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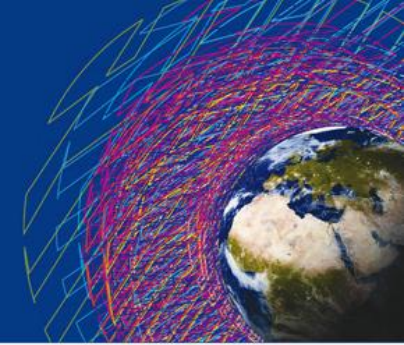
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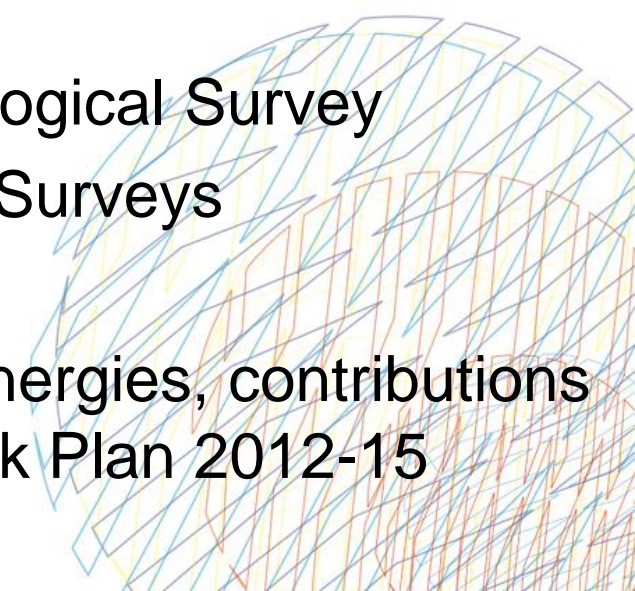


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Splinter Session 'Disasters'

Priorities for European collaboration in the tasks identified in the 2012-15 GEO WP

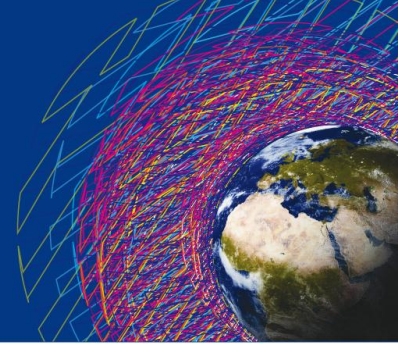
- Chair:** John Ludden, British Geological Survey
- Reporting:** Luca Demicheli, EuroGeoSurveys
- Time:** 16:00 – 17:30
- Objectives:** Identify already existing synergies, contributions and inputs to the GEO Work Plan 2012-15



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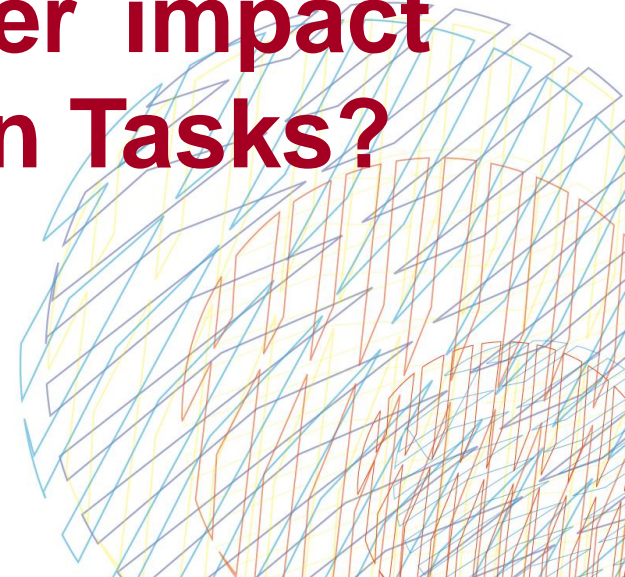
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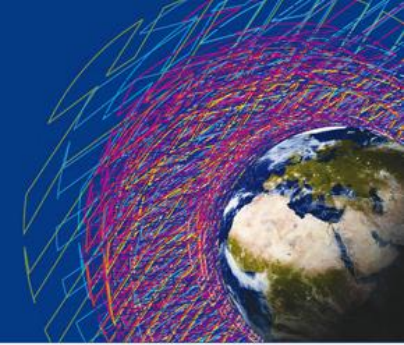
How can the EU funded EO projects have a stronger impact in the 2012-15 Work Plan Tasks?



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Disasters or hazards?

The issue of coordination is key

GEO and/or the EC should ensure disasters/hazards are always high in the agenda and supported with adequate funding mechanisms, BUT:

Public money cannot be wasted!

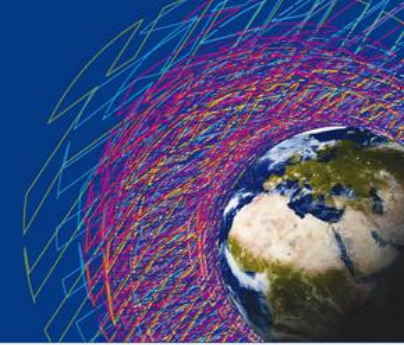
A few priorities should **always** drive the selection criteria for funded or endorsed initiatives:



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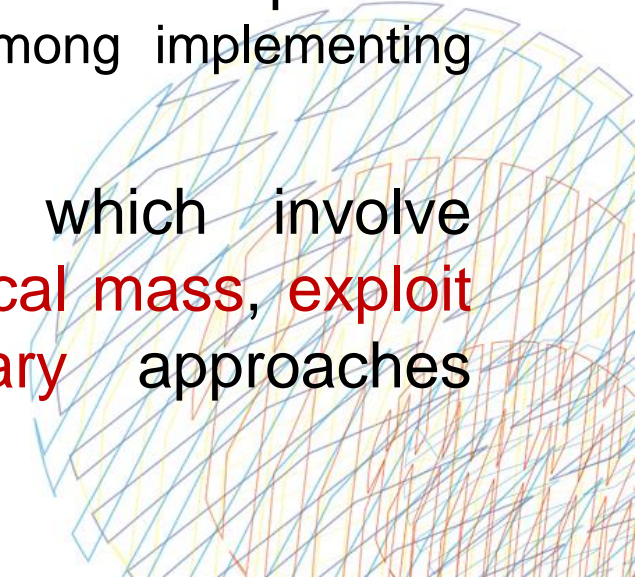
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Are official institutions supporting the initiative?

Data access and data maintenance should be guaranteed

This is not necessarily up to the EC nor to the operator
=> institutions? Then (more) coordination among implementing entities should be preferred

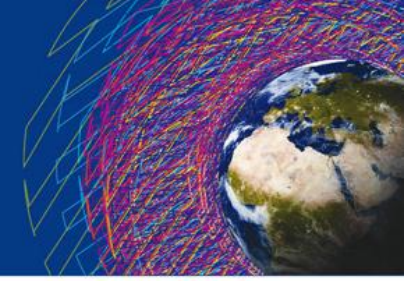
Favour large, international actions which involve **worldwide strategies**, **increase the critical mass**, **exploit synergies** and **adopt interdisciplinary approaches** (EPOS, OneGeology)



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Activities must be compliant or integrated with the major existing ones, such as OneGeology or the INSPIRE Directive

Harmonisation of information and more coordination in data collection should be ensured, **making users able to access information** and data itself really useful

Goal => **Effectively integrate EO and in-situ data**

The actions should **promote science and innovation**

Outreach and dissemination are key:

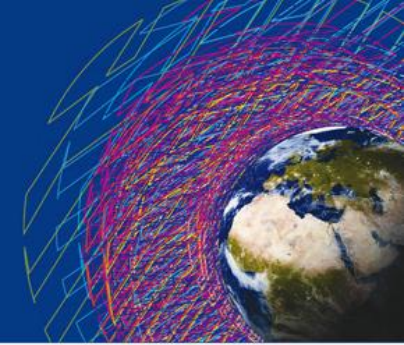
Communication, communication, communication!



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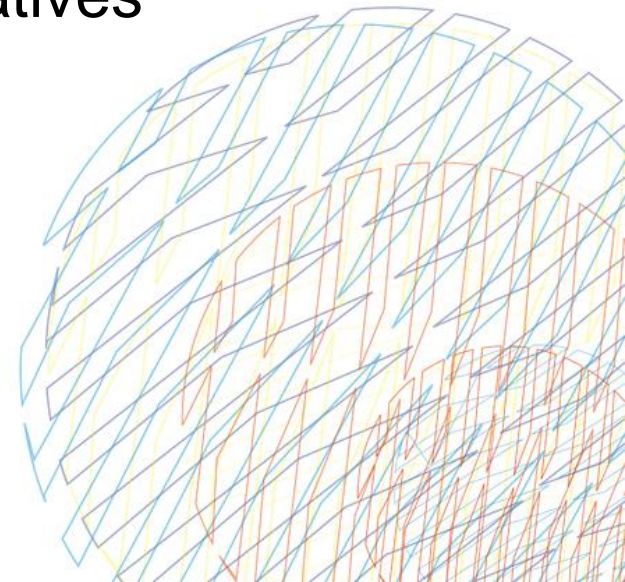
MOREOVER:

Data quality => **liability**

Avoid duplication of activities (UN-SPIDER and GEO:
do they cooperate?) and need to link initiatives

Need to invest more in **developing world**

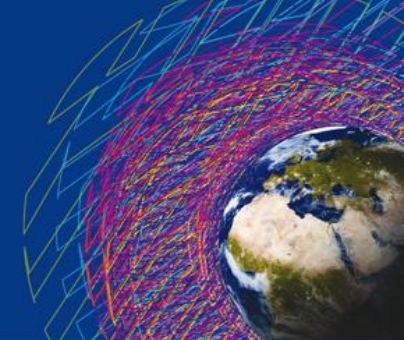
What about **megacities**?



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Thank you for your attention!

