

**Terms and Conditions for “CloudFerro Geospatial Innovation”
Competition in the field of science
 (“Conditions”)**

§1 General rules

1. **“CloudFerro Geospatial Innovation”** Competition in the field of science (**“the Competition”**) is organised by CloudFerro S.A. based in Warsaw, Nowogrodzka 31 street, 00-511 Warsaw, Poland, registered under number 0001049205 (**“CloudFerro”**).
2. The goal of the Competition is to collect proposals for solutions and applications that provide value based on consolidation, processing and dissemination of spatial data, utilising at minimum two of CloudFerro Cloud and CREODIAS services, tools and data.
3. The direct aim of the Competition is to select 11 proposals for software applications that comply with the criteria indicated in §2 and §3. CloudFerro reserves the right to select more than 11 proposals that meet the requirements specified in §2 and §3
4. The schedule of the Competition is as follows:

Competition Announcement	25 March 2025
Collection of Proposals	25 March - 31 May 2025
Selection (Stage 1 and Stage 2)	1 June - 22 June 2025
Selection results Announcement	23 June 2025
Phase 1 of Development	23 June - 15 December 2025
Midterm Check	15 December 2025
Phase 2 of Development	15 December 2025 – 30 June 2026
Technical Documentation Submission	30 June 2026
Final Review	1 July 2026 – 14 July 2026
Re-evaluation Process	15 July 2026 – 16 July 2026
Project Completion, Final Results Announcement	17 July 2026

§2 Process of submitting proposals

1. All proposals must be submitted between **25.03.2025** and **31.05.2025** (**“Closing Date”**).
2. There is a **limit of entries of 50**. Only the first 50 proposals that meet the requirements will be admitted for Selection.
3. The Competition is open to SMEs (individual SMEs and/or consortia of SMEs), Universities, faculties and research institutes, NGOs and Individuals (all-natural persons who are at least eighteen years old) from all around the world.
4. A group of participants submitting one project shall chose a leader responsible for contact in the Competition, acting as the head of the consortium.
5. **English** is the official language for the Competition. The proposal must be prepared in English in all its mandatory parts in order to be eligible. If the mandatory parts of the proposal are in any other language, the proposal will not be eligible.
6. All proposals should be submitted via **email** to cloud-competition@cloudferro.com, as PDFs. Applications must be submitted by the Closing Date and date published in the Competition webpage.

7. CloudFerro reserves the right in its absolute discretion to disqualify any proposal if it believes that a proposal breaches any of the Conditions, any applicable law (including without limitation copyright law) or has infringed the intellectual property of any person.
8. Participant acknowledges and agrees that any failure to comply with the Conditions may lead to CloudFerro disqualifying the proposal. CloudFerro is obliged to state the reason for disqualification.
9. All the requested documents must be submitted.
10. Participants shall not have any potential conflict of interest with CloudFerro.
11. Proposals shall include name, last name, name and last name of a leader (optionally) organisation name, email, phone, type of participant, field of activity, application name, application description.
12. The description shall address the issues listed in the competition webpage <https://cloudferro.com/geospatial-innovation-competition-2025/>
13. The proposal form is attached hereto as Attachment no. 1.
14. The staff of CloudFerro and its partners, whose representatives compose the **Evaluation Committee**, are excluded from participating in the Competition.
15. Participating in the Competition is free of charge and voluntary.

§3 Evaluation process

1. The evaluation is organized into two stages:
 - a. Stage 1: Eligibility evaluation - Proposals are checked for the eligibility with the Competition eligibility criteria.
 - b. Stage 2: Proposal evaluation - All eligible proposals will be scored against a set of qualitative criteria.
2. **Stage 1 Eligibility evaluation** shall verify:

1. Full alignment with the requested type of participants.	Yes/No
2. All necessary documents are submitted in English.	Yes/No
3. All necessary documents are submitted via email at a designated email address.	Yes/No
4. All necessary documents are submitted with respect to the submission deadline.	Yes/No
5. There is no conflict of interest.	Yes/No
6. Submission is complete (all necessary documents are submitted).	Yes/No

7. Proposals that do not pass all eligibility checks, will be marked as non-eligible. No further evaluation will be performed. Participants will receive a rejection letter including reasons (1-6) for being marked as non-eligible. No further feedback on the process will be given.
8. **At the Stage 2 - Proposal evaluation** - all eligible proposals will be evaluated by two evaluators selected by CloudFerro accordingly with the specific characteristics of the project.
9. Proposals will be evaluated following four main criteria as described below:

- a. Alignment with CloudFerro's offer,
 - b. Innovation,
 - c. Impact,
 - d. Implementation.
10. Following services and products will be taken into consideration when evaluating the extent of alignment with CloudFerro's offer:
 - a. CloudFerro Sherlock
 - b. Data catalogue (STAC)
 - c. Jupyter Notebooks
 - d. VM-as-a-Service
 - e. GPU-as-a-Service
 - f. Kubernetes Magnum
 11. Each evaluator will assess the proposals scoring in the range 0 to 5 for each criterion (half point scores may be given) and produce Individual evaluation sheet. The scoring scale includes: 0 – Fail, 1 – Poor, 2 – Fair, 3 – Good, 4 - Very good, 5 – Excellent.
 12. The **final score** will be calculated as the average of the individual assessments provided by the evaluators.
 13. **Eleven** proposals with highest score will be selected by the Evaluation Committee consisting of two representatives of CloudFerro and proceed to Development Phase 1.

§4 Development process

1. In the Development Phase 1, each of the eleven proposals shall receive a geospatial technical support package.
2. All the eleven proposals will be subject to a mid-term check on **December 15, 2025**. A meeting will be held where participants will demonstrate the progress of their work.
3. The proposals must be completed with a technical documentation by the end of June 2026.
4. For all successfully completed projects, the final documentation will be evaluated based on the criteria from Stage 2. Upon receiving a positive result, the participant may receive an additional **geospatial technical support package** for further development or operations of their application.
5. The Final Documentation Template is attached hereto as Attachment no. 2. Participants are required to submit technical documentation describing the developed solution no later than 30 June 2026. The documentation will constitute the basis for the Final Review and re-evaluation process.
6. Winners will be announced by CloudFerro on www.cloudferro.com on 17 July 2026.

§5 Intellectual Property

1. The following Intellectual Property Rights conditions should apply to the selected projects:

- a) The proposals submitted should be solely based on original work from the participants and their foreseen developments are free from third-party rights or be clearly stated.
 - b) All IPRs created by the participants via the Competition scheme will remain to the participants, who will be the sole owners of the technologies created within the Competition scheme and in the course of the project.
 - c) The applications that will be selected for support (including the publishable summary of the proposal and participant's profile) grant to CloudFerro the right to use for dissemination and communication purposes.
2. The participant agrees to indemnify CloudFerro and keep CloudFerro indemnified against any loss, damage, injury or expense suffered by CloudFerro as a result of the participants entry to the Competition, including (but not limited to) any claim of infringement of intellectual property rights made by any third party.

§6 The Competition prizes

1. Selected proposals shall receive a **technical support package** worth 200 Euros for support services as defined on page <https://cloudferro.com/pricing/geospatial-technical-support-packages/>.
2. Successfully completed projects will receive the additional technical support packages worth 200 Euros for support services for further development or operations.
3. The Competition prize is tax free for individuals in accordance with Article 21(1)(68) of the Polish Act on Exceptions from income tax (Dz.U.2020.0.1426). Legal entities are taxed in accordance with The Act of February 15, 1992, on Corporate Income Tax. If any customs duties apply, they shall be covered by the winner.

§7 Data Protection

1. When you participate in the Competition, CloudFerro processes your personal data as a Controller pursuant to Art. 4 paragraph 7 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – please see <https://cloudferro.com/en/privacy-policy/>.
2. The following information is intended to explain how CloudFerro obtain information and what CloudFerro do with this information due to execution of the Competition. If anything is unclear for you or casts your doubts, please contact us by email at cloud-competition@cloudferro.com.

I. Categories of personal data

3. The scope of personal data processed by CloudFerro is limited to those necessary for the purpose of executing the Competition. The categories of personal data CloudFerro process are in particular:
 - a) identity provided in the registration form, including name, surname, e-mail address and nationality,
 - b) contact details, including correspondence address, telephone number or other contact details provided by participant.

II. Purposes and legal basis

4. CloudFerro processes the personal data of the participants in the Competition in purposes to implement our legitimate interest, in accordance with Article 6.1. f GDPR, for:
 - a. registration of the entries and verification of the participant's entries
 - b. selecting and awarding the winners
 - c. establishing, pursuing or defending claims.
5. Providing your personal data is voluntary, however, sometimes it may be necessary for purposes regarding our cooperation, e.g. necessary to take part in the Competition as the participant. This means that failure to provide your personal data may sometimes constitute basis for CloudFerro's refusal to cooperate or for taking legal action to resolve issue.

III. Retention period

6. As a rule, personal data will be processed only as long as it is necessary due to the purpose for which your personal data is processed, namely, to fulfil our legitimate interest, your personal data will be processed until the objection is made or the purpose for which they were processed is achieved.
7. In order to perform the Competition, the CloudFerro will keep the personal data for the duration of the Competition. The personal data of the winners will be kept for a period of up to 6 years after termination of the Competition, which results from tax regulations and the limitation period for certain claims.
8. These retention periods may be subject to an appropriate and necessary extension in case of any claims and court proceedings - for the duration of these proceedings and their settlement - as well as if the law in certain cases obliges us to process them longer.

IV. Categories of recipients

9. Access to your personal data is gained only by:
 - a. authorized employees or associates of the CloudFerro who are obliged not to disclose the personal data and not to use them for purposes other than those for which we obtained Participant's personal data;
 - b. entities that support us in providing of services, i.e. entities providing advisory, auditing, accounting, tax and legal, debt collection, IT, banking, archiving and destruction of documents, marketing services; entities providing parcel and mail delivery services, entities that you can use when using our services, i.e. entities that operate payments.
10. We may also be required to provide certain information to public authorities for the purposes of proceedings conducted by these authorities. In this case, information is provided only if there is a proper legal basis for it.
11. CloudFerro is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy and will only use your personal information in accordance with these Conditions. For more information about how CloudFerro process personal data, in specially about your right please visit: <https://cloudferry.com/privacy-policy/>

§8 Complain procedure

1. Complaints of participants regarding the Competition may be submitted via email: cloud-competition@cloudferry.com within 30 days after the announcement of the winners.

2. CloudFerro will consider such complaint within 30 days.

§9 Governing Law

1. The Competition will be governed by the Polish law and entrants to the prize draw submit to the jurisdiction of the Polish courts.
2. CloudFerro reserves the right to update Conditions at any time and from time to time to modify or discontinue, temporarily or permanently with or without prior notice due to reasons outside its reasonable control and any updated version will be effective as soon as it is published on CloudFerro website
3. To the maximum extent permitted by law, CloudFerro excludes its liability for any loss, damage, injury, cost or expense suffered by the participant, whether directly or indirectly and howsoever caused, in connection with the Competition and use of any prize.
4. In case of an emergence of the claim participants have the right to use amicable settlement of disputes.

Attachment 1 - Proposal Form

Participant details	
Organisation Name (optional)	
Leader/Contact Person (full name + email + phone)	
Type of Participant	<p><i>The participants can be:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SMEs (individual SMEs and/or consortia of SMEs) 2. Universities, faculties and research institutes 3. NGOs 4. Individuals (ages older than 18 years old)
Field of Activity	
Application details	
Application name	
Application description	<p><i>The proposals will be scored against the following criteria:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Alignment with CloudFerro's offer.</i> 2. <i>Innovation</i> 3. <i>Impact</i> 4. <i>Implementation</i> <p><i>Example questions to be considered in the description:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What specific problem does your application solve?</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Who is your target audience? (Describe your ideal user and their needs)</i>• <i>What is the current status of your application?</i>• <i>What are the core features of your application? (List the most important functionalities)</i>• <i>How does your app stand out from competitors? (What makes it unique?)</i>• <i>What technologies and frameworks does your application use? (e.g., Python, React, Node.js, PostgreSQL)</i>• <i>Is your app web-based, mobile, desktop, or multi-platform?</i>• <i>Does your application use AI, machine learning, blockchain, or any other advanced technologies? If so, how?</i>• <i>How does your application handle user data and security?</i>• <i>Is your application open-source or closed-source?</i> <p><i>Which elements of the CloudFerro offering will your application use?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Sherlock</i>• <i>EO Data repository</i>• <i>Data catalogue (STAC)</i>• <i>Jupyter Notebooks</i>• <i>Commercial EO Data transfer</i>• <i>VM-as-a-Service</i>• <i>GPU-as-a-Service</i>• <i>Kubernetes Magnum</i>
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Attachment 2 - Final Documentation Template

1 Introduction

1.1 Application Name

1.2 Overview

A general description of the app idea – problem description, background, value, what it is supposed to do, how it should work, what it is about etc. Objectives to achieve, what you aimed to accomplish.

1.3 Potential Impact

Who will benefit from your application? What benefits could your project bring to users, the industry, science or society?

2 Architecture and Design

2.1 High-Level Architecture

Overview of overall architecture: components, interactions, workflows, etc., with diagrams.

2.2 Requirements

Functional and non-functional requirements.

2.3 Alignment with CloudFerro's offer

Which services from CloudFerro's offer does your application use, and how?

- *CloudFerro Sherlock*
- *Data catalogue (STAC)*
- *Jupyter Notebooks*
- *VM-as-a-Service*
- *GPU-as-a-Service*
- *Kubernetes Magnum*

3 Results

3.1 Goal Fulfilment

Were the primary objectives (chapter 1.2) of the application successfully met?

3.2 Implementation Details

Explanation of methodologies, solutions, and tools: Why you chose these methods, solutions, and tools, what you rejected and why, any limitations that influenced these decisions, and a summary of the analysis. Technologies you used: (e.g., programming languages, frameworks, databases, cloud tools).

3.2.1 Environments

Describe the environments set up for the application (e.g., development, staging, production) and outline the CI/CD pipelines or other automation tools utilized to streamline deployment and testing.

3.3 Tests

3.3.1 Testing Strategy

Explain the overall testing approach, including the types of tests conducted (e.g., unit, integration, functional, performance) and the tools or frameworks used to execute them.

3.3.2 Tests Report

Provide a summary of the testing results, highlighting issues found, their resolution status, and the overall quality metrics achieved (e.g., bug counts, code coverage, success rates).

3.4 Plans for Future Development

Does the application have any areas for further development? If so, what are they? What can be improved, and what functionalities can be added?