

GEO-X Plenary statement EEA

The European Environment Agency remains committed to contribute to GEOSS, as stipulated in our new endorsed 5-year work programme for 2014-2018. A significant part of the EEA contribution to GEOSS is through our involvement in the EU Earth observation programme Copernicus. We continue building on the agreed principles of a shared environmental information system including an open data policy, in line with the GEOSS data principles.

We are very pleased to notice an increased involvement of member countries on the implementation of the Work Programme tasks. We would like to refer especially to the work done in close cooperation with our members of the European Environmental Observation and Information Network (EIONET) on the GEOSS data core and the common infrastructure, user engagement, the access to in situ data as well as on the task on global land cover.

With regard to the task component that the EEA is co-leading with GOFC-GOLD on global land cover validation, we support the proposal to call for a coordinated verification, enhancement and validation of high resolution global land cover data, with strong involvement of as many member countries as possible. This will secure the availability of high quality, relevant reference data that is needed to further build the knowledge base for sustainable development of our planet.

Thank you.

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