Call for Entries

First Competition for Applications and Case Studies Using CopernicusLAC Chile Mapping Services

The Copernicus Regional Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean (CopernicusLAC Chile) invites professionals, researchers and representatives of public and private institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) to take part in a call for proposals to share experiences and applications in which they have used the Centre's Land Cover and Land Use, Urban Atlas and Coastal Monitoring services to support the day-to-day work of their institutions

This initiative aims to highlight and recognise work that demonstrates the value of spatial data in generating knowledge, developing solutions and supporting decision-making in the LAC region.

The two selected proposals will have the opportunity to present their work via posters at the 2027 edition of the General Assembly of the Copernicus Land Monitoring Service (CLMS), an international forum for the exchange of knowledge and experiences.

1. Purposing of the call

To identify, recognise and disseminate outstanding examples of the use of the Land Cover and Land Use, Urban Atlas and Coastal Monitoring services provided by CopernicusLAC Chile, for the benefit of public and private institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean.

2. Eligibility criteria

The competition is open to professionals, researchers, academics, students and representatives of public or private institutions who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be nationals of a Latin American or Caribbean country.
- Carry out their professional or academic activities within an institution or organisation based in the region.
- Have used at least one of the services provided by CopernicusLAC Chile (Land Cover and Land Use, Urban Atlas or Coastal Monitoring) to support the operational activities of their institution or organisation.
- For the Coastal Monitoring service, applications must focus on coastal-related use cases aligned with the themes of the CLMS Assembly.
- Entries may be submitted individually or as a team. If a team entry is selected, one representative must be designated to present the case study or application at the international event.

3. Topics of interest

We invite submissions of papers and applications that have incorporated information from the CopernicusLAC Chile services.

Proposals relating to the following areas will be particularly valued:

- Practical applications and innovation: the development of value-added tools, methodologies, platforms and applications based on CopernicusLAC Chile services.
- Land management and public policy: initiatives that utilise spatial data to support planning, management and decision-making at local, national or regional level.

- Monitoring territorial changes: analysis of changes in land use and land cover, urban sprawl, and territorial and environmental dynamics.
- Integration of geospatial information: initiatives that combine CopernicusLAC Chile services with other information sources to develop new products, analyses or solutions.

4. Application procedure

The competition will be conducted in two stages:

Stage 1. Submission and Selection of Entries

Applicants must submit an abstract outlining the objectives of their work, the CopernicusLAC Chile services used, the methodology or application developed, and the main results achieved. No poster is required at this stage.

An evaluation committee will assess the entries and select two submissions based on the evaluation criteria established in these guidelines.

Stage 2. Poster Preparation and Presentation

Following the announcement of the results, the authors of the two selected entries must prepare a poster presenting their work, in accordance with the specifications and deadlines communicated by the organisers.

The posters will be presented at the CLMS 2027 General Assembly, providing the selected participants with an opportunity to showcase their work, share their findings and exchange experiences with the international community.

5. Requirements for the submission of proposals

Submissions must include:

a. General information

- Title of the poster.
- Full name of the author(s).
- Institutional affiliation
- Country.
- Contact email address.
- Details of the person responsible for submitting the poster, in the case of a joint submission.

b. Summary

A summary of up to 500 words must be submitted, including:

- Context and objective: the issue or need addressed.
- Use of CopernicusLAC Chile services: identification of the products or datasets used and an explanation of how they were incorporated into the work.
- Methodology or application: a brief description of the activities, analyses or solutions developed.
- Results and contributions: main findings, outputs, applications or benefits achieved.
- Relevance: the work's contribution to spatial planning or decision-making.
- A figure, map or representative image may be attached to aid understanding of the proposal.
- Language: The abstract must be submitted in English and Spanish, bearing in mind that selected posters must be in English.
- Submission format: PDF document.

- Proposals must relate to work that has been completed or is currently in progress and which has demonstrable results or progress.

6. Evaluation and selection

Applications will be assessed by a committee appointed by the CopernicusLAC Chile Centre, which will select the two most outstanding proposals.

The evaluation will consider the following criteria and weightings:

1. Relevance and use of CopernicusLAC Chile's services: 30%
2. Results and contribution of the work: 25%
3. Innovation or originality of the application: 20%
4. Relevance and potential impact on the region: 15%
5. Clarity of the proposal: 10%

The committee may request clarifications or additional information during the evaluation process.

The results will be communicated to those responsible for the selected applications on the specified dates and will be published on the CopernicusLAC Chile website and social media channels in January 2027.

7. Recognition of selected entries

The two highest-rated proposals will be selected to take part in the CLMS 2027 General Assembly. Their authors will have the opportunity to:

- Present their work via a poster during the international event.
- Share their findings with specialists, researchers and representatives of institutions from different countries.
- Exchange knowledge and forge links with other users of spatial data.

- Gain recognition and visibility for the initiatives carried out in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- The organisers will cover the costs of participation, travel, accommodation and registration for the selected individuals.
- The selected authors will be responsible for obtaining the necessary visas and permits to enter the country where the CLMS 2027 General Assembly is to be held.

8. Posters preparation guidelines

Once the winners have been chosen, the selected participants must prepare a poster in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Format: A0, portrait orientation (841 x 1189 mm).
- Language: English.
- Minimum content: title, authors, institutions, objectives, services used, methodology, main results and conclusions.
- Graphic elements: it is recommended to prioritise maps, images, graphs and other visual aids that facilitate the communication of the results.
- The organisers will provide instructions and guidance on preparing the posters.
- Posters must be submitted for review prior to printing, by the date to be announced by the organisers.

9. Originality and author responsibilities

Authors shall be responsible for the accuracy and originality of the information submitted, as well as for ensuring they hold the necessary authorisations to disseminate their results, images and other materials included in the proposal.

Participation in this call for submissions implies authorisation for CopernicusLAC Chile to publish the title, abstract, authors and materials of the selected works for institutional and dissemination purposes, whilst respecting the relevant authorship credits.

10. Key datos and deadlines

1. Opening of the call for submissions: Wednesday 25 November 2026.
2. Application deadline: Sunday 10 January 2027, 23:59.
3. Notification of results: Monday 25 January 2027.
4. Submission of final posters: to be confirmed.
5. Presentation at the CLMS 2027 General Assembly: to be confirmed.

11. Submission of proposals and enquiries

Interested parties should submit their proposal in PDF format to the email address info@copernicuslac-chile.eu with the subject line "CLMS 2027 Poster Call for Papers – [First name and surname of the lead author]"

Enquiries regarding the call for papers may be sent to the same email address.

Submission of a proposal implies acceptance of the conditions set out in these guidelines.