competition rules

please read the full terms and conditions here and privacy notice here

- one entry per person
- you must be over 18 to enter (family/group entries are allowed but the person posting the entry must be over 18, and the top prize is only valid for adults over 18)
- entries are open from 18th September 2025 until midnight CET on 30th September 2025
- entries should be submitted for the competition via Dropbox using the following link: https://www.dropbox.com/request/iOoOpRevugl5hVsagT8U
- The visualisation output (either in static, animated, or interactive formats)
 A user-friendly Jupyter Notebook (or, alternatively, a read-me file in Markdown or Text
 format), clearly demonstrating how the visualisation was produced and which ESA-CCI data
 and any auxiliary data were used.
 Include any relevant information needed to run the notebooks material (for example
 environment file for additional libraries required, link to a generated website/platform)
 All files must be combined into a single compressed folder (.zip or .rar) named:
 '{CONTESTANTLASTNAME} _{ENTRYCATEGORY}_submission{#number}.zip'
- only adults over 18 can be in any images/videos used. Anyone in the image/video must have given their consent
- in order to be considered for the winning entries you must submit your entry form confirming your agreement with the <u>privacy notice</u> – this is the link to the entry form https://tally.so/r/3jj2NR
- the competition is open to nationals of <u>ESA</u> member states (EXCEPT staff of ESA suppliers, its contractors, and members of the immediate families or households)
- entries must not have inappropriate content, which is considered libellous, defamatory, obscene, pornographic, abusive, in violation of copyright laws or unacceptable. If you are submitting a drink, it must not contain any alcohol. Users shall remain solely responsible for their content. You will be disqualified if your content is considered inappropriate in any way by the judges.
- there will be one overall winner and up to ten runners up
- the winner and runners up will be selected and informed by 31st October 2025
- the runners up will have their Forests in a changing climate added to the ESA CCI website
- the names, geolocation, and submissions of any participant may be shared in an article published on esa.int and climate.esa.int and associated social media promotion. You can review and confirm your agreement with the privacy notice via the entry form. By entering the competition, you acknowledge you are aware of the existence of potential risk that personal data is shared by these social media platforms to companies in countries without an adequate level of protection.
- prizes are non-negotiable. There is no cash or other alternative prize for either the runners up or overall winner.
- ESA will make all reasonable efforts to contact the winners of the contest but does not
 accept any responsibility if the winner does not respond or is not able to receive the prize.
 ESA will not be responsible for entries that are lost, for example as a result of any equipment
 failure, technical malfunction, systems, satellite, network, server, computer hardware or
 software failure of any kind even if occurring on the side of ESA.
- entries will be judged by the ESA Forests in a changing climate judging Panel. The panel's decision is final and no correspondence shall be entered into to discuss the final winner.
- if you have any questions, please ask us via sarah-jane.smart@imperativespace.com

prior to posting their submission, it is the Applicant's responsibility to obtain any intellectual
property rights also from any third party to the extent it is necessary to assign the
intellectual property rights on the proposed submission to ESA should the Applicant's
submission be selected as a winning one. As such, the Applicant hereby guarantees that they
hold all transferable rights on their proposed submission and that such submission does not
infringe any third parties' rights.

What to expect if you win the top prize:

- the winner will have their Forests in a changing climate entry added to a special gallery .
- you will be invited to have a VIP tour of ESA's phi-experience, its Earth observation datavisualisation suite in Frascati, Italy (The top winner must be age 18 or above). The tour will include the opportunity to meet ESA's data visualisation experts during this day to find out more about their work. There will be a dedicated programme announced nearer the time.
- you will book your own travel and accommodation and you will be refunded the cost up to 2000 Euros after the event (not on the day), upon presentation of travel and/or accommodation booking receipts. You will be asked to provide your bank account details to receive the reimbursement.
- you will need a valid passport to enter the ESA establishment.
- in case of COVID-19 pandemic concerns, we may need to reduce or cancel the activities at short notice. We recommend making flexible travel arrangements, as ESA cannot accept any liability for refunds.

Disclaimer: The rules may be updated or added to without notice, reflecting any questions we receive to clarify rules. Dates may change due to unforeseen events that are out of our control. The competition is run on a best-effort basis.