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### Open Data Open Knowledge 2023

**ODOK 2023 Impact Report** 



Paola de Salvo









Available on the GEO Knowledge Hub (doi.org/10.60566/tmdyw-qqk49)







### Data Management Plan

**Status and Update of the GEO – FAIR Data Management Plan Self-Assessement Tool** 







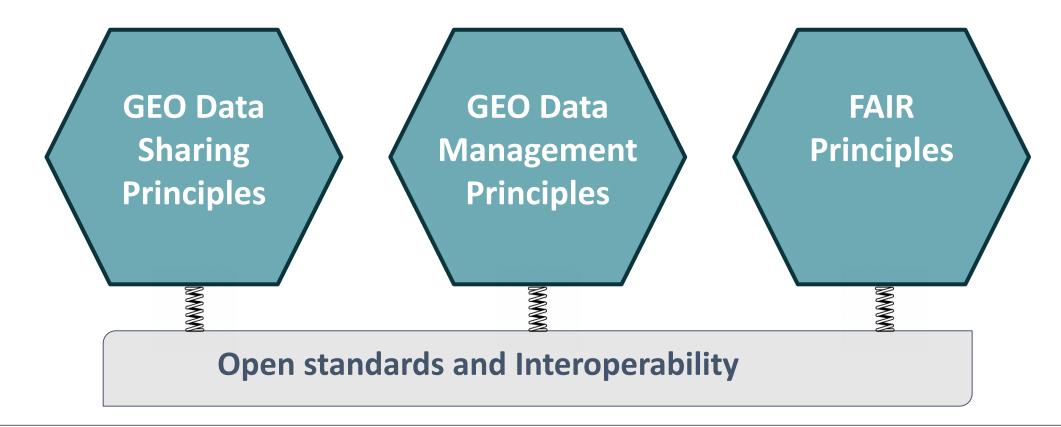








# Data Management Plan Self-Assessment Tool Data and metadata









#### **Definition:**

- A formal document outlining how data should be handled during and after the project is completed.
- Consider the many aspects of data management, metadata generation, data preservation before the project begins.
- Lead to data being well-managed in the present and prepared for preservation in the future.

#### **Context:**

- Regulatory Required by national and international funding agencies (eg. European Commission)
- Educational Familiarize young students with EO data sharing and data management principles
- Internal brainstorm Enhance team's implicit knowledge of sharing principles (Standard & interoperability)

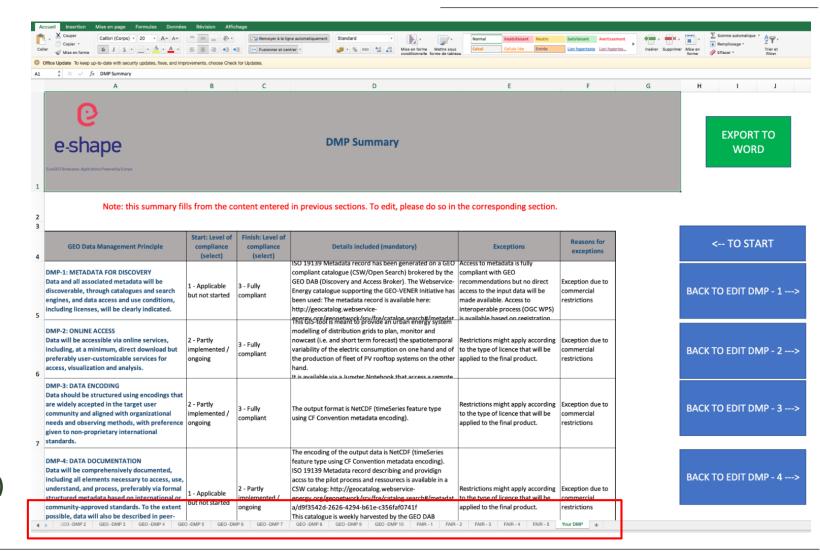






- **Designed** for **GEO** and **FAIR** Principles
- Excel package (Macro)
- 10 GEO DMPs and 4 FAIR Principles
- Free, open, simple and easy to navigate
- Allow templating (Look & feel)
- Based on **self-assessment**
- Provide recommendation and guidance
- Comprehensive review
- Notion of compliance and trajectory
- Tested and validated on 37 e-shape pilots (X2)
- Free download on the GEO Knowledge Hub

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#### 2024 - Optimize data sharing and interoperability of GEO sharing principles



- DMP OPIDoR platform: <a href="https://dmp.opidor.fr/">https://dmp.opidor.fr/</a>
  - Models, tools and online services in support of machine-actionable Data Management Plan
  - Import and export via API

- Adapt a data model compliant with GEO Data Sharing and Data Management Principles
- Link with data-related services registries (technical resources, PIDs, vocabularies, metadata standards, ...)
- Encourage sharing principles' for funder, institutional policies and the GEO community







#### Take Away Message

- The tool offers a powerful and flexible formal framework to assess compliance of data and services towards GEO and FAIR Principles
- **Trajectory** and **Compliance** features support the concept of a "living document"
- Automatic generation of a Data Management Plan document
- **GEO-FAIR DMP Self Assessment Tool:** 
  - https://gkhub.earthobservations.org/records/0ksgt-7v316

Stay tune in 2024 for a GEO machine actionable Data Management Plan!





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# **Dialogue Series and Data Management Principles Implementation Guidelines**

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## OUTLINE

**History & Timeline** 

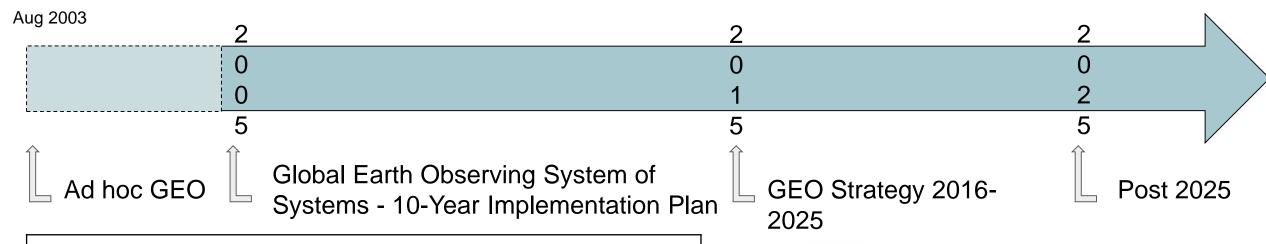
The GEO data sharing and data management principles

Advocate - Engage - Deliver : The GEO dialogue series

Guides and capacity development material

## **GEO Timeline- Strategies**





The societal benefits of Earth Observation cannot be achieved without data sharing. The following are GEOSS data sharing principles:

- There will be full and open exchange of data, metadata, and products shared within GEOSS, while recognizing relevant international instruments and national policies and legislation.
- All shared data, metadata, and products will be made available with minimum time delay and at minimum cost.
- All shared data, metadata, and products for use in education and research will be encouraged to be made available free of charge or at no more than the cost of Reproduction.

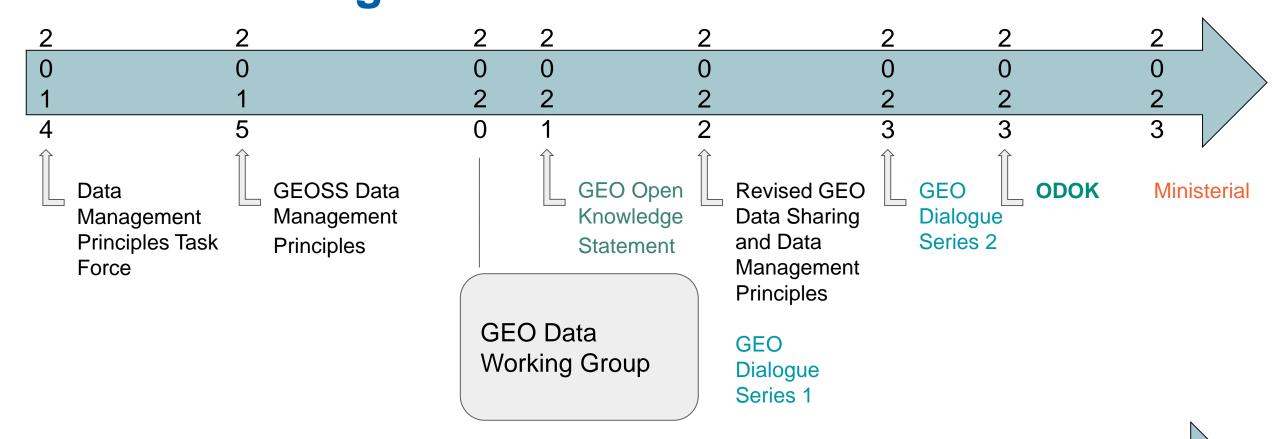
Use of data or products does not necessarily imply agreement with or endorsement of the purpose behind the gathering of such data.

#### GEO DATA SHARING PRINCIPLES

- Data, metadata and products will be shared as **Open Data by default**, by making them available as part of the GEOSS Data Collection of Open Resources for Everyone (Data-CORE) **without charge or restrictions on re-use**, subject to the conditions of registration and attribution when the data are re-used;
- Where international instruments, national policies or legislation preclude the sharing of data as Open Data, data should be made available with minimal restrictions on use and at no more than the cost of reproduction and distribution
- All shared data, products and metadata will be made available with minimum time delay

# **GEO Timeline- Data management & Dialogues**





From open data sharing and data management principles to open knowledge statement and knowledge management principles



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#### **The GEO Data Management Principles**





















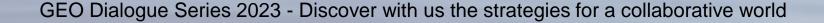


#### **CURATION**





Reference: Revised GEO Data Management Principles Implementation Guidelines 2022



#### **Discoverability**

**DMP-1.** Data and all associated metadata will be discoverable through catalogues and search engines, and data access and use conditions, including licenses, will be clearly indicated.

#### **Accessibility**

**DMP-2.** Data will be accessible via online services, including, at minimum, direct download but preferably user-customizable services for visualization and computation.

#### **Usability**

**DMP-3.** Data will be structured using encodings that are widely accepted in the target user community and aligned with organizational needs and observing methods, with preference given to non-proprietary international standards.

DMP-4. Data will be comprehensively documented, including all elements necessary to access, use, understand, and process, preferably via formal structured metadata based on international or community-approved standards. To the extent possible, data will also be described in peer-reviewed publications referenced in the metadata record. DMP-5. Data will include provenance metadata indicating the origin and processing history of raw observations and derived products, to ensure full traceability of the product chain.

**DMP-6.** Data will be quality-controlled and the results of quality control shall be indicated in metadata; data made available in advance of quality control will be flagged in metadata as unchecked.























#### Data management principles

#### **Preservation**

**DMP-7**. Data will be protected from loss and preserved for future use; preservation planning will be for the long term and include guidelines for loss prevention, retention schedules, and disposal or transfer procedures.

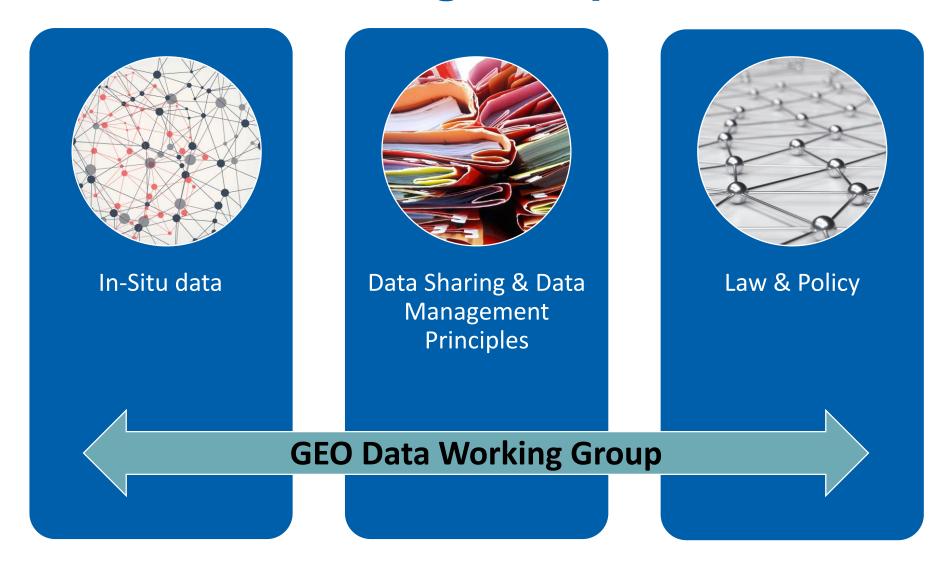
**DMP-8.** Data and associated metadata held in data management systems will be periodically verified to ensure integrity, authenticity and readability.

#### Curation

**DMP-9**. Data will be managed to perform corrections and updates in accordance with reviews, and to enable reprocessing as appropriate; where applicable this shall follow established and agreed procedures.

**DMP-10**. Data will be assigned appropriate persistent, resolvable identifiers to enable documents to cite the data on which they are based and to enable data providers to receive acknowledgement of use of their data.

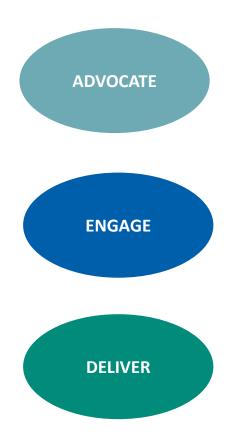
# The GEO Data Working Group



## The GEO Working Group – Motivation

The **GEO data sharing and data** management **principles** need to be **advocated**, the Earth observation community needs to be **engaged**, and concrete results need to be **delivered and made available** 





**Open Science** 

**Open Access** 

Citizen and Participatory Science

**Open Data** 

Open Reproducible Research

**Open Software** 

Open Infrastructure Open Hardware

Open Education

Open Evaluation Diversity of knowledge

#### 2022 Dialogue series: GEO Data Sharing and Data Management Principles

2023 Dialogue series: GEO Open Knowledge Statement

DELIVER

Data life cycle

Data sharing principles

Discoverability(DMP1)

Accessibility (DMP 2)

Usability (DPM3-6)

Preservation (DMP7-DMP8)

Curation (DMP9-DMP10)

Data Management Self-Assessment Tool

Open Knowledge, Open Science

Open Data, Open Access

Open Reproducible Research

Open Software, Open Infrastructure, Open Hardware

Open Education, Open Evaluation

Citizen and Participatory Science Overarching Goals of

Open Knowledge

Diversity of Knowledge

How to go towards Open Knowledge for GEO

**Self-Assessment Tool progress and** 

**G-Reqs for In Situ Requirements** 

Recordings and packages on **GEO Knowledge Hub**: https://gkhub.earthobservations.org/

### **Become part of the GEO community!**



Listen to the 2023 Workshop on Open Data And Open Knowledge

https://gkhub.earthobservations.org/packages/pfty5-y6482



#### Visit the **GEO Knowledge Hub**

- 2022 Dialogues series recordings
- Data Management Self Assessment Tool
- 2023 Dialogue series recordings

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#### GEO DATA LICENSES GUIDELINES

**GEO Data Working Group - Law & Policy Subgroup** 

Lea Shanley, Director/CEO, International Computer Science Institute, An Affiliated Institute of the University of California at Berkeley

DAY 2: Workshop: From Data to Open Knowledge Implementation: Efforts to grow the value chain

7 OCT 2023 @ GEO WEEK in Cape Town, South Africa



Lea Shanley, PhD (ICSI) and Derek Hanson, JD (US NOAA)







# OUTLINE

- 1. Why is data licensing important?
- 2. Advancing data licensing in GEO
- 3. Advancing data licensing in NOAA
- 4. Recommended Implementation Actions



# Why is Data Licensing Important?

- Describing data as "Full and Open" or "Open Data by Default" provides insufficient legal certainty for many data users.
- Custom "end user license agreements" or data "terms and conditions" often include legally problematic terms and require close legal review to understand.
- The uncertainty and lack of consistency creates barriers to data use.
   The international community is moving towards the solution of standard open data licenses.







# **Advancing Data Licensing in GEO**

- The GEO Programme Board directed the Data Working Group (DWG) to prepare guidelines regarding open data licensing (Action PB-24.05).
- In February 2023, the GEO Programme Board approved Data Licensing Guidance developed by the Law & Policy Subgroup of the GEO Data Working Group.
- In June 2023, the Law & Policy Subgroup hosted a session at the GEO Open Data/Open Knowledge Workshop to discuss implementation.







# **Advancing Data Licensing in GEO**

- The following data licenses are consistent with the GEO Data Sharing Principles:
  - Creative Commons Zero 1.0 Universal Public Domain Dedication (CCO)
  - Open Data Commons Public Domain Dedication and License (PDDL) v1.0
  - Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International (CC BY 4.0)
- GEO Members, Participating Organizations, and other entities that share open, unrestricted data should clearly license such data using only one of these licenses. Custom license agreements should not be used, and these standard licenses should not be modified or augmented with additional text.
- https://gkhub.earthobservations.org/records/nxzjn-qx554







# Recommended implementation actions from ODOK Workshop LP Session

- Work with GEO activities towards applying a recommended open license to their data and products.
- Ensure GEO platforms that host data or information (e.g., the GEO Knowledge Hub) require providers to include an open license.
- Work with the GEO Secretariat to identify metrics to track adoption of standard open data licenses.
- Seek the support of the regional GEOs in implementing data licensing guidance.







#### Recommended implementation actions from ODOK Workshop LP Session

- Explore opportunities to highlight the importance of open data licensing at the GEO Ministerial.
- Develop simple open data licensing implementation instructions.
- Explore options for addressing stakeholder concerns about existing open data licenses, in collaboration with groups like Creative Commons (a GEO Participating Organization).
- Effectively and repeatedly communicate the benefit of open data licensing, success stories, and the importance of licensing for users and open knowledge.







# Use Case: Advancing Data Licensing at US NOAA

- Starting to use CC0 for NOAA data.
- Encouraging the use of CCO or CC BY for external data provided to NOAA (from contractors, grantees, interagency and international partners, voluntarily from the public).
- Seeking opportunities to emphasize the importance and simplicity of using standard open data licenses with data providers and international organizations.







#### What can GEO Member Organizations do to advance open data licensing?

- If you are a data provider, consider using CCO or CC BY for your own data.
- If you are a data user, consider encouraging the use of CCO or CC BY for external data provided to you.
- Seek opportunities to emphasize the importance and simplicity of using standard open data licenses with data providers and international organizations







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### In situ data activities

**GEO Open Knowledge and Data WG** 

7 November 2023



Jose Miguel Rubio

Special Thanks to Helen Glaves (BGS, Co-Chair of the In Situ SG)







## Prioritising in situ data in GEO

- Coordination of in-situ data community within GEO: declarations from several Ministerial Summits have called for strengthening this coordination
- GEOSS In Situ Observation Resources Task Team report (2018) highlighted need and potential benefits for coordination of in-situ data
- Canberra Declaration (November 2019):
  - recognises the critical role that in-situ data collected from the atmosphere, land, and water plays in achieving GEO's mission;
  - calls for GEO community to develop a strategy to address the challenges in this area and to demonstrate progress in implementation



### GEO In situ data subgroup: drivers

- Newly established Data Working Group (2020) identified key action areas:
  - In situ data -> In Situ Data Subgroup
  - data ethics/law/policy
  - data sharing and data management principles
- GEO Mid-Term Evaluation (2021) called for improved availability and integration of in-situ data through the implementation of the GEOSS Data Sharing and Management Principles
- Identified need for a GEO in situ data strategy



### In situ data subgroup: priorities

- Characterisation of the in-situ data landscape including:
  - Common barriers to data sharing and re-use
  - Identifying/mapping/gap analysis of in-situ data providers within the GEOSS platform
  - Engaging with existing networks focused on domain level coordination of in-situ data
  - Engaging with GWP activities to identify specific requirements including challenges, data gaps and priorities
- Developing a first set of strategic objectives and advancing an in-situ data strategy for GEO



## In-situ data: priorities for GEO

- Identifying current challenges associated with making in-situ data open and accessible
- Requirements gathering for in-situ data within in GEO, including from GWP activities and other relevant stakeholders e.g. UN agencies (use of G-reqs)
- Definition of essential variables (EVs) required by thematic domains such as climate, mountain environments, climate, oceans, and urban resilience.
- Availability of high quality in-situ data required for calibration and validation of Earth
  observations, and as training data for new technologies e.g. Al / ML
- Supporting GWP activities and other related initiatives working towards integration of heterogeneous data especially EO and in-situ measurements

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## **Value Chains**From Ocean Observations to Users

7 November 2023, 16:00-18:00



Tamaryn Morris



Juliet Hermes



Emma Heslop





## OUTLINE

What is GOOS?

Co-designing solutions to societal issues

Co-design pilot – local example

Links to GEO Open Knowledge and Data Hub

## Why observe the ocean?



#### Climate and weather

The ocean plays a huge role in the Earth's climate and weather. At the same time, it is being affected by climate change.



#### Ocean health

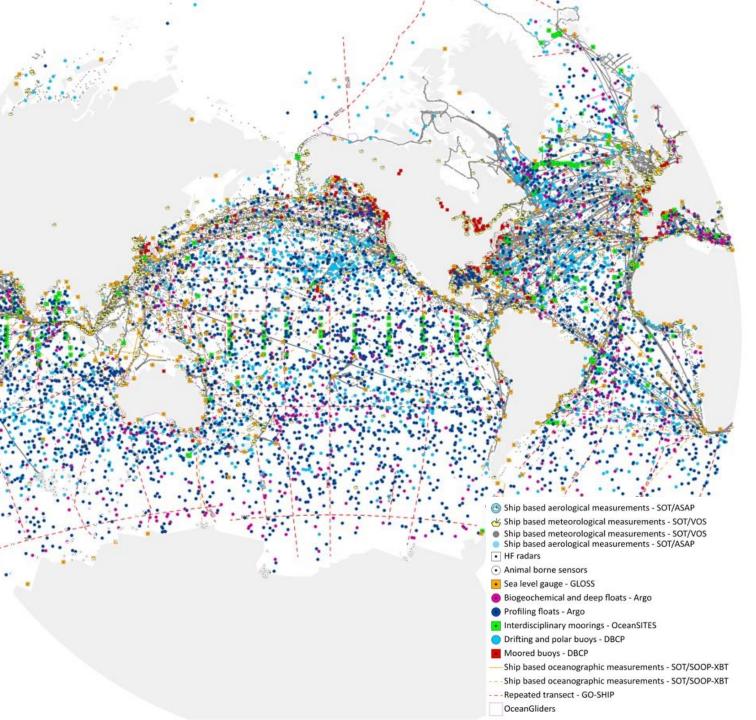
Overfishing, climate change and pollution are putting these vital natural ocean's services at risk, and their impacts are critically under-observed.



#### Coastal communities

Communities in many less developed areas are particularly at risk from changing weather and ocean patterns, and increased disaster risk.

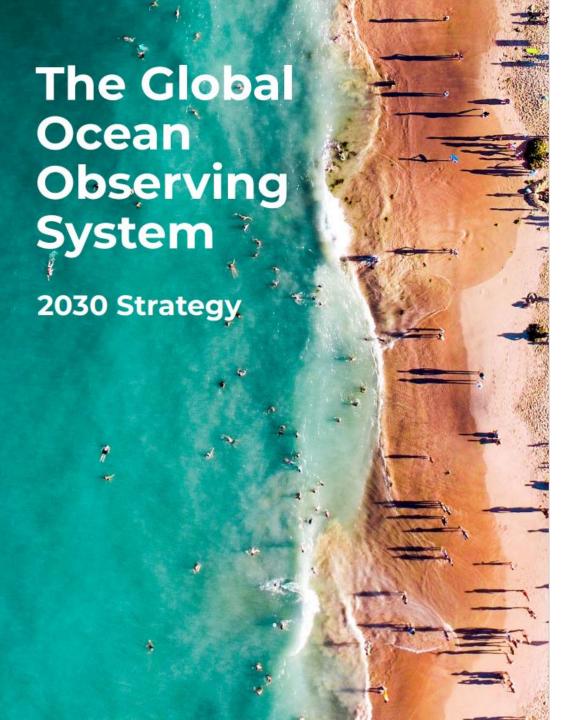
If we haven't got data underpinning our decisions, we might as well be guessing at solutions



## **GOOS Today**

- 84 countries, 8,700+ observing platforms,
   13 global networks
- More than 100,000 observations per day
   delivering an accessible, safe and productive ocean
- Global observing networks, e.g. Argo, GO-SHIP, Drifting Buoys, plus emerging networks, e.g., OceanGliders, HF Radar.

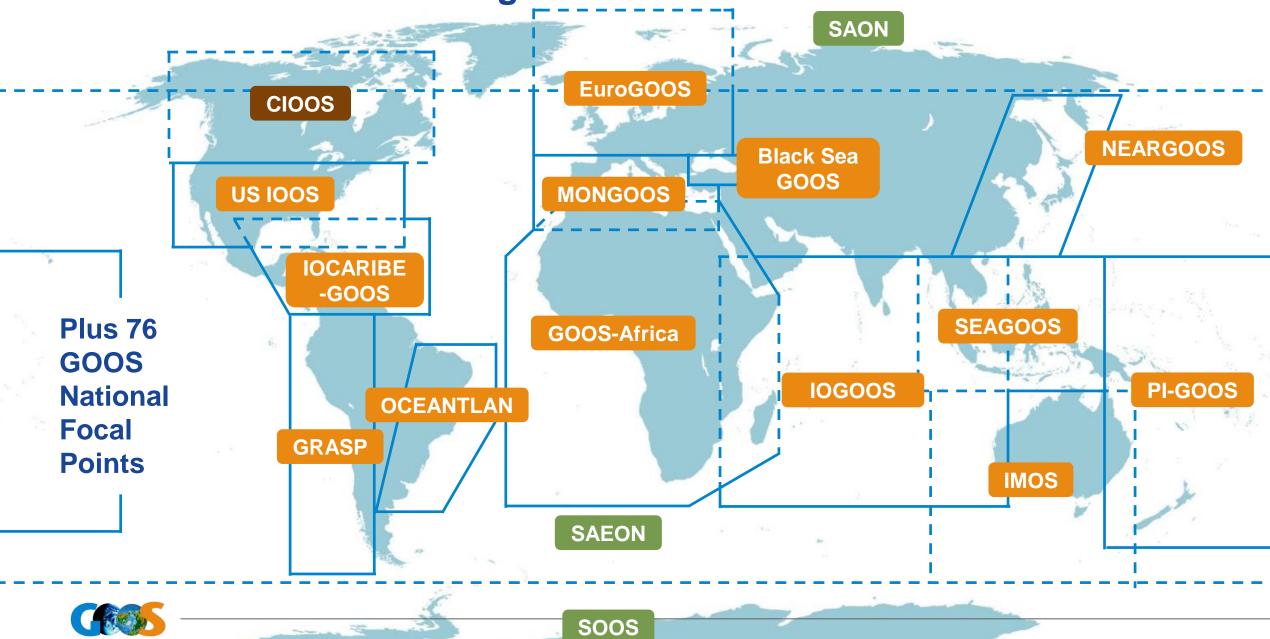
"The weather forecasting systems will run off the rails if they don't have the surface pressure information over the ocean to constrain them" - Lars Peter Riishojgaard, Director of the Earth System Branch WMO



## Underpinning a wide range of applications



## **GOOS**: Regional & National Alliances







The Global Ocean Observing System



Ocean Observing Co-Design will develop a more user-focused co-design process to evolve a truly integrated, responsive ocean observing system.



## **Co-DESIGN** to bring about a **STEP CHANGE**

Year 1-2 Year 2-3 Year 3-4

#### **ENGAGEMENT & DESIGN**

Engaging with user communities to inform pilot activity







#### **PILOT ACTIVITY**

Fill observing system gaps and evaluate solutions

Refine delivery of ocean information

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Maximize Return On Investment

Embed across global observing systems

Tools for tracking and reporting of success

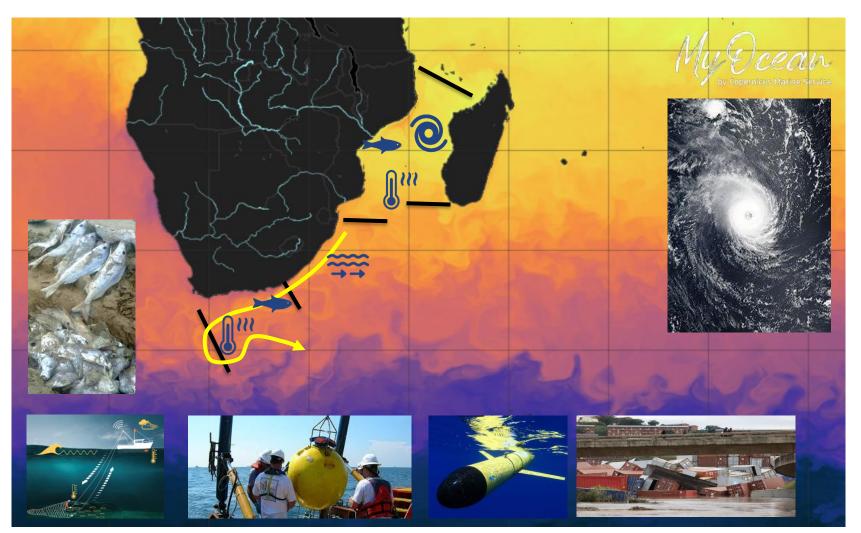
Continuous engagement and feedback from user communities

Develop standards and processes





## The Greater Agulhas Current Pilot Region





**Boundary Currents** 



**Marine Heatwaves** 



**Tropical Storms** 



**Marine Life** 



#### BOUNDARY CURRENTS



#### **Core coordination**

#### **User Engagement**

#### Value assessment

#### **Observing System**

- Inventory of observing capacity
- Cross community workshop
- Scope design with regional partners
- Assess gaps in data pathways

#### **Prediction System**

- Engage regional ocean modeling facility
- Design for OSSE's with partner SynObs
- Assess assimilation and model bias

#### **Products & Services**

- Identify existing regional products
- Identify delivery needs (app, web, etc.)
- Identify data flow for products
- Develop new test products

#### **Pilot implementation**

- Cross border cooperation
- Continuous assessment with stakeholders

#### **END USERS:**

**Weather services** 

Regional fisheries

Ocean Industries, e.g. shipping

Marine resource management

Pilot Region: Agulhas Current





## Co-Design Exemplars \*Each exemplar is at different levels of maturity





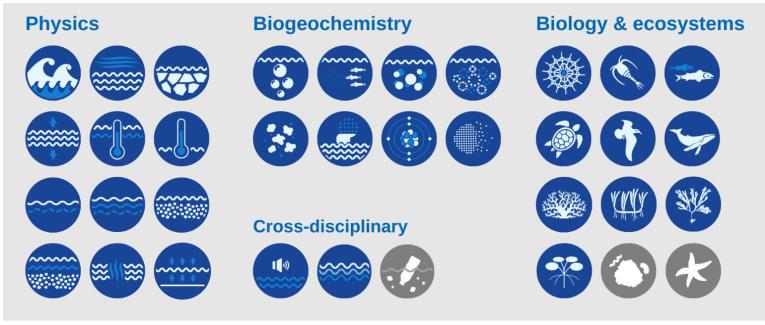


## Impacts to Open Data and Knowledge?

- Targeted data streams by co-design how does this impact GEO?
- How do we achieve greater collaboration along the entire value chain – from ocean observations to end users?
- Focus here has been on ocean observations, but should we treat satellite observations in the same manner?

## 35 Essential Ocean Variables (EOVs)







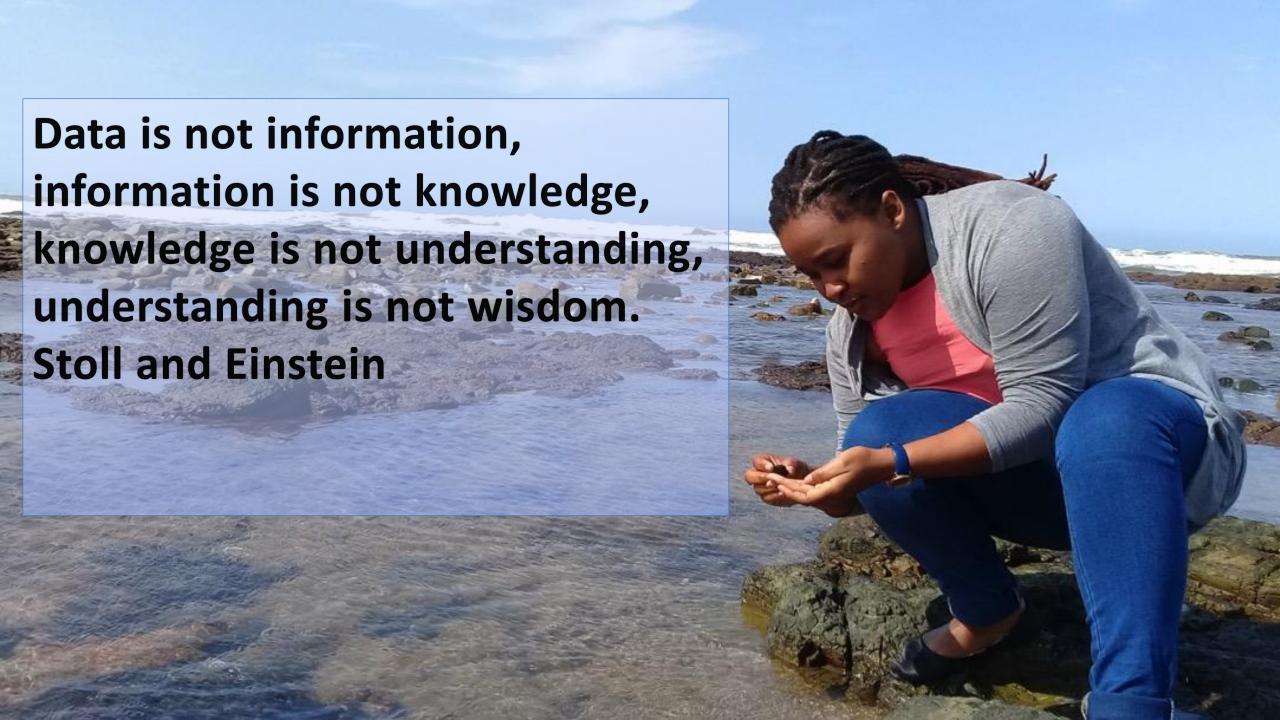








+ Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction



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**European dataspaces and how they can** influence the future of the open data sharing

7-11-2023 18:00



Joan Maso















## What is a Data Space?



An infrastructure that enables **data transactions** between different data ecosystem parties based on a **governance framework**. [1]



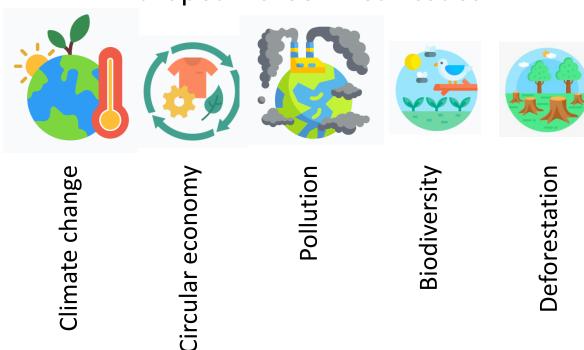
The act of bringing together relevant data infrastructures and governance frameworks in order to facilitate data pooling and sharing [2].

#### Data Spaces:

- (i) **deploy** data-sharing tools and **services for** the pooling, processing and **sharing** of data by an open number of organisations, as well as federate energy-efficient and **trustworthy cloud capacities** and related services;
- (ii) **include** data **governance structures**, compatible with relevant EU legislation, which determine, in a transparent and **FAIR** way, **the rights** concerning access to and processing of the data;
- (iii) **improve** the *availability, quality* and *interoperability* of data both in domain-specific settings and across sectors.

#### 

#### European Green Deal issues:



## Difficulties we face:

• Is *data space* the *only* or the *right* solution for ensuring Open Data and at the same time Trust, Governance and Data Sovereignty?



## Extending the industry data space definition

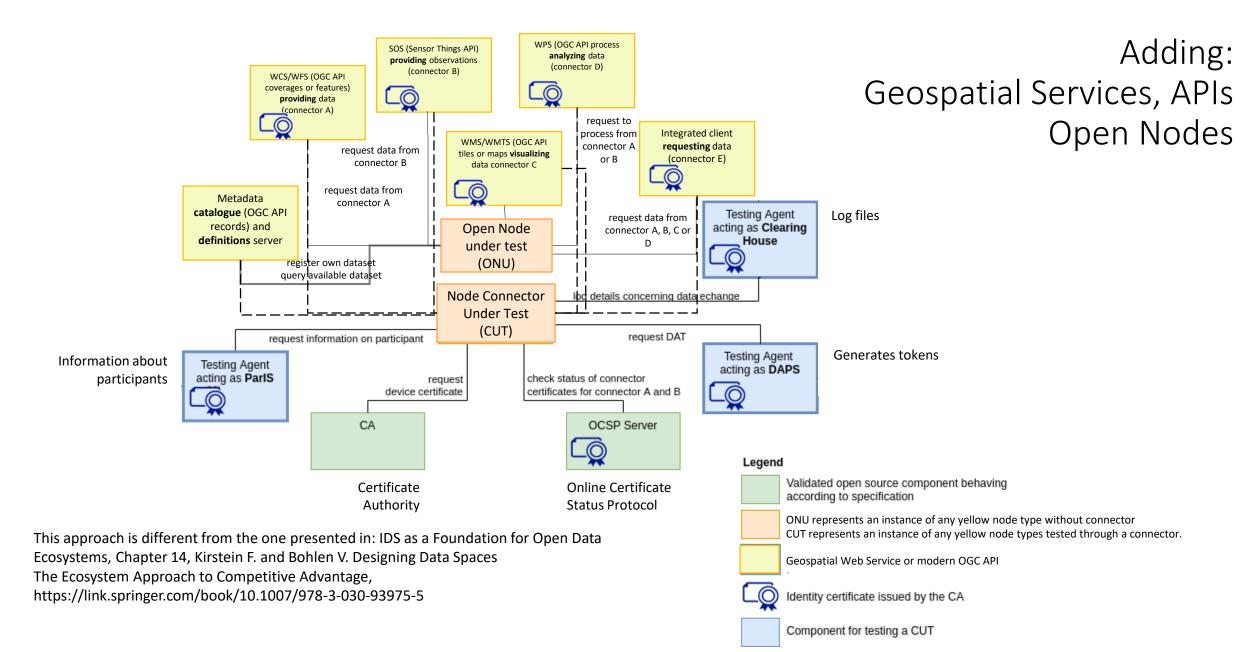
- In the industry definition of Data Space (IDSA), static assets are shared between two participants in a secured channel.
  - It requires that both (client and server) have **CONNECTOr** software.
  - In this def. Data sharing becomes the opposite of open data!!
    - This is not the GEO Data Sharing principles definition. Confusing!

#### Questions

- How to combine open data (INSPIRE, etc) with secured data in a data space?
- How to share queryble (dynamic) assets?
- How to allow for data processing in the data space?
- How to do loosely coupled and still provide enough trust?

## Who a open data + dataspace could work

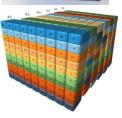




## Some solutions to break silos in the GDDS

- Share and combine
  - In situ data using Sensor Things API (and STAplus), in collaborat with USAGE
  - Gridded data in datacubes, in collaboration with B3 and FAIRiCUBE.
- Using semantics. Two approaches
  - The Green Deal Information Model (GDIM)
    - Data can be converted in to a general RDF model respecting the original data attributes.
  - Focus on variables/observedProperties
    - Tag them with variable name, EV, UoM
    - Report provenance of the variables (methodology to obtain the data and applied post-processing)
- Test OGC web services and OGC web APIs with IDSA connectors.



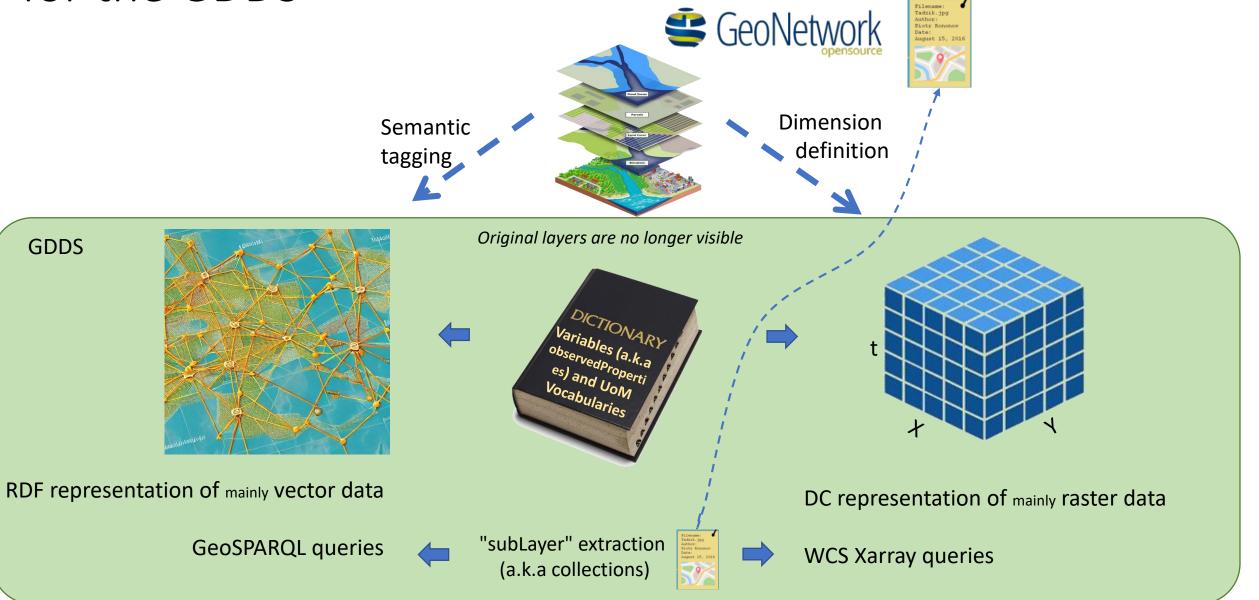






## Layer destruction and reconstruction for the GDDS





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Digital ecosystems and soft infrastructures for building data spaces

07.11.2023 16:00 UTC+2



Paolo Mazzetti







## What is a Data Space?

- No worldwide agreed definition
- General consensus on:
  - Distributed data sharing (no data centers, no data lakes)
  - Openness (no fixed number of participants, multiple roles supported)
  - Governance (no anarchy)
- Divergent views:
  - Academic literature:
    - Light system (no data integration, value added through incremental development)
  - European Union (European Strategy for Data)
    - Common European Data Space(s)
      - Added value: security, trust, data sovereignty

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Definition	Source
"Dataspaces are not a data integration approach; rather, they are more of a data co-existence approach. The goal of dataspace support is to provide base functionality over all data sources, regardless of how integrated they are."	Halevy et al.
"A data space is defined as a decentralised infrastructure for trustworthy data sharing and exchange in data ecosystems based in commonly agreed principles."	Nagel [ <u>7</u> ]
"A dataspace system manages the large-scale heterogeneous collection of data distributed over various data sources in different formats. It addresses the structured, semi-structured, and unstructured data in coordinated manner without presuming the semantic integration among them."	Singh [ <u>8</u> ]
"to provide various of the benefits of classical data integration, but with reduced up-front costs, combined with opportunities for incremental refinement, enabling a "pay-as-you-go" approach."	Hedeler et al.
"enable agile data integration with much lower upfront and maintenance costs."	Hedeler et al. [10]
"A dataspace system processes data, with various formats, accessible through many systems with different interfaces, such as relational, sequential, XML, RDF, etc. Unlike data integration over DBMS, a dataspace system does not have full control on its data, and gradually integrates data as necessary."	Wang et al. [11]
"Dataspace Support Platforms envision data integration systems where the amount of upfront effort is much smaller. The system should be able to bootstrap itself and provide some useful services with no human intervention. Over time, through user feedback or as sources are added and the data management needs become clearer, the system evolves in a pay-as-you-go fashion."	Das Sarma et al. [12]
"Dataspace is defined as a set of participants and a set of relationships among them."	Singh and Jain [13]
"Real-time Linked Dataspace combines the pay-as-you-go paradigm of dataspaces with Linked Data, Knowledge Graphs, and real-time stream and event processing capabilities to support the large-scale distributed heterogeneous collection of streams, events, and data sources."	Curry [14], Curry et al. [15]
"any ecosystem of data models, datasets, ontologies, data sharing contracts and specialised management services (i.e., as often provided by data centres, stores, repositories, individually or within 'data lakes'), together with soft competencies around it (i.e., governance, social interactions, business processes)."	Scerri et al. [16]











## Data spaces and GEOSS

- GEOSS
  - A data space (GEOSS Platform) + enhancements for Earth Intelligence
- Common European Data Space(s)
  - A data space + support to data trust
  - Contributing to GEO/GEOSS through EuroGEO

Dataspaces are not a data integration approach; rather, they are more of a *data co-existence* approach. The goal of dataspace support is to provide base functionality over all data sources, regardless of how integrated they are. For example, a DSSP can provide keyword search over all of its data sources, similar to that provided by existing desktop search systems. When more sophisticated operations are required, such as relational-style queries, data mining, or monitoring over certain sources, then additional effort can be applied to more closely integrate those sources in an incremental, "pay-as-you-go" fashion.

M. Franklin, A. Halevy, and D. Maier, "From databases to dataspaces: a new abstraction for information management," *SIGMOD Rec.*, vol. 34, no. 4, pp. 27–33, Dec. 2005, doi: 10.1145/1107499.1107502.







## Data spaces as Digital Ecosystems

- A Digital Ecosystem emulates Natural Ecosystems
  - Multiple 'species' (autonomous entities) collaborating and competing
  - In a (digital) 'environment'
  - Carrying out different functions
  - · Contributing to a 'service' for the human society
  - To be protected (governance)
- No fixed set of participants ('species')
- No fixed set of requirements, only one or more general 'services' (e.g., generating Earth Intelligence, secure sharing)
  - · Ready to changes
- Participants can enrich the DE providing tools and services on top of the existing ones
  - Security and trust
  - Generation of knowledge for Earth Intelligence
  - ..











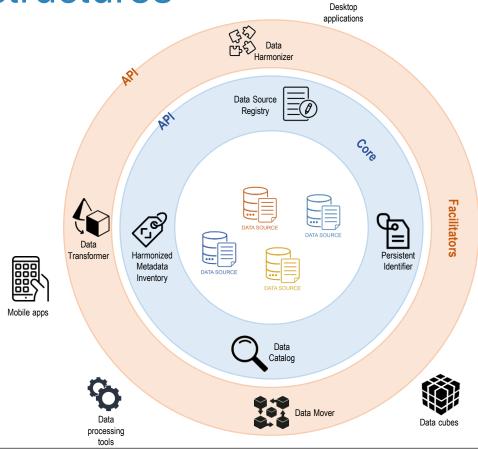






## How to build a data space: soft infrastructures

- (Light) agreements and rules for participation
  - Governance rules
  - Technical specifications
- Logical 'building blocks' / 'enablers'
  - Core services for data space enablement
    - Data discovery and addressing
  - 'Facilitators' to make life easier to intermediate users
    - Data (syntactical) harmonization
  - Open APIs







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**Upscaling federated infrastructures in the EU** for policy support and better user experience. Digital EO Infrastructures and Initiatives: A review framework based on open principles

07.11.2023 16:00 UTC+2



Albana Kona







## Digital EO Infrastructures and Initiatives: A review framework based on open principles

From a user-driven perspective, a series of requirements spanning from discoverability of available datasets, models, services, to transparency of pricing, from the problem of service sustainability to service redundancy, transparency of costs and technical specs, interoperability and accessibility, were investigated by reviewing over 150 digital platforms

The outcome is a preliminary phase for designing a user centric framework in evaluating EO digital **infrastructures**. To complement the work, also a series of advisory technological enablers are provided in order to alleviate user's challenges and enhance interconnection amongst the services, thus facilitating the interoperability between platforms and fostering the discoverability of available services









## Context background

- The landscape of EO digital platforms is fragmented
- Limitations currently faced by the users
- Discoverability: no single place where all the information on available services and costs can be found
- Developers often struggle to find the services that match their needs
- No information about users' uptake and level of satisfaction on the current usage of the platforms
- Users' feedback hardly taken into account. Top-down design of platforms does not always take into account the diverse needs of under-represented communities (e.g. indigenous communities)
- Overlapping services







## Survey for use cases

- Gaining understanding of users' pain points / bottlenecks, wishes and ideas; making users feel heard; gathering feedback; helping platforms implement a long-term co-design strategy
- Promoting strengths of current digital infrastructure's offer; improving discoverability of available services; improving overall impact and visibility of EU Digital Platforms
- Identifying gaps in the current offer vs. users' demand; informing stakeholders on how to fill existing gaps; promoting a seamless, inclusive user experience of existing infrastructures in the context of EuroGEO
- Developing a set of meaningful key performance indicators (KPIs) for the platforms' self assessment
- Identifying "technological enablers": successful, reusable technologies that facilitate integration, interoperability and reuse of components



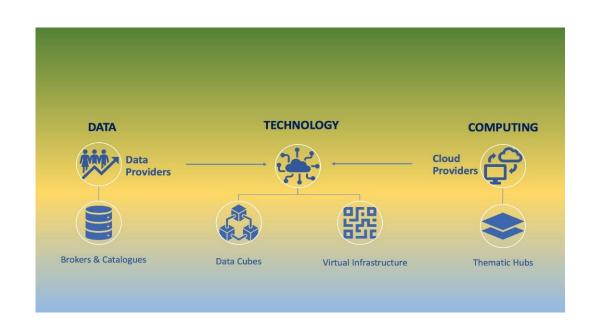






## Dimensions for evaluation of digital platforms

- Interoperability
- Documentation
- Accessibility
- Customization / tailored services
- Data & model sharing
- Sustainability
- Costs
- Support / community
- Datasets availability & quality







## Dimensions for evaluation of digital platforms – Insights I

## Interoperability

- Multiple platforms; not clear picture of all the offer; rather difficult to compare offers from different providers
- No single entry point; redundancy of services, need multiple logins to use services from different platforms
- no interoperability

#### **Documentation**

- Steep learning curve to start
- Documentation not always upto-date. Need for updated documentation, webinars and tutorials

### **Accessibility**

- Not clear what services are offered and if they fit users' needs, often subscription is neaded to try out services
- Users should be able to access a basic set of services for free for sandboxing and evaluate if the offer fits their needs







## Dimensions for evaluation of digital platforms – Insights II

#### Customization

- Customization of environment preferred in-house solutions
- Need for tailored services for near-real time kind of users;
- several levels of functionalities for data provision;
- demand for decision is getting faster; capacity problems in areas with conflicts; need

### **Data & model sharing**

 Facilitate data and model sharing and reuse

## **Sustainability**

 Sustainability of platforms after public funding period not always clear

#### Costs

- Pricing of services not fully transparent.
- Costs difficult to estimate.
   Ability to assess and control costs. Ideally implement prepaid or threshold. Pay per use. Scalability of the costs







## Dimensions for evaluation of digital platforms – Insights II

### **Support / community**

- Effective and quick support, both commercial and technical. Ideally provided in different languages
- Effective communication channels: competent helpdesk, forum, bug tracker. Timely assistance

## Datasets availability & quality

- Need for in-situ data, data harmonisation and proper metadata.
- Data providers are usually not part of the projects and therefore no financial support can be allocated for data harmonisation and documentation.

## Datasets availability & quality

- Quality check for data
- Licensing of data
- Need to access and integrate datasets from multiple platforms using open standards and APIs







## Thank you

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From Data to Knowledge using the GEOSS platform

Tuesday 07.11.2023



Gregory Giuliani





## Land Degradation...

## ... is undermining the well-being of 3+ billion people





Cost about 10% of the world's annual gross product through loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

75% of Earth's land areas are substantially degraded (90% by 2050).

Exacerbating biodiversity loss, climate change and leading to mass migration, conflict and major food security concerns.

Avoiding, reducing and reversing land degradation and restoring degraded land is an urgent priority to protect the biodiversity and ecosystem services that are vital to life on Earth.

There is an immediate need to enhance national capacities to undertake quantitative assessments and corresponding mapping of their degraded lands.







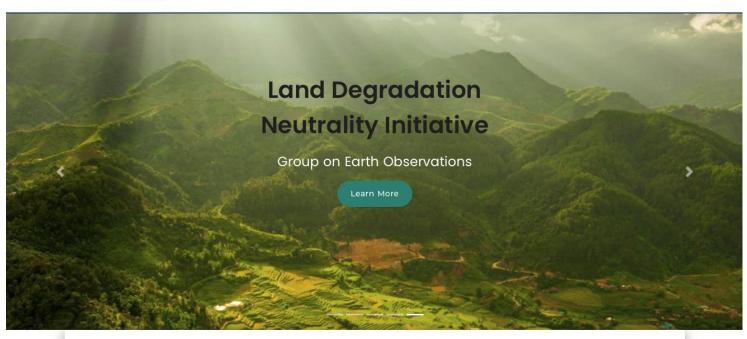








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#### **GEO-LDN FLAGSHIP**

The GEO Land Degradation Neutrality Flagship (GEO-LDN) is a stakeholder-driven initiative that was launched in 2018 during the **Group on Earth Observations Week** in Kyoto, Japan. It brings together Earth observation data providers and governments to develop minimum data quality standards, analytical tools and capacity building needed to strengthen land degradation monitoring and reporting, using remote sensing and data



Saving the world using Earth Observation







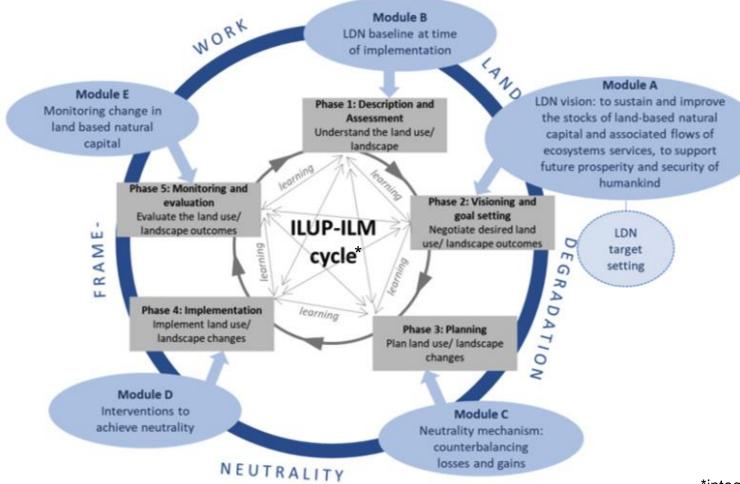




## Objective of the GPP use-case



Building an integrated & reporducible method to support Assessment and Monitoring/Evaluation



Source: 2022 UNCCD Science Policy Interface Review of LDN entry points (see link above)

\*integrated land use planning-integrated land management (ILUP-ILM)





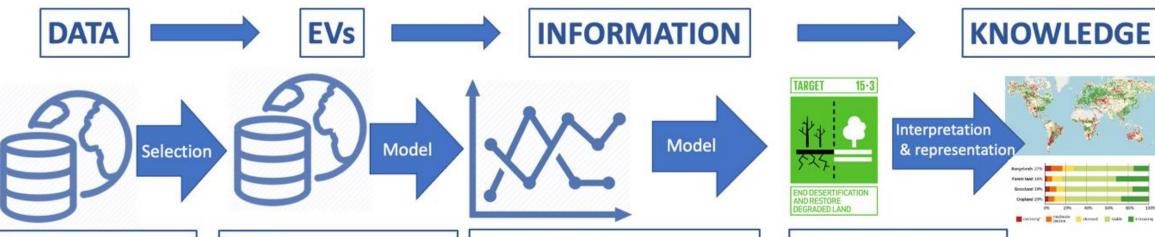






## SDG15.3.1 – Data to Knowledge





#### **EO Data**

- Vegetation index
- Land Cover
- SoilGrids

#### **ECVs**

- Fire disturbance
- Land Cover
- Soil Carbon

#### **EBVs**

- Ecosystem extent and fragmentation
- Habitat structure

#### **Sub-indicators**

- Land Productivity Dynamics
- Land Cover Change
- Soil Organic Carbon Stocks

#### SDG15.3.1

Proportion of land that is degraded over total land area





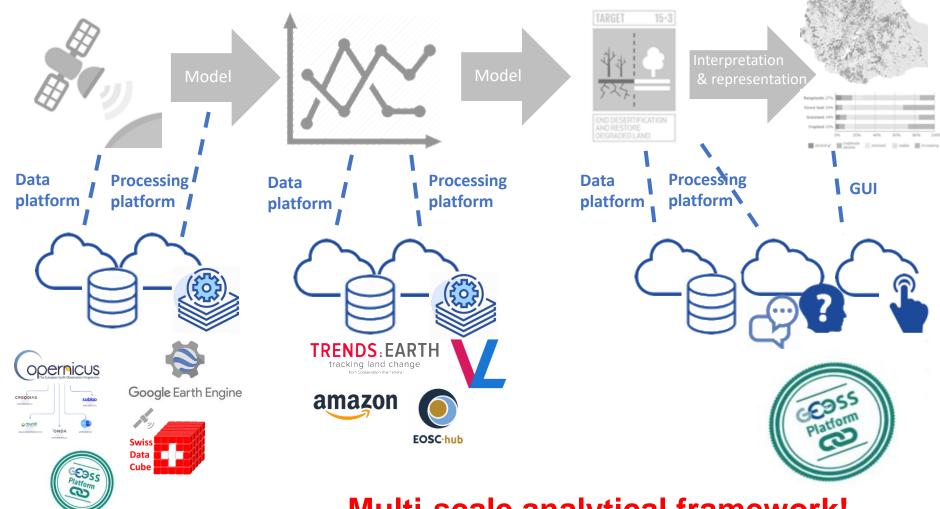






## SDG15.3.1 – Implementation in the GEOSS platform



















## New FAO report highlights urgent need to restore Africa's degraded landscape



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## https://geoss.uat.esaportal.eu/

Please provide your feedbacks:

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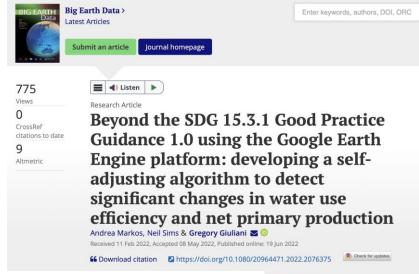






## Scientific background









## International Journal of Applied Earth Observation and Geoinformation



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Knowledge generation using satellite earth observations to support sustainable development goals (SDG): A use case on Land degradation

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## Conclusions



The proposed approach enhance:

- 1. Reproducibility: users can reproduce the experiment (same data/same analysis)
- 2. Replicability: users can replicate the experiment (different data /same analysis) >> use of national/local datasets instead of global ones.
- 3. Reusability: users can reuse/apply the approach in different contexts >> change the model and/or data sources.

GPP will further evolve the GEOSS infrastructure with users' required functionalities to *access tailor-made information* & *actionable knowledge*.

GPP will enable services to non-specialists in the domain of adaptation to extreme climatic events and to changes in climatic conditions.

Open Data, Source, Algorithms, Standards/FAIR principles > one step towards reproducible science.

Facilitate connecting/utilizing existing (European) developments and knowledge, in a collaborative way.

**Promoting collaborative approaches for Policy implementation** 

GEO role in connecting and facilitating some existing "dots", incubating possible "ecosystems".











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## From Data to Open Knowledge implementation: efforts to grow the value chain

**GEOSS Platform user interface developments** supporting knowledge generation



Joost Van Bemmelen







## OUTLINE

From data to Actionable Knowledge

The GEOSS Platform

From the GEOSS Portal to Actionable Knowledge

knowledge generation

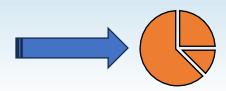
**Contribution Examples** 



## From data to Actionable knowledge and Earth intelligence

- **1.Data** refers to a collection of facts, statistics, or information that can be in the form of numbers, text, images, or other formats. It consists of raw, unprocessed elements and observations. The significance and interpretation of data are determined by the context and how the data is analyzed or processed.
- **2.Information/Knowledge:** Information is data that has been processed, organized, or structured in a way that it is **meaningful** and can be used to make decisions or draw conclusions. Information provides context and meaning to data. It is typically factual and can be used to answer specific questions or solve problems.
- **3.Services:** set of tools, algorithms, models, components that together support the generation of
  - **1.Actionable Knowledge:** Actionable knowledge refers to information or knowledge that is not only **meaningful** but also practical and **relevant** for making informed decisions or taking specific actions. Actionable knowledge is designed to guide individuals or organizations in making effective choices.
- **4.Earth Intelligence:** Earth intelligence, in the context of geospatial and environmental sciences, refers to the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data related to the Earth's physical features, climate, environment, and human activities. Earth intelligence involves the use of technologies like remote sensing, geographic information systems (GIS), and data analysis to gain a deeper understanding of the Earth's dynamics and make informed decisions regarding Earth-related matters. It can help address issues such as climate change, natural disasters, resource management, and land use planning.

















## From data to Actionable knowledge and Earth intelligence

To achieve the best from Actionable knowledge the piece of information should be "meaningful": this means that it should own different qualities, among others:

**Accuracy:** Information should be correct and free from errors or inaccuracies. Accuracy ensures that the information can be trusted to represent reality as closely as possible.

Reliability: Reliable information comes from trustworthy sources and is consistent over time. It can be counted on to provide consistent results or insights.

**Relevance:** Information should be directly related to the topic or issue at hand. Relevant information is valuable because it is applicable to a particular context or problem.

**Completeness:** Complete information provides a full picture of a subject. It includes all the necessary details and context, leaving no critical gaps.

**Timeliness:** Timely information is current and up-to-date. It is provided or used at the right time, ensuring its relevance and usefulness.

**Precision:** Precise information is presented with a high degree of detail and exactness. It provides specific and accurate insights, which is particularly important in scientific and technical contexts.

Accessibility: Accessible information is readily available and easy to find. It should be organized and stored in a way that makes it accessible to those who need it.

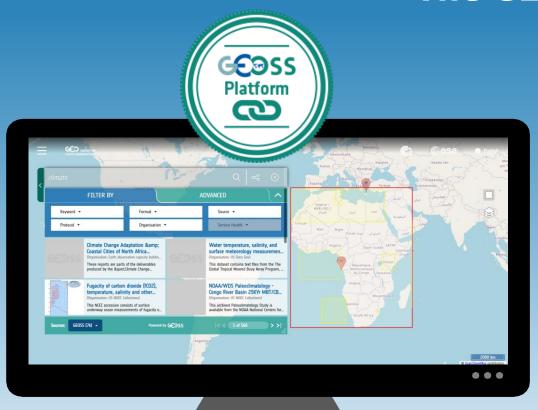
**Verifiability:** Verifiable information can be cross-checked or confirmed through independent sources or methods. It adds credibility to the information







## The GEOSS Platform





A data discovery and access system bridging the gap between data providers and users.



One main HCI, the GEOSS Portal



Enabling the creation of Community Portals via customizable GEOSS Mirrors



Enabling the configuration of the domain of interest via customizable **GEOSS Views** 



Accessible via open APIs, exposed by the **GEO Data and Access Broker** (middleware)



Replicability, Reproducibility, Reusability, Robustness







## From the GEOSS Portal to Actionable knowledge



In situ data Remote sensing Catalogues from communities







**GKH** External KH Scientific repositories knowledge Relationships



**Algorithms** Models **Applications** 



Semantic links among resources to enable reproducibility, replicability, reusability, to combine data and to verify results



Discovery of reliable services, credible information and knowledge relevant tools, models, algorithms, papers, accurate and precise data



Developing tools that enable self-creation of community portals, views, services to foster a broader engagement of new communities





Leveraging Cloud technologies supporting multi-Cloud approach for product and actionable knowledge generation



Social network, reportingm and sharing mechanisms enabling collaboration and promotion of data, results, experiments







## knowledge generation: **Tools/Enablers/Applications**



Continuously harvest New data sources Routinely Update data sources Continuously fine tune metadata customized filters based on data sources



Provides APIs to use GEO DAB functionalities



Geoss Views

Provides customization of Views functionalities



## GۯSS Portal

Provides discovery and access of data, knowledge, services, visualization functionalities and allows contribution by Communities to exploit and generate **Actionable Knowledge** 



Provides search capabilities of the **GEOSS Portal** 



self creation tool to set up a fully customizable Community portal

#### **GEO Services**

SDG 15.3.1, SDG 11.7, Above Groung Biomass, Water Cycle, Norovirus, 2 ITT use case



Dashboard tool

Provides functionalities to Create and share knowledge and reports



Provides functionalities to register as resource provided



Third Party Enablers **EARTH OBSERVATIONS** 

## knowledge generation: Tools/Enablers/Applications



Enabling the computation of SDG indicator 15.3.1 "Proportion of land that is degraded over total area" and its visualization in a dashboard in the GEOSS Platform.



Enabling the computation of SDG11.7 'Accessibility to urban green spaces" at the city scale using the GEOSS Platform.



Enhancing the All Atlantic Community Portal in terms of usability and data sources.



Produce Norovirus epidemic/pandemic risk maps based on environmental changes using the GEOSS Platform.



Estimating the Above Ground Biomass based on the use of EO products through the GEOSS Platform.



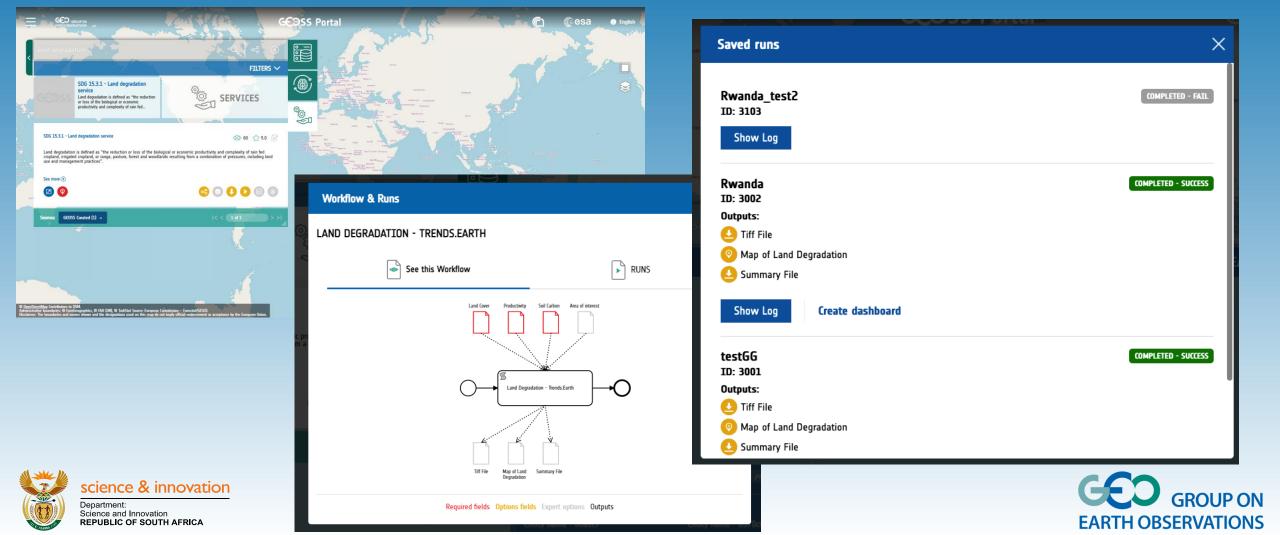
Exploring the possibility to use existing water lifecycle models to estimate the impact of environmental changes on water resources using the GEOSS Platform.







## **Contribution Examples:** GEO Service SDG 15.3.1



Science and Innovation

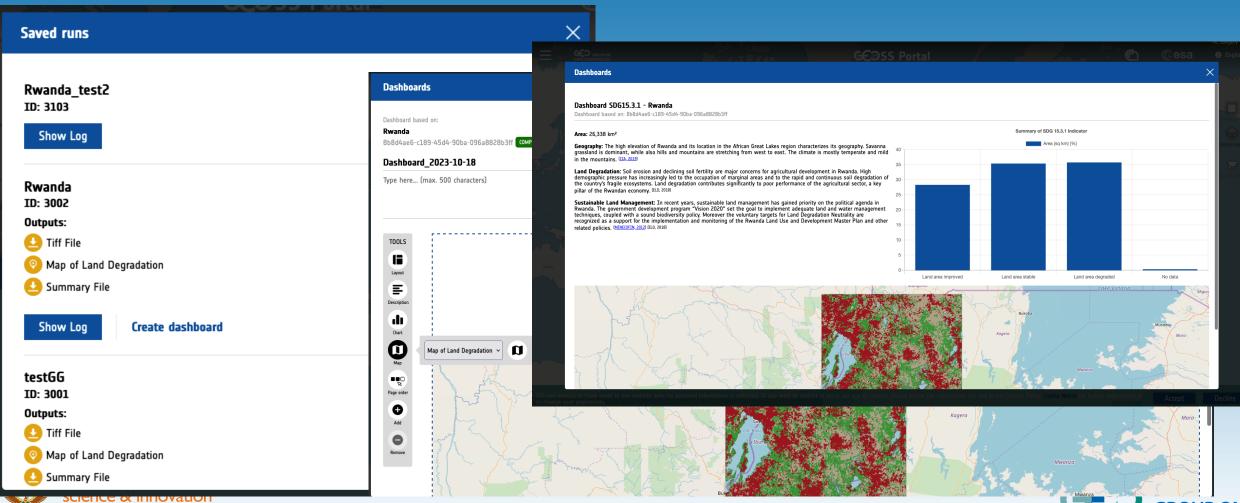
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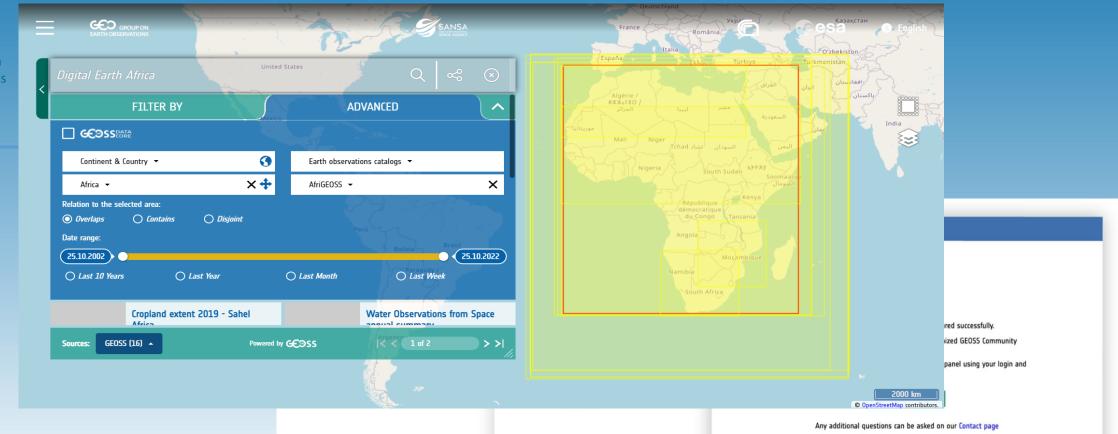
## Contribution Examples: Dashboard tool for report generation





## Contribution Examples: Community Portal Self Creation process. AFRIGEOSS

1. User opens a manual with download links







## **GPP Web site**

https://geossplatformplus.com/

Geo Portal website

https://www.geoportal.org/

#### **Testing Geo Portal website**

it is a testing environment, some functionalities may face some issues



Contact us

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SDG 15.3.1 Service Provide your feedback here

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### Sharing and preserving knowledge using the GEO Knowledge Hub







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#### **Environmental and societal issues**









#### **GEO Work Programme Activities**



#### **Environmental and societal issues**



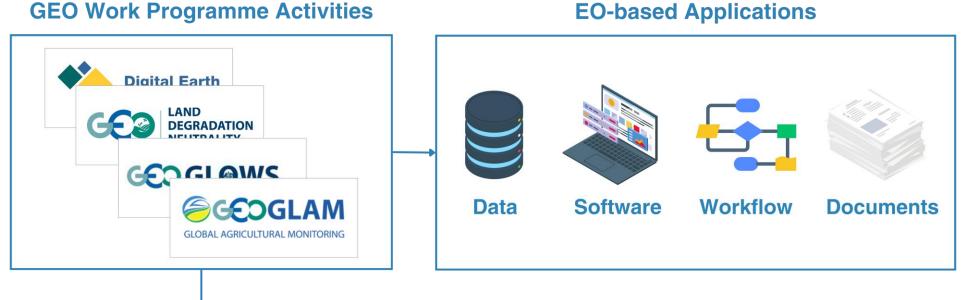








#### **GEO Work Programme Activities**



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#### **EO-based Applications**



# Open Knowledge























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Reuse













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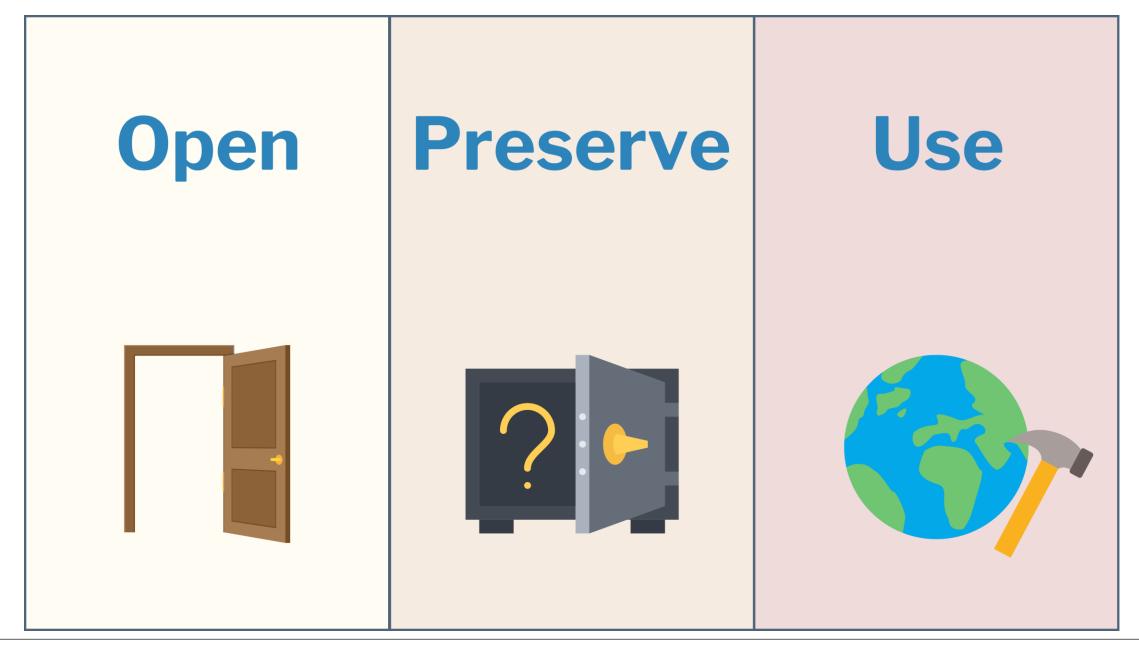


Create























### The GEO Knowledge Hub is a digital library for the GEO Community



















































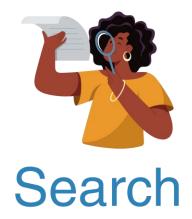






































**Datasets** 



**Software** 



**User stories** 



**Publications** 











#### Knowledge Package

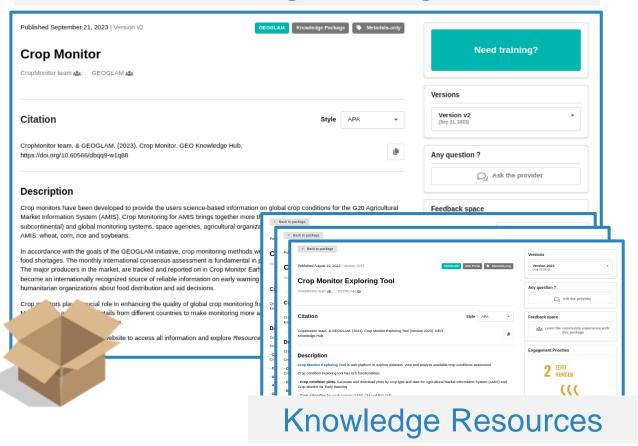
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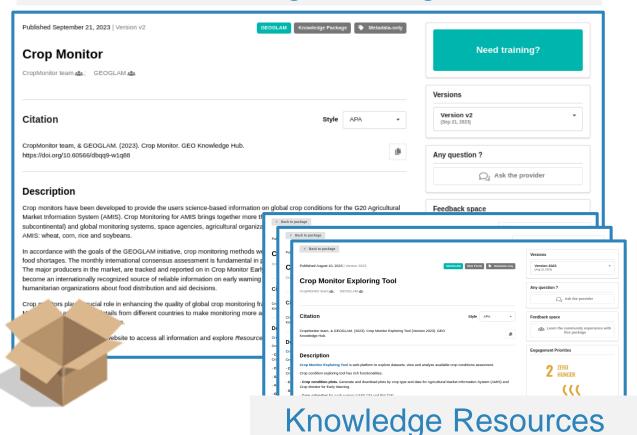








#### Knowledge Package



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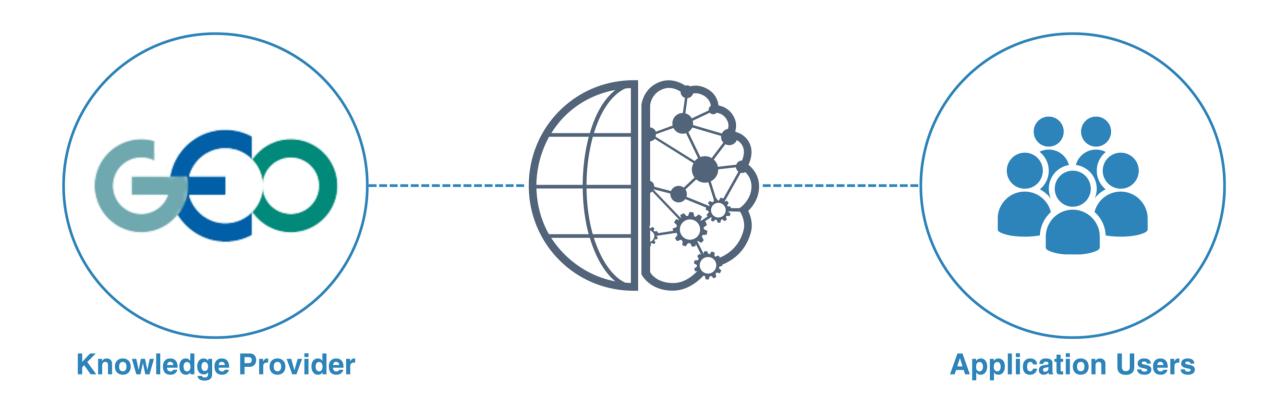
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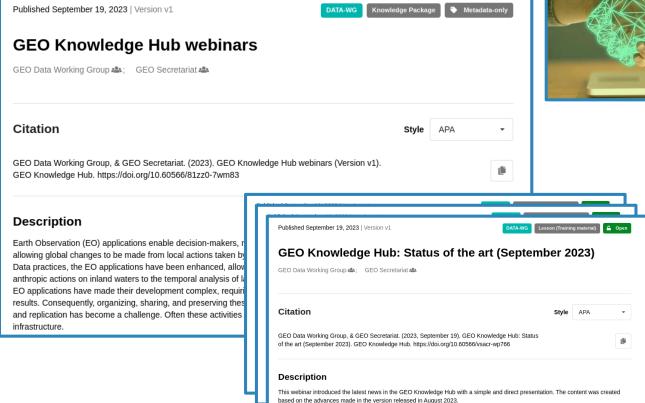
















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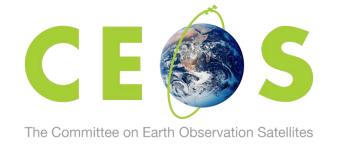


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September 25 - 29 October 4 – 6

#### **Jupyter Notebooks workshop**



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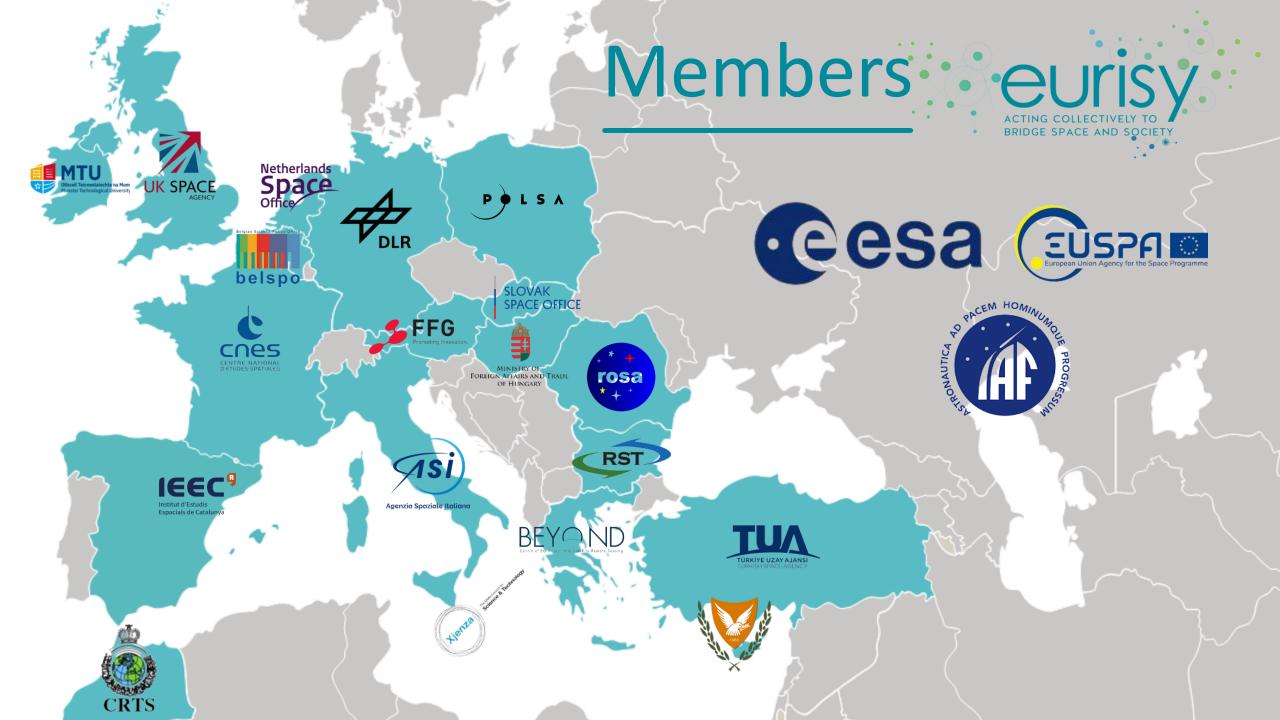
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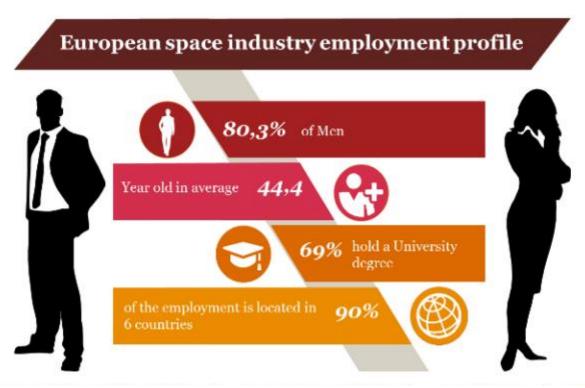


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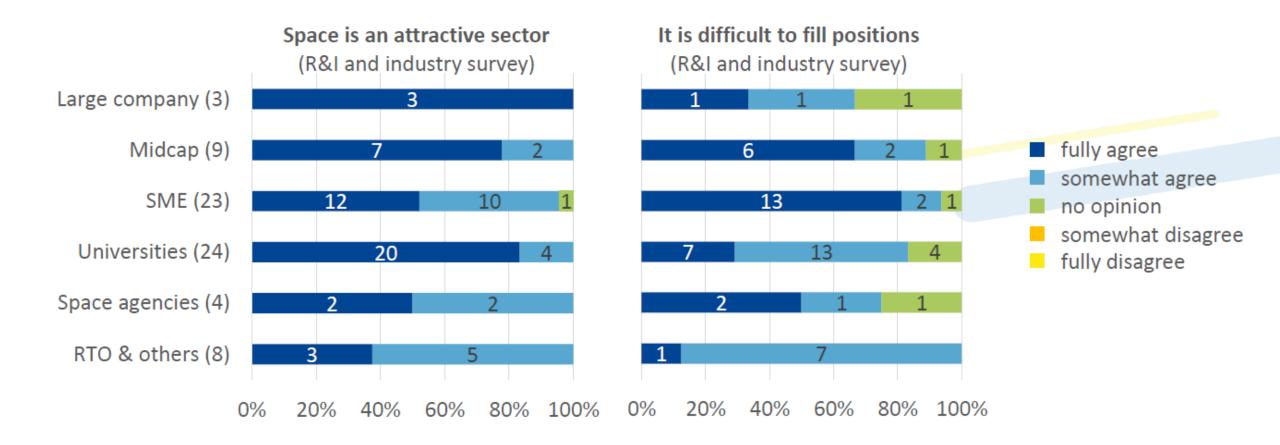


Demographic profile of the European space industry employment, source Eurospace
Graphic rendering PWC Socio-economic impacts from Space activities in the EU in 2015 and beyond

















promote the collaboration between the space industry, training centres, academia and other partners





attract young professionals



develop new and existing regional initiatives and contribute to other training programmes









- GEO-Academy aims to offer a comprehensive teacher training and development program for pre- and in-service teachers
- Empowering teachers with knowledge and skills to incorporate:
  - Geographic Information Systems (GIS),
  - Remote Sensing (RS),

Social impact

- Earth Observation (EO),
- **Geospatial Storytelling** technologies within Education for Sustainable Development
- Using an evidence-based, efficient, and holistic pedagogical approach
- Developing a community of practice utilising state-of-the art educational approaches, methodologies and tools
- Tools and educational materials freely accessible, developed in 7 languages (English, German, Portuguese, Greek, Bulgarian, French, Swedish)





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