February 2027

3. 09-12: *21st International Digital Curation Conference (IDCC27)*

Venue: Lisbon, Portugal

4. 16: Twelfth International Congress on Information and Communication Technology

Venue: America Square Conference Centre, London, UK

5. 22-25: DOKORP

Venue: TU Dortmund University, Dortmund, Germany

May 2027

6. 27-28: EUROGEO

Venue: Budapest, Hungary

Asia

November 2026

7. 4-5: Singapore Open Research Conference 2026: "AI and Open Research: Building Trust, Ensuring Security, Driving Impact,"

Venue: Nanyang Executive Centre, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Oceania

November 2026

8. 12: Oceania and Asia Data Roundtable 6 event

Venue: Online

North America

November 2026

9. 2-4: FOSS4G NA 2026

Venue: Sacramento, California, USA

10. 19-20: American Geographical Society

Venue: Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York City, USA

December 2026

11. 14-17: First Annual IEEE Workshop on Curation and Contextualization

Venue: Sheraton Downtown Phoenix, Arizona, USA

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GeoForAll Themes

- **OpenCity Smart**

  Theme under revision

- **Teacher Training & School Education**

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Sep 2016, Vol.2, no.9	Nimalika Fernando, Sri Lanka
Oct 2016, Vol.2, no.10	Sergio Acosta Y Lara, Montevideo Uruguay
Nov 2016, Vol. 2, no. 11	Victoria Rautenbach, Centre of Geoinformation Science Univ. of Pretoria, South Africa
Dec 2016, Vol.2, no.12	Dr. Daria Svidzinska, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine
Jan 2017, Vol.3 no.1	Dr. Mark Ware, University of South Wales, UK
Feb 2017, Vol.3, no. 2	Dr. Rafael Moreno Sanchez, Department of Geography and Environmental Sciences, University of Colorado Denver, USA
March 2017, Vol.3 no.3	Dr. Tuong Thuy Vu, School of Environmental and Geographical Sciences, University of Nottingham, Malaysia campus
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December 2017, Vol.3 no.12	Charlie Schweik, Univ. of Massachussets, USA
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February 2018, Vol.4 no.2	Barend Köbben, Department of Geo-Information ProcessingUniversity of Twente
March 2018, Vol.4 no.3	Kurt Menke, Birds Eye View
April 2018, Vol.4 no.4	Dr. Clous Rinner, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada
June 2018, Vol.4, no.6	Martin Landa, Department of Geomatics, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Czech Technical University (CTU) in Prague

Lab of the Month, Content table

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Sep 2015, Vol.1 no.2	FOSS4G Lab, University of Colarado Denver (USA)
Oct 2015, Vol.1, no.3	Open Source Geospatial Lab, University of Southampton, UK (Europe)
Nov 2015, Vol.1 no.4	The Northeast Institute of Geography and Agroecology of Chinese Academy of Science, China (Asia)
Jan 2016 , Vol.2 no.1	Centre for Geoinformation Science, University of Pretoria, South Africa, (Africa)
Feb 2016, Vol.2 no.2	Open Source Geospatial Lab, University of Newcastle, UK, (Europe)
Mar 2016, Vol.2 no.3	SMART Open Source Geospatial Lab, University of Wollongong, (Australia)
Apr 2016, Vol.2 no.4	Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development, Nairobi, Kenya (Africa)
May 2016, Vol.2 no.5	GeoDa Centre – Arizona State University, (USA)
June 2016, Vol.2 no.6	Direccion Nacional de Topografia – MTOP Montevideo, Uruguay, (South America)
July 2016, Vol.2 no.7	SIGTE – University of Girona, Spain (Europe)
August 2016, Vol.2 no.8	Open Source Geospatial Lab, Department of Geodesy and Surveying, Budapest Univ. of Technology and Economics, Hungary (Europe).
September 2016, Vol.2 no.9	Open Source Geospatial Lab, Faculty of Geodesy, University of Zagreb, Croatia, (Europe)
October 2016, Vol.2 no.10	Hellenic digital earth Centre of Excellence, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, (Europe)
November 2016, Vol.2 no.11	Department of Geoinformatics, Palacký University in Olomouc, Czech Republic
December 2016, Vol.2 no.12	Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkog, Thailand
January 2017, Vol.3 no.1	Spatial Lab, Texas A&M, Corpus Christi, USA
February 2017, Vol.3 no.2	Open Source Geospatial Lab, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Belgrade, Serbia
March 2017, Vol.3 no.3	Geomatics and Earth Observation Laboratory (GEOlab) , Politecnico di Milano, Italy
April 2017, Vol.3 no.4	Faculty of Civil Engineering, Department of Geomatics, Czech Technical University in Prague, Czech Republic
May 2017, Vol.3 no.5	the Laboratory of socio-geographical research of the University of Siena, ITALY
June 2017, Vol.3 no.6	A World Bridge program
July 2017, Vol.3 no.7	Department of Civil, Environmental and Mechanical Engineering of the University of Trento, Italy
August 2017, Vol.3 no.8	Institute of Geography, Faculty of Science, Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, Slovakia
November 2020, Vol.6 no.11	Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC), Spain
January 2021, Vol.7 no.01	gvSIG Uruguay Community, Uruguay

5. Webinars

- If you want to start learning how to use QGIS, there are some excellent free resources at https://www.gislounge.com/free-ways-to-learn-qgis/

- **International Autumn School on Satellite Data Analysis**
  Start date: Nov. 9, 2026
  End date: Nov. 13, 2026
  Host: Hellenic National Meteorological Services
  Organizer: EUMETSAT
  Format: Blended course
  Language: English
  Fees: No
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  Link: https://classroom.eumetsat.int/course/view.php?id=158

- **Introduction to Free Copernicus Data for Farming**
  Start date: November 24, 2026
  End date: November 24, 2026
  Host: ESA
  Language: English
  Link: Register here

- **Identifying disaster extent and risk using NISAR Surface Displacement**
  Start date: Nov. 12, 2026
  End date: Nov. 19, 2026
  Host: NASA Applied Remote Sensing Training Program (ARSET)
  Language: English
  Contact name: Brock Blevins
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  Link: https://www.earthdata.nasa.gov/learn/trainings/identifying-disaster-extent-risk-using-nisar-surface-displacement

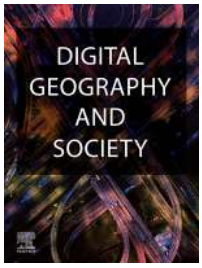
7. Training programs

- GeoForAll educational materials have been transferred to our new web site. GeoForAll educational inventory system, a place to search and share educational materials

11. Free books, educational materials, etc.

- Visit the YouTube QGIS channel at https://www.youtube.com/@qgishome to get videos of QGIS applications, presentations and ideas.

- "Everywhere She Maps, She Changes the Discourse: A Topic Modeling of Gender Discourse in YouthMappers Blogs"



  by Maliha Binte Mohiuddin, Natalia Da Silveira Arruda, Patricia Solís, Brajesh Karna, Ebenezer Nana Kwaku Boateng, and Courtney Clark.

  Digital Geography and Society, vol.10, June 2026

- "Human Exploration Across the Moon 2026"

  National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. 2026. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.



12. Articles

Acronyms

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For those who would like to support this effort, please send any acronyms to the Chief Editor (labrinos@eled.auth.gr).

3DEP: 3-D Elevation Program

AAG: Association of American Geographers

AGI: Ambient Geographic Information

AGS: American Geographical Society

AGU: American Geophysical Union

AI: Artificial Intelligence

AM/FM: Automated Mapping/Facilities Management

AOSP: African Open Space Platform

API: Application Programming Interface

ARSET: Applied Remote Sensing Training Program

ASPRS: American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

AURIN: Australian Urban Research Infrastructure Network

BBSRC: Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council

BDS: BeiDou Navigation Satellite Demonstration System

BIM: Building Information Modelling

CAADP: Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme

CAD: Computer Aided Design

CaGIS: Cartography and Geographic Information Society

CCGI: Collaboratively Contributed Geographic Information

CDSE: Copernicus Data Space Ecosystem

CEGIS: Center of Excellence for Geospatial Information Science

CEOS: Committee on Earth Observation Satellites

CHIRPS - Climate Hazards Group InfraRed Precipitation with Station data

CI: CyberInfrastructure

CLGE: The Council of European Geodetic Surveyors

CLMS Data: Copernicus Land Monitoring Service Data

CMEMS: Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service

CODATA: Committee on Data for Science and Technology

COGO: Coordinate geometry

CRC: Census Research Centre

CRS: Coordinate Reference System

CSA: Canadian Space Agency

CSSTEAP: Center for Space Science & Technology Education in Asia and the Pacific

CUDA: Compute Unified Device Architecture

DAAC: Distributed Active Archive Center (of NASA)

DEM: Digital Elevation Model

DTM: Digital Terrain Model

DSM: Digital Surface Model

DWG: Design file format

DXF: Drawing Interchange File

ECMWF: European Center for Medium range Weather Forecasting

EOS: Earth Observation Science

EOSC: European Open Science Cloud

EOSDIS: Earth Observing System and Data Information System

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

EPSG: European Petroleum Survey Group (used in projection IDs)

ESA: European Space Agency

ESERO: European Space Education Resource Office

EUROGI: European Umbrella Organisation for Geographic Information

EuroSDR: European Spatial Data Research

FDO: FAIR (Find, Access, Interoperate, and Reuse) Digital Objects

FOSS: Free and Open Source Software

FOSS4G: Free and Open Source Software For Geospatial

GCP: Ground Control Point

GDAL: Geospatial Data Abstraction Library

GEO: Group on Earth Observations

GEO: Geosynchronous Earth Orbits

GloFAS: Global Flood Awareness System

GNSS: Global Navigation Satellite System

GODAN: Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition

GPS: Global Positioning System

GPX: GPS Exchange Format

GRACE: Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (satellite program)

GRASPgfs: Geospatial Resource for Agricultural Species and Pests and Pathogens with workflow integrated modeling to support Global Food Security

GSoC: Google Summer of Code

HLPF: High Level Political Forum (of UN)

HOT: Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team

HPC: high-performance computing

ICA: International Cartographic Association

ICIMOD – International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development

ICSU-WDS: International Council for Science – World Data System

IDE: Spatial Data Infrastructure

IFAD – International Fund for Agricultural Development

INSPIRE: Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe

IOSP: Institute of Open Science Practices

IPCC – Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

IPGH: Pan American Institute of Geography and History

ISO: International Organization for Standardization

ISPRS: International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

ISRO: Indian Space Research Organization

JAXA: Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

KML: Keyhole Markup Language

LBS: Location-Based Service

LEO: Low Earth Orbits

LiDAR: Light Detection and Ranging

LOC: Local Organizing Committee

LOD: Level Of Detail

MEO: Medium Earth Orbits

MIL: Media and Information Literacy

MoU: Memorandum of Understanding

MSS: Multispectral Scanner

NAD: North American Datum

NARSS: National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences of Egypt

NCSA: National Center for Supercomputing Applications

NDVI - Normalized Difference Vegetation Index

NDWI - Normalized Difference Water Index

NED: National Elevation Dataset

NEPAD: NEw Partnership for African Development

NGA: National Geospatial Intelligence Agency

NHD: National Hydrologic Dataset

NIR - Near-Infrared

NLCD: National Land Cover Dataset

NOOSA: United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs

NRSA: Indian National Remote Sensing Agency

NSDI: National Spatial Data Infrastructure

NSF: National Science Foundation

OECD: Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development

OER: Open Educational Resources

OGC: Open Geospatial Consortium

OHI: International Hydrographic Office

OSGeo: Open Source Geospatial Foundation

OSM: OpenStreetMap

OTB: Orfeo Tool Box

PPGIS: Public Participation in Geographic Information Systems

PPSR: Public Participation in Scientific Research

RBV: Return Beam Vidicon

RCMRD: Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development

RDA: Research Data Alliance

ROSCOSMOS: Russian Federal Space Agency

ROSHYDROMET: Russian Federal Service for Hydrometeorology and Environmental Monitoring

RUFORUM: Regional Universities Forum for capacity building in agriculture

SaaS: Software as a Service

SAR: Synthetic Aperture Radar

SDG: Sustainable Development Goal

SDI: Spatial Data Infrastructure

SIG: Geographic Information System

SIGTE: The GIS and Remote Sensing Service of the University of Girona, Spain

SPIDER: open SPatial data Infrastructure eDucation nEtwoRk

SQL: Structured Query Language

SSH: Sea Surface Height

SSO: Sun-Synchronous Orbit

SST: Sea Surface Temperature

STISA 2024: Science Technology Innovation Strategy for Africa

STSM: Short Term Scientific Missions

SWIR: Short Wave Infrared

TIN: Triangulated Irregular Network

UAV: Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

UML: Unified Modeling Language

UN-GGIM: United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management

USGS: U.S. Geological Survey

USGIF: United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation

VGI: Volunteered Geographic Information

VNIR: Visible Near Infrared

XSEDE: Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment

WCS: Web Coverage Service

WFS: Web Feature Service

WGCapD: Working Group on Capacity Building and Data Democracy

WGS: World Geodetic System

WISERD: Wales Institute of Social & Economic Research, Data & Methods

WMO: World Meteorological Organization

WMS: Web Map Service

WMTS: Web Map Tiles Services

WOIS: Water Observation Information System

WPS: Web Processing Service

17. Ideas / Information

1. If you are interested in educational material, then go to https://www.osgeo.org/initiatives/geo-for-all/in-your-classroom/ where you can find software resources for your classroom. Also, go to "Resources" https://www.osgeo.org/resources/ to get guidance on how to use open source projects and tools.

2. New Sentinel-5P Level-2 collections available in openEO on CDSE

Nine new Sentinel-5P Level-2 collections are now available through the openEO service on the Copernicus Data Space Ecosystem (CDSE).

The new collections provide direct access to Sentinel-5P atmospheric composition products and make it easier to work with individual Level-2 products in openEO workflows.

The following collections are available:

SENTINEL5P_L2_CO — Carbon monoxide

SENTINEL5P_L2_NO2 — Nitrogen dioxide

SENTINEL5P_L2_CH4 — Methane

SENTINEL5P_L2_SO2 — Sulfur dioxide

SENTINEL5P_L2_HCHO — Formaldehyde

SENTINEL5P_L2_O3 — Ozone

SENTINEL5P_L2_AER_LH — Aerosol layer height

SENTINEL5P_L2_AER_AI — Aerosol index

SENTINEL5P_L2_CLOUD — Cloud products

CDSE COPERNICUS DATA SPACE ECOSYSTEM

3. Sentinel-3 Level-2 Land surface temperature now available in Copernicus Browser

Calibrated land surface temperature data at 1 km resolution.

In addition to the existing Level-1B reflectance and brightness temperature datasets, Sentinel 3 Level-2 Land Surface Temperature NTC (non-time critical) products are now available in Copernicus Browser and the Sentinel Hub API. These products were already available through the S3, STAC, and OData APIs.

The product provides land surface temperature in Kelvin, together with information on uncertainty, cloud probability, NDVI, and data geometry. Sentinel-3 SLSTR Level-2 data can support applications in agriculture, public health, or hydrology.

With a spatial resolution of 1 km and observations twice a day, at around 10:00 and 22:00 local solar time, Sentinel-3 SLSTR Level-2 data complement the hourly 3 km land surface temperature data available from CLMS.

4. Earth Data. Data Catalog

NASA EARTHDATA

Free Data covering topics like agriculture, atmosphere, biological classification, biosphere, land surface, oceans, human dimensions, cryosphere, climate indicators, etc. in many different formats.