

# GENERAL INFO

## About the OGEO

OGEO is an informal interest group with a focus on Earth Observation, bringing together the two communities of the Oil and Gas industry and the EO service provider industry. It was initiated and set up as a result of the [1st Oil & Gas Workshop](#) organised by ESA and held in Frascati in September 2010. OGEO brings these two communities together around subjects of common interest and to facilitate the communication within and amongst the communities regarding Earth Observation in the Oil and gas industry.

A [second Oil & Gas workshop](#) was held in December 2011, also hosted by ESA at Frascati and was organised in conjunction with the annual GRSG (Geological Remote Sensing Group) meeting.

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A specific section of the portal displays the results of the [EO4OG - or EO services for the Oil & Gas industry](#) - project. It was launched in 2014 by ESA to undertake a comprehensive study of the geo-information needs of the O&G sector and what EO services / products could help meet those needs.

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If you wish to apply to join the OGEO Portal then contact [secretariat@earsc.org](mailto:secretariat@earsc.org).