

# Use Case Analysis

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Purpose and Scope

This document presents the use cases relevant to the Common Architecture.

## 1.2. Structure of the Document

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## 1.3. Reference Documents

The following is a list of Reference Documents with a direct bearing on the content of this document.

### [EP-UC]

EO Exploitation Platforms - Use Cases, ESA-EOPSDP-TN-17-049, Issue 1.0, 15/12/2017

### [EP-FM]

Exploitation Platform - Functional Model, ESA-EOPSDP-TN-17-050, Issue 1.0, 30/11/2017

## 1.4. Terminology

The following terms are used in the use case descriptions.

Term	Meaning
Platform (EP)	An on-line collection of products, services and tools for exploitation of EO data
User	An individual using the EP, of any type (Admin/Consumer/Expert/Guest)
Admin	User with administrative capability on the EP
Consumer	User accessing existing services/products within the EP. Consumers may be scientific/research or commercial, and may or may not be experts of the domain
Expert	User developing and integrating added-value to the EP (Scientific Researcher or Service Developer)
Scientific Researcher	Expert user with the objective to perform scientific research. Having minimal IT knowledge with no desire to acquire it, they want the effort for the translation of their algorithm into a service/product to be minimised by the platform.
Service Developer	Expert user with the objective to provide a performing, stable and reliable service/product. Having deeper IT knowledge or a willingness to acquire it, they require deeper access to the platform IT functionalities for optimisation of their algorithm.

Term	Meaning
Guest	An unregistered User or an unauthenticated Consumer with limited access to the EP's services
Discovery	User finds products/services of interest to them based upon search criteria.
Products	EO data (commercial and non-commercial) and Value-added products and made available through the EP. <i>It is assumed that the Hosting Environment for the EP makes available an existing supply of EO Data</i>
Value-added products	Products generated from processing services of the EP (or external processing) and made available through the EP. This includes products uploaded to the EP by users and published for collaborative consumption
Processing Service	A non-interactive data processing that has a well-defined set of input data types, input parameterisation, producing <i>Processing Results</i> with a well-defined output data type.
On-demand Processing Service	A <i>Processing Service</i> whose execution is initiated directly by the user on an ad-hoc basis.
Systematic Processing Service	A <i>Processing Service</i> whose execution is initiated automatically (on behalf of a user), either according to a schedule (routine) or triggered by an event (e.g. arrival of new data).
Bulk Processing	Execution of a <i>Processing Service</i> on large amounts of data specified by AOI and TOI.
Processing Result	The <i>Products</i> produced as output of a <i>Processing Service</i> execution.
Reusable Research Object	An encapsulation of some research/analysis that describes all aspects required to reproduce the analysis, including data used, processing performed etc.
Interactive Application	A stand-alone application provided within the exploitation platform for on-line hosted processing. Provides an interactive interface through which the user is able to conduct their analysis of the data, producing <i>Analysis Results</i> as output. Interactive Applications include at least the following types: console application, web application (rich browser interface), remote desktop to a hosted VM.
Interactive Console Application	A simple <i>Interactive Application</i> for analysis in which a console interface to a platform-hosted terminal is provided to the user. The console interface can be provided through the user's browser session or through a remote SSH connection.
Interactive Web Application	An Interactive Application for analysis provided as a rich user interface through the user's web browser.
Interactive Remote Desktop	An Interactive Application for analysis provided as a remote desktop session to a VM hosted on the exploitation platform. The user will have access to a number of applications within the hosted OS. The remote desktop session is provided through the user's web browser.
Analysis Result	The <i>Products</i> produced as output of an <i>Interactive Application</i> analysis session.
Execution	The act to start a <i>Processing Service</i> or an <i>Interactive Application</i> .

Term	Meaning
Visualisation	To obtain a visual representation of any data/products held within the platform - presented to the user within their web browser session.
Processing	A set of pre-defined activities that interact to achieve a result. For the exploitation platform, comprises on-line processing to derive data products from input data, conducted by a hosted processing service execution.
Algorithm	A self-contained set of operations to be performed, typically to achieve a desired data manipulation. The algorithm must be implemented (codified) for deployment and execution on the platform.
Code	The codification of an algorithm performed with a given programming language - compiled to Software or directly executed (interpreted) within the platform.
Software	The compilation of code into a binary program to be executed within the platform on-line computing environment.
Analytics	A set of activities aimed to discover, interpret and communicate meaningful patterns within the data. Analytics considered here are performed manually (or in a semi-automatic way) on-line with the aid of <i>Interactive Applications</i> .
Development	The act of building new products/services/applications to be exposed within the platform and made available for users to conduct exploitation activities. Development may be performed inside or outside of the platform. If performed outside, an integration activity will be required to accommodate the developed service so that it is exposed within the platform.
Workspace	A user-scoped 'container' in the EP, in which each user maintains their own links to resources (products and services) that have been collected by a user during their usage of the EP. The workspace acts as the hub for a user's exploitation activities within the EP
Terms & Conditions (T&Cs)	The obligations that the user agrees to abide by in regard of usage of products/services of the platform. T&Cs are set by the provider of each product/service.

## 1.5. Glossary

The following acronyms and abbreviations have been used in this report.

Term	Definition
AOI	Area of Interest
EO	Earth Observation
EP	Exploitation Platform
SSH	Secure Shell
TOI	Time of Interest
VNC	Virtual Network Computing

## 2. Use Cases

Each use case is presented in the following sub-sections.

See [\[EP-UC\]](#) and [\[EP-FM\]](#) for more information.

### 2.1. User accesses Platform services

As a User, I want to be able to access the services of the system within the context of my user profile. I want to identify myself with the same unique identifier that I use on other platforms (e.g. email address or GitHub ID etc.). I should be directed to register or login if that is required to access the requested resource.

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1. Admin logs in on the EP
  2. Admin configures the access policy of the EP services
  3. Guest successfully accesses unprotected services
  4. Guest is denied access to protected services
  5. Guest registers as a platform user with an existing (external) identity
  6. Unauthenticated Consumer/Expert is denied access to protected services
  7. Consumer/Expert logs in on the EP
  8. Consumer/Expert successfully accesses protected services
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## 2.2. Consumer discovers and visualises products

As a Consumer I want to search for Products of all types by specification of textual and faceted search criteria. I want to be able to incrementally narrow my search with more criteria clauses. For each Product in the search result I want to get more detailed information that describes the product, its usage terms and costs, and visualise the data graphically. Having discovered a product of interest I may 'save' it to my Workspace, download it, or use it as input to further exploitation activities.

Figure 1 illustrates discovery of EO data products using the EO Browser system.

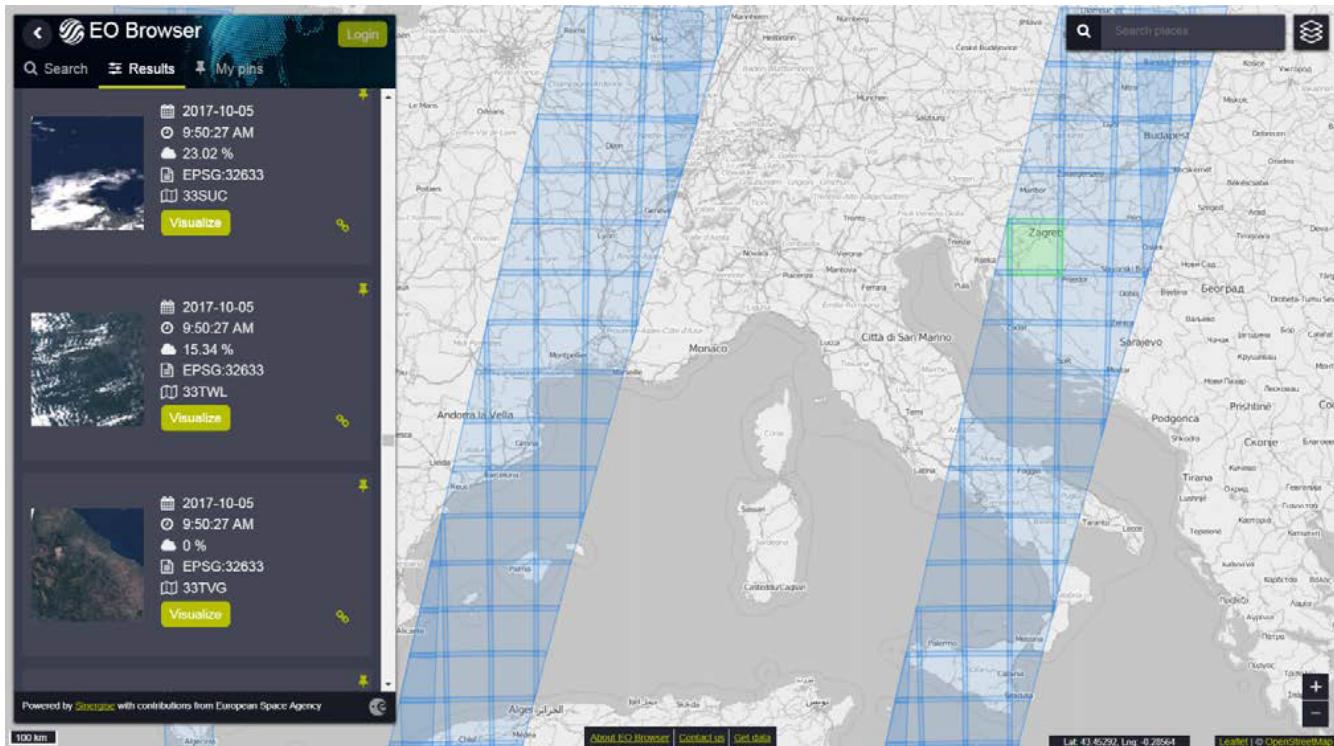


Figure 1. Product Discovery - EO Browser (<http://apps.eocloud.sentinel-hub.com/eo-browser/>)

Figure 2 shows custom visualisation of a Sentinel-2 EO data product.

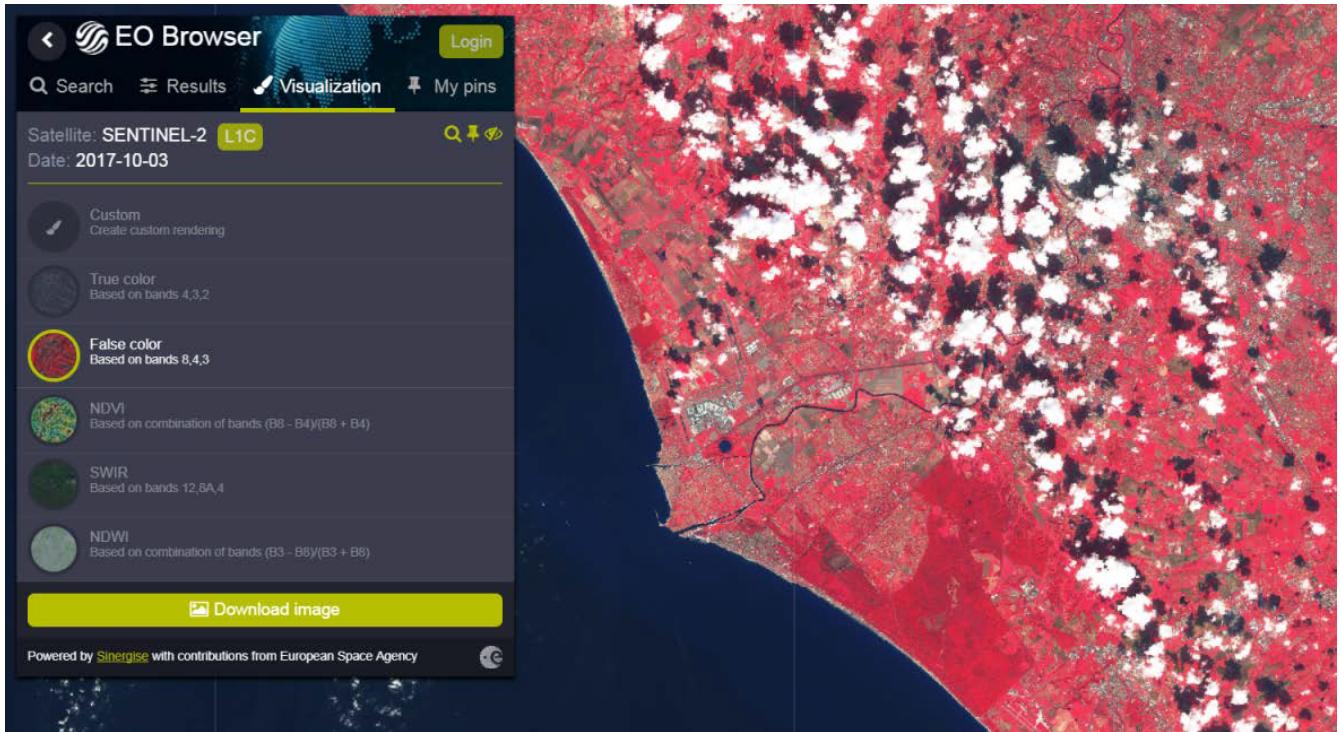


Figure 2. Product Visualisation - EO Browser (<http://apps.eocloud.sentinel-hub.com/eo-browser/>)

1. Consumer logs in on the EP
2. Consumer begins searching for products on the EP. The starting point is the full unfiltered product set that contains commercial/non-commercial EO data and value-added products
3. Optionally, the resultset is automatically filtered to include only those collections that the Consumer has right to visualise. *It may be the case that the EP chooses to make these 'unavailable collections' visible to the Consumer to publicise their existence*
4. Consumer filters the resultset by any combination of textual search terms, area of interest, time of interest, selection of collection(s) and selection of product facets
5. Consumer incrementally adjusts their search criteria to refine the filtered resultset
6. Consumer selects a product of interest; the EP checks they are authorised to access the product
7. Consumer views detailed metadata for the selected product
8. Consumer views T&Cs for the service and accepts terms if not already done so
9. Optionally, the Consumer 'saves' (a reference to) the product to their workspace
10. Consumer requests the cost for access/usage of the data
11. Optionally, the Consumer visualises the product with a graphical representation. *The Consumer is able to parameterise the visualisation interactively, e.g. specification of layers to view etc.*
12. Optionally, the Consumer downloads the visualisation results

**NOTE**

The use case does not mention the Guest user. It should be taken into account that an EP may choose to allow limited access to a Guest user, such as searching/browsing catalogues, before insisting on user login for exploitation activities. *This approach might be typical in order to allow a potential user discover EP capabilities before signing up*

**NOTE**

The use case does not consider the case where the Consumer is able to select sub-setting (spatial/temporal) of the data product itself, which might be typical of data accessible through a service such as OPeNDAP. *The extent to which this case should be considered for the EP is TBD*

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## 2.3. Consumer uploads data to their workspace

As a Consumer I want to upload data into my workspace and specify the name and destination in the target EP. I would like to treat my uploaded data the same as other (existing) data available in the EP. This includes:

- Visualise the data in the platform
- Use the data as input to analysis activities, e.g. interactively or through processing services

Additionally, I would like to (optionally) publish the data so that it is available to other users, discoverable through the EP catalogue.

The following figures provide implementation examples from the Hydrology TEP, <https://hydrology-tep.eu/>.

Figure 3 demonstrates the invocation of the 'Manage My Data' application.

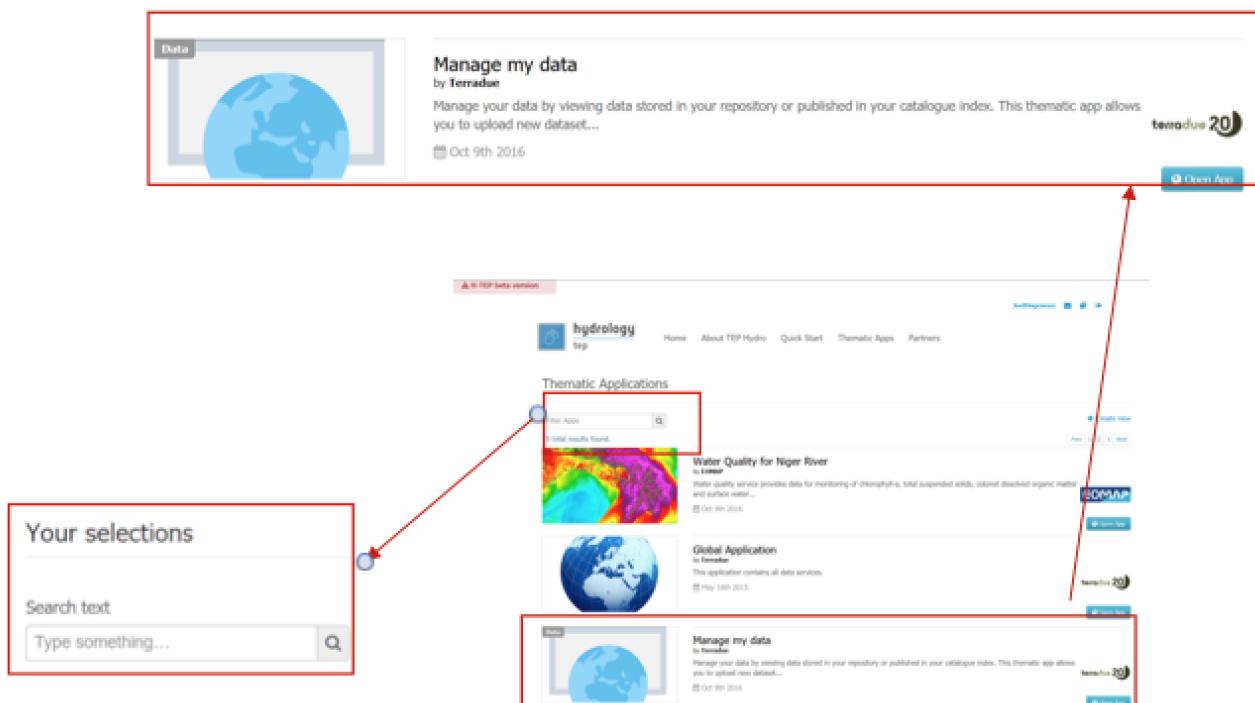


Figure 3. Manage My Data

Figure 4 illustrates the invocation of the data upload capability.



Figure 4. Workspace Upload

1. Consumer logs in on the EP
  2. Consumer navigates to their Workspace to be presented with data they have previously uploaded or 'saved'
  3. Consumer requests to upload new data - specifying appropriate metadata including the location to which the data should be uploaded
  4. Platform confirms the user's rights before accepting the request and ingesting the data into the user's workspace
  5. Optionally, consumer can view the details of any data in their workspace, including that which they have uploaded
  6. Optionally, consumer visualises their uploaded data and is able to manipulate and parameterise the view - with the possibility to download the result of their visualisation
  7. Optionally, consumer publishes the uploaded data in the catalogue - specifying all necessary metadata to support discovery
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## 2.4. Consumer discovers and executes On-demand Processing Service

As a Consumer I want to list and search for commercial and non-commercial *Processing Services*, by specification of textual and faceted search criteria. I want to be able to incrementally narrow my search with more criteria clauses. For each *Processing Service* in the search result I want to get more detailed information, including a description and access to its execution manual. If I have not already done so, then any *Terms & Conditions* associated to usage of the processing service should be made clear to me, with the opportunity for me to accept the T&Cs before I am authorised to execute the processing service.

I want to prepare the *Processing Service* for execution by specifying input data from within and outside the platform, and define any other parameters and configuration required to fully specify the job. Based upon my inputs I would like to get an estimation of the execution costs and time, before (optionally) initiating execution of the processing service. Having discovered a processing service of interest I may 'save' it to my Workspace, (which acts as a bookmark) - either with or without my parameterisation.

Having initiated execution of a *Processing Service*, I would like to monitor its progress (including any errors occurring), and have access to the results output at the successful conclusion. I would like to visualise my Processing Results graphically with custom visualisation parameters, and possibly download the results. Additionally, I would like to (optionally) publish the Processing Results so that it is available to other users, discoverable through the EP catalogue.

Figure 5 illustrates discovery and parameterisation of a Sentinel-2 Land Cover processor, from the Forestry TEP platform.

The screenshot shows the Forestry TEP platform interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'forestry', 'Explorer', 'Manage / Share', 'Helpdesk', 'My Account', and 'Logout'. Below the navigation bar, the main area is divided into sections: 'Default Project' (with a '+' button), 'WORKSPACE' (containing 'LandCoverS2'), and a central map of Europe. The map highlights a specific area in the UK and Ireland with a green rectangle, indicating the 'Area of Interest'. The 'LandCoverS2' workspace contains a description: 'Calculate land coverage (a forest map) from Sentinel-2 data' and 'Land cover mapping using Sentinel-2 images, with image classification trained by Random Forest model. A core F-TEP service'. It also includes fields for 'Input data' (a zip file containing sentinel2://...), 'Reference data archive containing shapefile for image classification training' (a zip file containing yb\_20170718T10452.x), and 'Class' (with an example 'E.g.: Class'). There is also a 'Target CRS identifier' field. At the bottom of the workspace section, there is a note about EPSG coordinate reference system identifier. The right side of the interface shows a 'RESULTS: SENTINEL2' panel listing four processing jobs with details like start and end times, sizes, and cloud coverage. The bottom of the screen shows a footer with page navigation and a copyright notice.

Figure 5. Processing Discovery - Sentinel-2 Land Cover processor (<https://f-tep.com/app/>)

Figure 6 illustrates the visualisation of processing results, from the Forestry TEP platform.

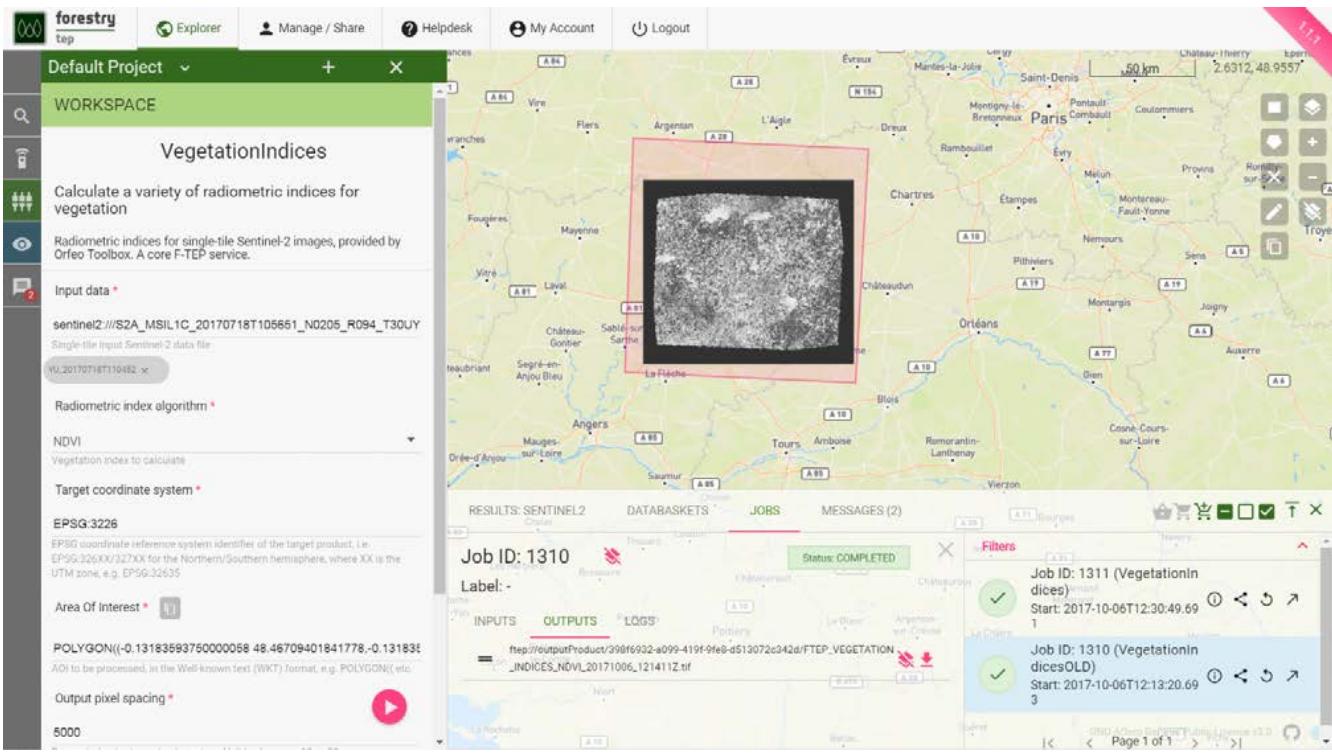


Figure 6. Processing Results (<https://f-tep.com/app/>)

1. Consumer logs in on the EP
- 2. Discover and Select Processing Service...**
3. Consumer begins searching for *Processing Services* on the EP. The starting point is the full unfiltered set of *Processing Services* that contains commercial/non-commercial services
4. Optionally, the resultset is automatically filtered to include only those services that the Consumer has right to visualise. *It may be the case that the EP chooses to make these 'unavailable services' visible to the Consumer to publicise their existence*
5. Consumer filters the resultset by any combination of textual search terms and selection of service facets
6. Consumer incrementally adjusts their search criteria to refine the filtered resultset
7. Consumer selects a *Processing Service* of interest; the EP checks they are authorised to access the product
8. Consumer views the manual for the selected service in order to understand its required input data/parameters and the nature of its algorithm
9. Consumer views T&Cs for the service and accepts terms if not already done so
10. Optionally, the Consumer 'saves' (a reference to) the product to their workspace
- 11. Discover and Select Input Data...**
12. Consumer searches the EP catalogue for input data of interest, by specification of spatial/temporal (and other) characteristics
13. Platforms aids the Consumer in selecting input data that is compatible with the chosen processing service

14. Consumer selects the input data from their search results and/or from their workspace data
15. The EP checks they are authorised to access the product
16. Consumer views detailed metadata for the selected product
17. Consumer views T&Cs for the service and accepts terms if not already done so
- 18. Initiate Processing...**
19. Consumer specifies the input parameters of the *Processing Service*
20. Consumer requests processing execution
21. The EP checks that the Consumer has the authorisation to launch the *Processing Service* and access the specified data
22. The EP estimates the cost and duration of the processing and checks the Consumer has enough resources to execute the processing
23. Consumer is presented with the cost/duration estimation and confirms the processing
24. Consumer monitors the status of the processing (%completion, execution logs)
25. When the processing completes successfully the *Processing Results* are made available to the user in their *Workspace*
26. The Consumer's billing account is updated commensurate with the 'cost' of the processing
- 27. Exploit Results...**
28. Optionally, the Consumer downloads the results
29. Optionally, the Consumer visualises the processing logs (e.g. for error inspection)
30. Optionally, the Consumer visualises the results and is able to manipulate and parameterise the view - with the possibility to download the result of their visualisation
31. Optionally, the Consumer publishes their results in the catalogue - specifying all necessary metadata to support discovery

**NOTE**

The use case considers the user interaction in which the processor is selected first, followed by selection of compatible data. We might also consider the alternative in which the input data is selected first, and the Platform facilitates the selection of compatible processors. Ideally the platform should support both approaches.

**NOTE**

The use case does not explore how the user obtains/maintains a resource quota in the platform in order to 'pay' for their usage

**NOTE**

The use case does not consider the possibility of processing services for which the user requires a license key. This would have to be considered as an extension of this case.

## 2.5. Consumer discovers and executes Interactive Applications

As a Consumer I want to list and search for commercial and non-commercial *Interactive Applications*, by specification of textual and faceted search criteria. I want to be able to incrementally narrow my search with more criteria clauses. For each *Interactive Application* in the search result I want to get more detailed information, including a description and access to its execution manual. If I have not already done so, then any *Terms & Conditions* associated to usage of the *Interactive Application* should be made clear to me, with the opportunity for me to accept the T&Cs before I am authorised to execute the application.

Having started the *Interactive Application* I want to access the application user interface via my web browser, perform analytics accessing EO data, value-added products and other resources available on or outside the platform. I would like to export my Analysis Results (text, products, screenshots etc.) from the application into my EP workspace, allowing me to visualise and download the results. At the conclusion of my analysis session I would like to stop the application to ensure that I am not using unnecessary resources and/or incurring unwanted costs.

As a Consumer, I should be able to request a list of Interactive Application sessions that I currently have 'live' in the system - through which I can manage the sessions by rejoining or stopping as required.

Figure 7 illustrates listing and selection of an Interactive Application, from the Costal TEP platform.

The screenshot shows a web-based interface titled 'Service'. It lists four interactive applications:

Application	Description	Actions
SNAP	Sentinel Toolbox	<button>Start new</button> <span>(play/pause/stop icons)</span>
Ubuntu	Virtual Desktop	<button>Start new</button>
QGIS	Free and Open Source GIS	<button>Start new</button>

Figure 7. Interactive Application - Discovery and selection (<https://www.coastal-tep.eu/>)

Figure 8 illustrates the SNAP application running interactively in the user's web browser, from the Costal TEP platform.

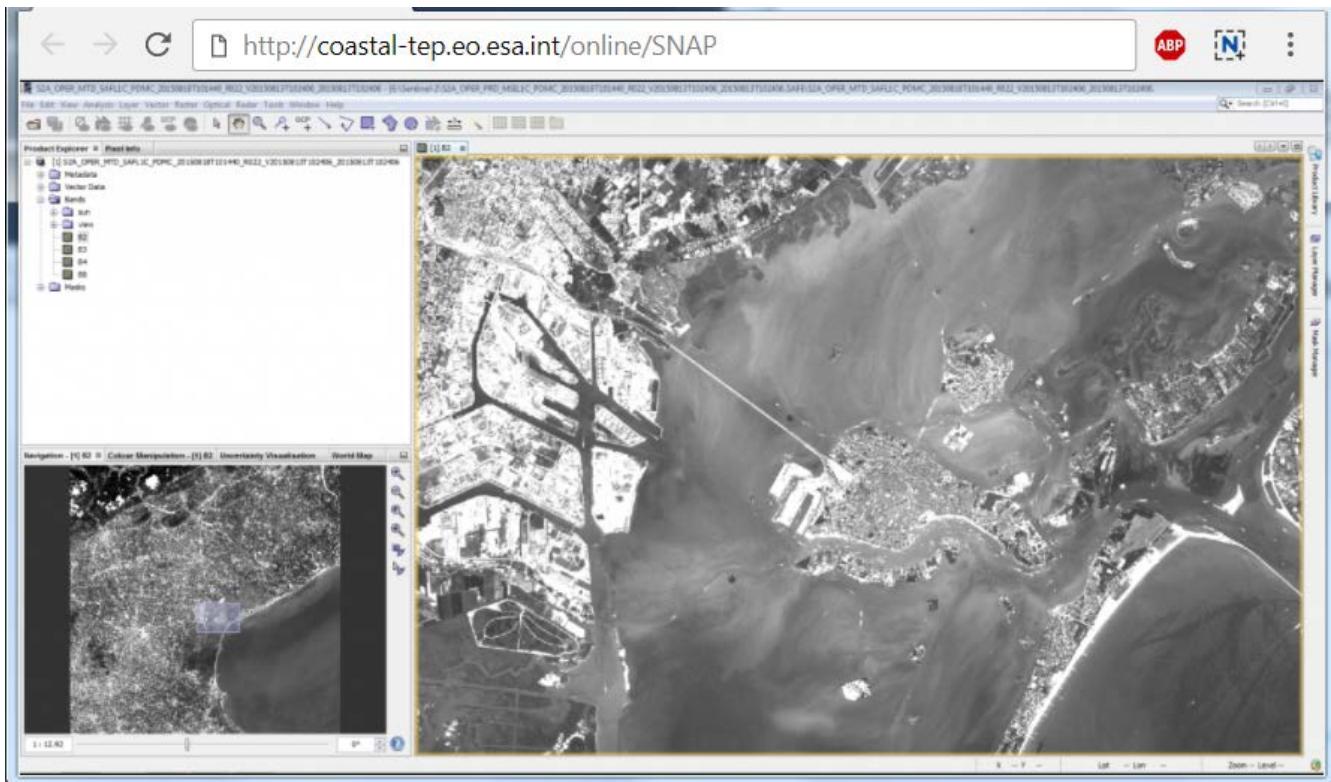


Figure 8. Interactive Application - SNAP running in web browser (<https://www.coastal-tep.eu/>)

1. Consumer logs in on the EP
2. Consumer begins searching for *Interactive Applications* on the EP. The starting point is the full unfiltered set of *Interactive Applications* that contains commercial/non-commercial applications
3. Optionally, the resultset is automatically filtered to include only those services that the Consumer has right to visualise. *It may be the case that the EP chooses to make these 'unavailable applications' visible to the Consumer to publicise their existence*
4. Consumer filters the resultset by any combination of textual search terms and selection of application facets
5. Consumer incrementally adjusts their search criteria to refine the filtered resultset
6. ***Alternative Flow: Existing Session Selection***
7. Consumer views the description and execution manual for the selected application
8. Consumer selects an *Interactive Application* of interest; the EP checks they are authorised to access the application
9. Consumer views T&Cs for the application and accepts terms if not already done so
10. Optionally, the Consumer 'saves' (a reference to) the application to their workspace
11. Consumer searches the EP catalogue for input data of interest, by specification of spatial/temporal (and other) characteristics
12. Consumer selects the input data from their search results and/or from their workspace data
13. ***Alternative Flow: Input Data Selection***
14. EP checks that the Consumer is authorised to access the data and has accepted the associated T&Cs - prompting for confirmation of acceptance as required

15. If applicable, the EP estimates the cost for the application/data, checks the Consumer has enough resources to cover this cost, and the Consumer is presented with the cost indication
16. Consumer accepts and starts the Interactive Application, which is presented to them in their web browser
17. The previously selected input data is made available within the execution context of the *Interactive Application*
18. Consumer uses the application to perform analytics using the input data
19. Optionally, the Consumer accesses additional data to be introduced into the analysis within the *Interactive Application*, (the EP checks rights/costs as required)
20. Consumer saves(exports their Analysis Results from the application to be saved on the EP, within their *Workspace*
21. The Consumer's billing account is updated commensurate with the 'cost' of the processing
22. Optionally, the Consumer downloads the results
23. Optionally, the Consumer visualises the results and is able to manipulate and parameterise the view - with the possibility to download the result of their visualisation
24. Optionally, the Consumer publishes their results in the catalogue - specifying all necessary metadata to support discovery

*Alternative Flow: Existing Session Selection*

Rather than discovering and starting a new application instance, instead they list existing 'live' sessions, that they can rejoin

- a. Consumer obtains a list of their current 'live' interactive sessions
- b. Consumer selects to rejoin an existing session

*Alternative Flow: Input Data Selection*

Rather than pre-selecting the input data before invoking the *Interactive Application*, it may be preferable (depending on the application) to make the input data selection from within the *Interactive Application*. The use case is not elaborated here in regard of this approach, but it should be ensured that the data access is made within the context of the user's access rights and associated billing considerations.

## 2.6. Consumer analyses value-added product

This use-case is described in document [EP-UC]. However, it is seen as the same as use-case [Consumer discovers and executes Interactive Applications](#), just with particular emphasis on the inclusion of Value-added Products in the analysis, and perhaps with an associated set of specific tooling in mind (WebGIS, DataCube, etc.).

By way of illustration, [Figure 9](#) provides an example that uses PUMA WebGIS to combine value-added products with in-situ data, taken from the Urban TEP platform.

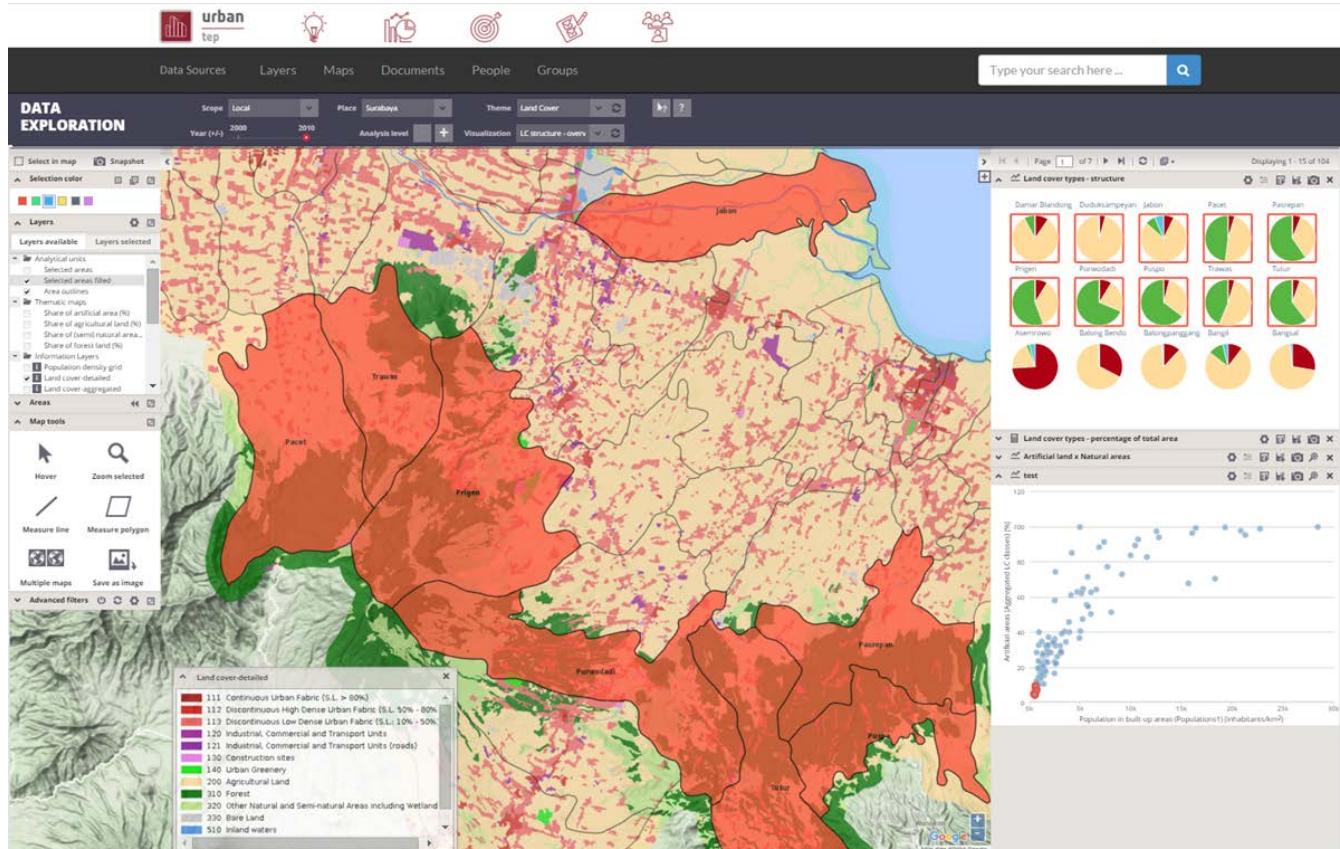


Figure 9. Value Added Products Analyses - PUMA WebGIS (<https://urban-tep.eu/>)

## 2.7. Consumer executes Bulk processing

This use case builds upon case [Consumer discovers and executes On-demand Processing Service](#).

As a Consumer, I want to execute a processing service over a large amount of data. I want to utilise the EP's discovery service to select a processing service. I want to utilise the EP's discovery service to select multiple datasets, typically by specification or AOI and TOI to define the data inputs. The data discovery should facilitate selection of typical bulk processing scenarios, such as daily acquisitions, or selection by AOI. Having submitted my bulk processing, I would like to monitor the status of the processing, receive the completed *Processing Results*, with the ability to visualise/download etc. the results using the facilities of the EP. In the case of an error, then I should be alerted, with the capability to investigate the cause through access to the processing logs.

Figure 10 shows bulk processing at ESA's Grid Processing On Demand (G-POD) system.

The screenshot shows the G-POD web interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for esa, Home, Services, Workspace, Catalogue, Products, Schedulers, My profile, Documentation, and Help. Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar with the placeholder "Search" and a dropdown menu set to "20". To the right of the search bar, there is a message "Showing 20 of the 39 results found" and a "Logout" button. The main area is titled "Workspace" and contains a table of processing tasks. The table has columns: All, Prepared, Created, Pending, Active, Paused, Failed, Completed, Incomplete, Deleted, Caption, Computing Resource, Task Start Date, Task End Date, Status, Creation time, Submission time, and Completion time. The table lists 39 entries, all of which are marked as "Completed". The "Caption" column shows entries like "chris.NileBasin Operational CE 01 UK 64bit" repeated multiple times. The "Status" column is consistently green. The "Completion time" column shows various dates and times from March 2012. At the bottom left of the table, there is a "Pages" section with links for [1] and [2].

Figure 10. Bulk Processing - Results of a bulk processing from G-POD (<http://gpod.eo.esa.int/>)

1. Consumer logs in on the EP
2. **Discover and Select Processing Service...**
3. Consumer discovers and selects a Processing Service as described in use case [Consumer discovers and executes On-demand Processing Service](#). Steps not repeated here.
4. Alternatively, the Consumer selects a processing service from their Workspace
5. **Discover and Select Bulk Data...**
6. Consumer searches the EP catalogue for input data of interest, by specification of spatial/temporal (and other) characteristics
7. Consumer is able to select multiple data items by adding them to a preparatory 'bulk-data collection'
8. Consumer can perform multiple discrete searches to add more data to the 'bulk-data collection'

9. Consumer can select data from their workspace for addition to the 'bulk-data collection'
  10. The EP checks they are authorised to access the product
  11. Consumer views detailed metadata for the selected product
  12. Consumer views T&Cs for the service and accepts terms if not already done so
  - 13. Initiate Bulk Processing...**
  14. Consumer specifies the input parameters of the *Processing Service*
  15. Optionally, the Consumer defines a collection of data to which the results have to be included
  16. Consumer requests bulk processing execution
  17. The EP checks that the Consumer has the authorisation to launch the *Processing Service* and access the specified data
  18. The EP estimates the cost and duration of the processing and checks the Consumer has enough resources to execute the processing
  19. Consumer is presented with the cost/duration estimation and confirms the processing
  20. The EP creates multiple processing requests, split according to the bulk data that has been selected
  21. Consumer monitors the status of the bulk processing (%completion, execution logs)
  22. When the processing completes successfully the *Processing Results* are made available to the user in their *Workspace* and/or the target *Collection* selected by the user
  23. The Consumer's billing account is updated commensurate with the 'cost' of the bulk processing
- 24. Alternative Flow: Bulk Processing Error**
- 25. Exploit Results...**
26. Optionally, the Consumer downloads the results
  27. Optionally, the Consumer visualises the processing logs (e.g. for error inspection)
  28. Optionally, the Consumer visualises the results and is able to manipulate and parameterise the view - with the possibility to download the result of their visualisation
  29. Optionally, the Consumer publishes their results in the catalogue - specifying all necessary metadata to support discovery

#### *Alternative Flow: Bulk Processing Error*

In the case of errors during bulk processing

- a. EP checks for errors during the processing
- b. Consumer is alerted to errors occurring during the bulk processing
- c. Consumer accesses bulk processing logs to investigate the error cause
- d. (Optionally) Consumer diagnoses problem and resubmits corrected bulk processing request.  
*This assumes that the error cause was under the control of the Consumer, i.e. they made an input error.*

## 2.8. Consumer executes Systematic processing

This use case builds upon case [Consumer discovers and executes On-demand Processing Service](#).

As a Consumer, I want to setup an automated processing task that will be triggered for systematic execution by the platform (on behalf of the user). The triggering event(s) shall include:

- According to a time schedule (daily, weekly, etc.)
- Arrival of specific new input data
- External event trigger (e.g. earthquake alert trigger)

I want to utilise the EP's discovery service to select a processing service. I want to utilise the EP's discovery service to select input dataset(s). I want to define my systematic processing by specification of the triggering event for automated processing. I should be alerted that the systematic processing has been triggered. I would like to monitor the status of the processing, receive the completed *Processing Results*, with the ability to visualise/download etc. the results using the facilities of the EP. In the case of an error, then I should be alerted, with the capability to investigate the cause through access to the processing logs.

[Figure 11](#) shows setup of systematic EO data processing at ESA's Grid Processing On Demand (G-POD) system.

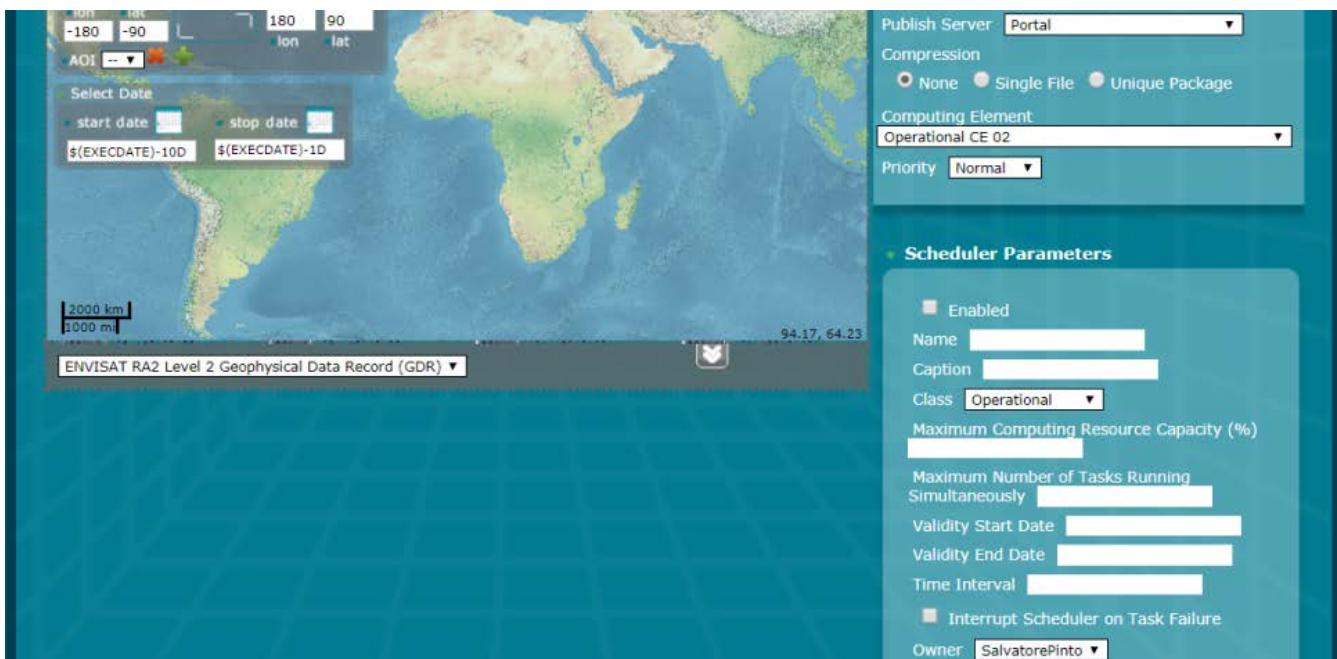


Figure 11. Systematic Processing - Setup of systematic processing from G-POD (<http://gpod.eo.esa.int/>)

1. Consumer logs in on the EP
2. **Discover and Select Processing Service...**
3. Consumer discovers and selects a Processing Service as described in use case [Consumer discovers and executes On-demand Processing Service](#). *Steps not repeated here.*
4. Alternatively, the Consumer selects a processing service from their Workspace

- 5. Discover and Select Input Data...**
  6. Consumer discovers and selects Input Data as described in use case [Consumer discovers and executes On-demand Processing Service](#). *Steps not repeated here.*
  7. Alternatively, the Consumer selects input data from their Workspace
  - 8. Define Systematic Processing...**
  9. Consumer specifies the input parameters of the *Processing Service*
  10. Consumer specifies the systematic processing triggering conditions
  11. Optionally, the Consumer defines a collection of data to which the results have to be included
  12. The EP checks that the Consumer has the authorisation to launch the *Processing Service* and access the specified data
  13. The EP estimates the future cost/duration of the processing and checks the Consumer has enough resources to execute the processing. See [Note1](#) below.
  14. Consumer is presented with the cost/duration estimation and confirms the systematic processing
  - 15. Execute Systematic Processing...**
  16. EP initiates systematic processing according to the defined trigger condition
  17. Consumer monitors the status of the systematic processing (%completion, execution logs)
  18. When the processing completes successfully the *Processing Results* are made available to the user in their *Workspace* and/or the target *Collection* selected by the user
  19. The Consumer's billing account is updated comensurate with the 'cost' of the systematic processing
  20. Optionally, the EP notifies the Consumer of the occurrence and completion of the systematic processing
  - 21. Alternative Flow: Systematic Processing Error**
  - 22. Exploit Results...**
  23. Optionally, the Consumer downloads the results
  24. Optionally, the Consumer visualises the processing logs (e.g. for error inspection)
  25. Optionally, the Consumer visualises the results and is able to manipulate and parameterise the view - with the possibility to download the result of their visualisation
  26. Optionally, the Consumer publishes their results in the catalogue - specifying all necessary metadata to support discovery
- Alternative Flow: Systematic Processing Error*
- In the case of errors during systematic processing
- a. EP checks for errors during the processing
  - b. Consumer is alerted to errors occurring during the systematic processing
  - c. Consumer accesses systematic processing logs to investigate the error cause
  - d. (Optionally) Consumer diagnoses problem and resubmits corrected systematic processing

definition. This assumes that the error cause was under the control of the Consumer, i.e. they made an input error.

## Notes

### NOTE

#### *Systematic Processing Costs*

Given that the systematic processing occurs asynchronous to the Consumer submitting the definition, the possibility exists that, at time of trigger/execution, the Consumer no longer has sufficient resources to cover the task. This condition must be trapped and handled by the EP - perhaps raising an error to the Consumer. See alternative flow [Systematic Processing Error](#).

## 2.9. Consumer performs Open Science

As a Consumer I want to share my analysis and processing results in such a way that facilitates scientific collaboration. I want to link my results to a scientific publication, and assign a DOI to my results to reference it in my scientific paper. I want to encapsulate my research/analysis as a *Reusable Research Object*, to capture all aspects of my analysis including data used and processing performed etc., so that it can be reproduced, I can re-use my analysis in the future, or share it with others for collaboration.

Figure 12 illustrates a shared analysis result linked to a reference scientific publication.

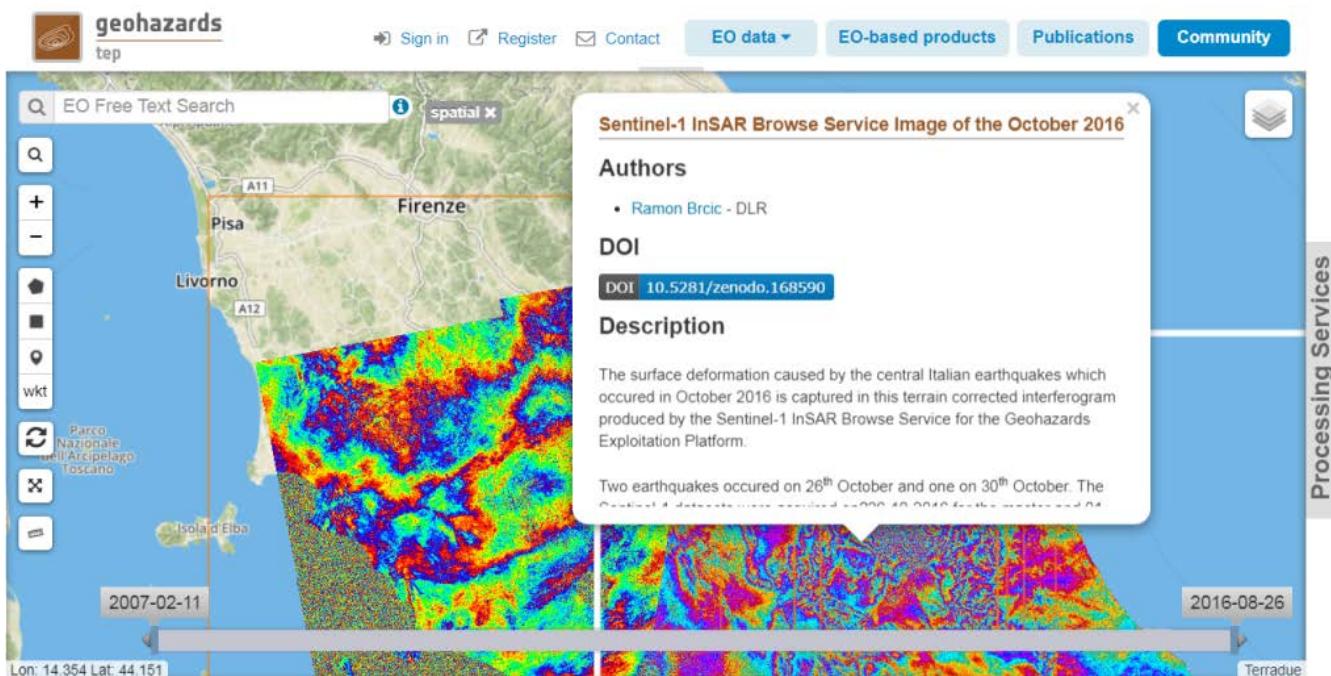


Figure 12. Open Science - Sharing analysis results on the Geohazards TEP (<https://geohazards-tep.eu/>)

1. Consumer logs in on the EP
2. Consumer selects items (e.g. data, processing services, processing results)
3. EP verifies that Consumer has right to share the item
4. Consumer selects one of the collaborative options, including:
  - a. share processing results
  - b. link to scientific publication
  - c. create a Reusable Research Object for sharing
  - d. Others TBD - see Note1.
5. Consumer specifies collaborators and associated access rights (read/write - user/group/everyone). See Note2.
6. The EP shares the item according to the Consumers specification
7. Optionally, the EP registers a DOI for the item
8. Optionally, collaborators are automatically notified of the sharing of the item

9. Collaborators access the shared item; the EP checks that the Consumer is authorised to access the item

## Notes

### *Collaboration Options*

**NOTE** Each of the 'collaborative options' needs to be defined in more detail, and perhaps explored through additional use cases.

### *Collaboration Groups*

**NOTE** This use case assumes the concept of 'collaborators'. This implies a grouping of user that needs to be explored in further details through additional use cases.

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## **2.10. Consumer accesses EP services with External Application**

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## **2.11. Expert user builds new processing service**

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## **2.12. Expert user builds new processing services chains**

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## **2.13. Expert user builds new interactive application**

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## **2.14. Expert user builds new value-added products**

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## **2.15. Expert develops with interactive development environment**

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## **2.16. Expert performs training**

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### **3. Functional Mapping**

Identification of functional areas and their mapping to domain areas.