



# Question and Answer Session for the 1st Transnational Access Call to European research infrastructures

Online session, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, (12:00 - 13:00 CET)

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# Preparing a proposal and how to apply

- Contact the installation before shaping your proposal and submitting
- Use the application template and submit via website <https://www.geo-inquire.eu/transnational-access>
- Short CV of the PI and team members, showing their capability of performing the experiment
- In case of PIs which are undergraduate students or PhD candidates, a support letter from the supervisor is needed
- Develop innovative and curiosity driven use cases with the facilities

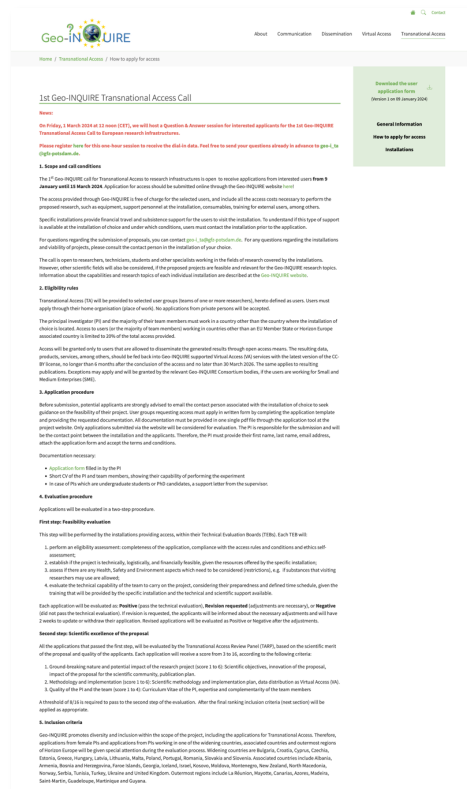


# Two steps evaluation procedure: 1<sup>st</sup> feasibility evaluation

This step will be performed by the installations providing access, has focus on the technical aspects, each application will be evaluated as:

- Positive (pass the technical evaluation)
- Revision requested (adjustments are necessary)
- Negative (did not pass the technical evaluation)

<https://www.geo-inquire.eu/transnational-access/how-to-apply-for-access>



# Two steps evaluation procedure: 2<sup>nd</sup> scientific excellence

Evaluation based on the scientific merit of the proposal quality of the applicants

- Ground-breaking nature and potential impact of the research project (score 1 to 6): Scientific objectives, innovation of the proposal, impact of the proposal for the scientific community, publication plan.
- Methodology and implementation (score 1 to 6): Scientific methodology and implementation plan, data distribution as Virtual Access (VA).
- Quality of the PI and the team (score 1 to 4): Curriculum Vitae of the PI, expertise and complementarity of the team members.

A threshold of 8/16 is required to pass to the second step of the evaluation. After the final ranking inclusion criteria will be applied as appropriate.



# Scoring scientific excellence: project's aim and priorities

**Overcome cross-domain barriers**, especially the land-sea-atmosphere environments

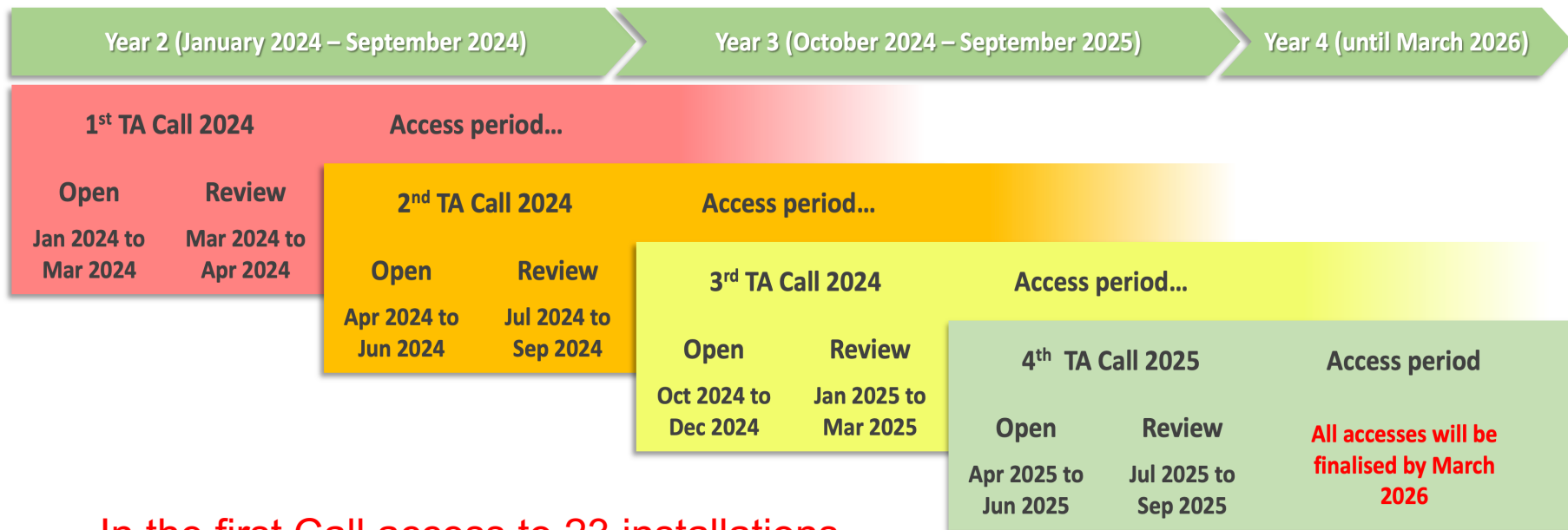
**Exploit** innovative data management techniques, modelling and simulations methods, developments in AI and big data

**Extend** existing data infrastructures to disseminate these resources to the wider scientific community, including the EOSC landscape.



# Time line: up to 4 calls for proposals 2024-25

## Geo-INQUIRE prospective calendar of Transnational Access calls



In the first Call access to 23 installations.  
Call open until 15 March 2024!



# Inclusion Criteria

Geo-INQUIRE promotes diversity and inclusion within the scope of the project. Applications from female PIs and applications from PIs working in one of the widening countries, associated countries and outermost regions of Horizon Europe will be given special attention during the evaluation process.



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# Thank you for your attention!



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Additional later questions about Transnational Access Call?

- The contact of each installation providing TA in case of technical questions
- mail to [geo-i\\_ta@gfz-potsdam.de](mailto:geo-i_ta@gfz-potsdam.de) in case of general questions about the process



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