

Germany has been a strong supporter of GEO during the past years. We have been continuously investing into the various GEO Tasks, the Trust Fund and by Secondments to the Secretariat. We also work very closely with our European partners in the various European level contributions, both by the European Commission and European Participating Organisations. Last but not least, we have contributed significant resources to the IPWG. Besides those general contributions, we would like to highlight a few recent contributions:

- The German Meteorological Service (Deutscher Wetterdienst) has worked intensively with a couple of GEO partners on the interoperability of GEOSS and the WMO Information System (WIS). Thanks to this cooperation with CNR from Italy, KMA from Korea and JMA from Japan, users now have access to all data from GEOSS and WIS through either portal and mechanism. DWD developed with CNR the methods for daily synchronization of WIS and GEOSS metadata and its monitoring.
- The German Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy (BKG) has linked several important German geodatabases with its National Geodata Infrastructure, which itself is linked to the GEOSS Common Infrastructure. In total, some 210 thousand mainly marine and atmospheric datasets are now newly available through the GEOSS.
- The German Aerospace Center (DLR) set up a funding programme for projects dealing with Remote Sensing to support international Environmental conventions. One of the requirements for proposals was to work with GEO and its international partners. A number of projects dealing with forest desertification, glaciers, biodiversity and wetlands have been selected and will start next year. We will be happy to support coordination with the respective GEO initiatives.
- Lastly, Germany is proud to support GEO-BON by financing the program office, a very important GEO initiative, that deserves more visibility.