



D16 – Project Workshop 1

Deliverable Overview

Lead(s)	AWI
Contributor(s)	All partners
Work Package	WP8 (Project coordination, reporting)
Stage	Foundation Stage (I)
Duration	PM 1 (05/2024) – PM 6 (10/2025; planned), PM 7 (11/2025; revised)
Dependencies	None
Outcome (Type)	Minutes
Link	Confluence (internal)
Status	<input type="checkbox"/> To be done <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed

Executive Summary

The first project workshop was held in Berlin at the Helmholtz Information & Data Science Academy (HIDA) on November 26th 2024 prior to the HFMI satellite workshop. The workshop provided an opportunity for team members to get to know each other better, as it was the first time the different partners (AWI, GFZ, UFZ, FZJ, HZDR, DLR) met in person.

Results

The partners gained a clearer understanding of the existing deliverables and milestones, and collectively acknowledged the need to adjust the project timeline due to the delayed project start and staffing challenges. A key point of discussion was the setup of test runs, where roles and responsibilities were clarified, and necessary steps were outlined. Data formats and other critical aspects for a successful test run were also defined.

A second key focus of the discussion was determining which dataset to use at each stage (pre-training, fine-tuning, benchmarking), as well as for which downstream tasks and focus region (Amazon region, Arctic Boreal region). Given the diverse backgrounds of the partners, efforts were made to establish a shared vocabulary to ensure a common understanding.

Potential bottlenecks were identified, and strategies to address them were discussed to ensure the smooth progress of the project. In conclusion, participants agreed that the meeting was a crucial step in advancing the project and emphasized the value of more frequent in-person meetings moving forward.