

Statement from Finland

The government of Finland during the current term decided to go for free and open public information in Finland and actively supported the setup of data dissemination services. In just two years of government support to improve the availability of open data, Finland has experienced a wave of new apps to make life better. This clearly shows that an information society needs more data to do more good in a more sustainable way. Finns are eager to grow the apps wave all over the globe.

A great thanks to the draft GEO plans for the next term, we like them! Let's advocate observing our planet more and better, let's engage in networking more observation operators all around the world and let's make them deliver more as one big GEO team for more data to all apps developers everywhere.

As a concrete example the European Union with a lead in Finland is establishing a new research infrastructure entity called ICOS. The integrated carbon observing system is arranging a network of atmosphere, ecosystem and oceanic observation stations in Europe to deliver greenhouse gas concentration and flux data. ICOS looks forward to partner and align with similar actions on other continents and welcomes GEO to facilitate this interaction.