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Lorinc Meszaros  
Creator



**Kevin Marsh** 4 days ago 9:32 AM

Dear Lorinc,

I will close this query now.

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Kind regards,

Kevin

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**Kevin Marsh** 6 days ago 12:26 PM

Hi Lorinc,

Can I close this query now?

Thanks,

Kevin

Your request status changed to: **Escalated - waiting for user** 1 week ago 7:28 PM



**Angel Lopez Alos** 1 week ago 5:49 PM

Dear Lorinc,

Registering one single account and sharing credentials within the Consortium is not a problem if this simplifies your internal way of working.

However, one single user account shared might generate some bottlenecks as our QualityOfService rules, which control and limit accesses (e.g. number of concurrent requests per user), would apply at the level of the shared UID.

The more accounts you create, the more resources you can allocate in parallel.

A suggestion is then to improve performance when accessing the system by creating more than one account with some criteria in the name-organization that will allow us to link the origin of the users (e.g. consortium name as organization) for statistical purposes.

Hope this helps,

Angel

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Your request status changed to: **Escalated** 1 week ago 11:58 AM



**Kevin Marsh** 09/Dec/21 3:24 PM

Hi Lorinc,

I will clarify the situation with the CDS team,

Thanks,

Kevin

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Your request status changed to: **In Progress** 08/Dec/21 3:18 PM



**Lorinc Meszaros** 08/Dec/21 3:18 PM

Hi Kevin,

Thank you for responding.

I did know that I can register on behalf of an organization but I was not sure if a project consortium (a collection of organizations/institutes) can also be considered an organization. So as a summary, for our project you recommend to sign up with a project email address and tick the box "on behalf of organization", then specify the project name as organization name. Is that correct?

Thanks,

Lorinc

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Your request status changed to: **Waiting for user** 07/Dec/21 10:02 PM



**Kevin Marsh** 07/Dec/21 10:02 PM

Hi Lorinc

When you register an account on CDS, you can tick a box to say that you are registering on behalf of an organisation.

Be aware that currently this will be treated like a 'single user' however, so that the queue limits applied will be those for a single user. The guidance from the CDS team is that as long as a valid email address is used, the account can be registered on the CDS.

Does that help?

Thanks,

Kevin

Your request status changed to: **In Progress** 07/Dec/21 4:27 PM



**Kevin Marsh** 07/Dec/21 4:27 PM

Dear Lorinc,

Thank you for your enquiry to ECMWF Support.

I will investigate and get back to you as soon as possible

Kind regards,

Kevin

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## DETAILS

### Description

Within the framework of an EU Horizon 2020 project (<https://c-scale.eu/>) we are developing cloud services for different use cases. In some of the services we download CDS ERA5 data (<https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/cdsapp#!/dataset/reanalysis-era5-single-levels?tab=overview>).

Using the CDS API requires an account and an API key. We would like to have a generic working solution for the C-SCALE consortium (instead of individual registrations).

Specific questions:

- Can an EU Horizon project consortium be considered an entity and therefore create an entity account to CDS API?
- Does the Terms and Conditions allow us to share the CDS API key (`${HOME}/.cdsapi`) to other project partners or place it in a protected/safe repository?
- Or alternatively, is it mandatory for each project partner (and service user) to create an account and generate an API key?

Thank you in advance.

Please specify the impact of your issue

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