



## **Supporting our fellow project managers – the Centre for Earth System Science Management (CESSMA) and its services to the community**

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The Centre for Earth System Science Management (CESSMA) is a hands-on network consisting of current or former sciences managers with various expertise in the coordination of Earth System Science projects. It is dedicated to improve the management of interdisciplinary, large-scale research programs or similar publicly funded research structures in the field of Earth System Science.

CESSMA aims to

- a) establish a system of knowledge exchange between science managers working on project management issues in Earth System Sciences and similar fields.
- b) lay the foundation to establish a long-term platform which can articulate best-practice recommendations for specific tasks of scientific project management in this field.
- c) act as a contact point for projects and science managers to request advice, help or consulting services in order to improve the management of their own projects.

While currently in the start-up phase being a small network of experienced scientific project managers, CESSMA is envisioned to develop support on specific aspects of scientific project management, e.g. funding applications, organisation of project meetings and similar events or the development and implementation of a project strategy, to a broader community in the near future.

In this presentation we introduce the CESSMA network, its scope and expertise on scientific project management. We will present our current activities and are looking forward to discuss these within the community of scientific project managers.

We are keen on getting feedback from the community on the following questions:

- Which services are needed in the community?
- Which networks are already used?
- Would institutions/projects/individual science managers be interested in CESSMA's services?

The received feedback will then be used in the further development of the network to meet the user expectations.