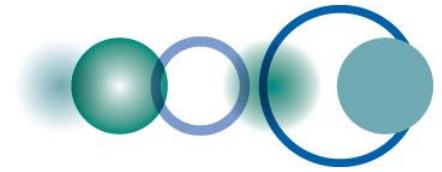


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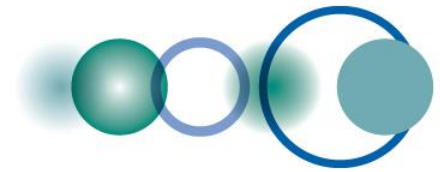
Sub-group 5 – Initial cross-read of initiatives in GEO WP2016

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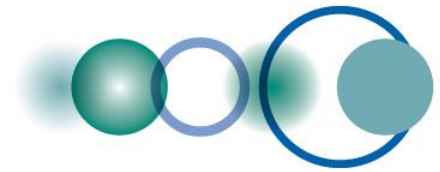


I have not seen the 2017 – 2019 WP submissions. This work is based on reviewing 2016 WP.



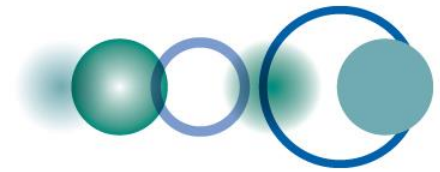
Process

- Cross read of candidate GEO initiatives (page 64 through to 126) in GEO 2016 transitional work programme.
- Criteria: benchmark against criteria derived from the Strategic Plan Reference Document.
- Smilies: The degree to which the topic was answered gave rise to more smileys.
- Frownie symbol was only used to denote that the person reading did not find related information.
- Volunteers drawn from members of the GEO Programme Board.



Overview of GEO implementing Mechanisms

	GEO Flagships	GEO Initiatives	GEO Community Activities	GEO Foundational Tasks
Purpose / character	pre-/near-operational service(s)	pilot or prototype service(s);	develop, test, or demonstrate application(s);	enabling or support function(s)
Initiated by	Specified Members, Participating Organization		GEO Community	GEO Secretariat (PB to report on priorities)
Resourcing	...Resources identified and committed			sufficient resources identified in GWP
Accepted by	Plenary (PB Recommends)	GEO Programme Board	GEO Secretariat Director	Plenary (with GWP)
Management and coordination	Dedicated mechanism; coordinator		Community-based	GEO Secretariat or Working Group
User engagement	Specifically identified, fully engaged, role in steering.	Target user groups generally identified, with at least an advisory role.	May vary, depending on activity.	May vary, depending on Task.







Criteria used for 2016 cross read ('Yes' or 'No')

- Flagship status: policy mandate?
- Flagship status: Near-op or pre-op service or products?
- Flagship status: user groups (steer flagship)?
- User need or application identified & user reps engaged?
- Sufficient resourcing identified and committed?
- Total resource estimate 2016 (Number)
- Objectives (relevance to Geo strategic objectives) identified?
- Outputs clear?
- PoC / lead clear with contact info?
- Contributing orgs & countries listed?
- Strongly linked – overlapping with other GEO action?

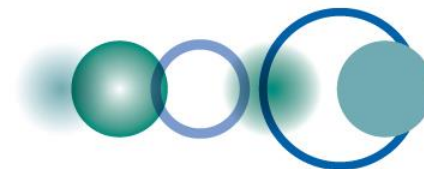


Approach to cross-read of 2016 initiatives – Smiley scoring

Does the content in the WP answer the question?	What is the quality of the answer?	Smiley score
Yes	Good	
Yes	OK	
Yes	Patchy	
No	Nothing there	

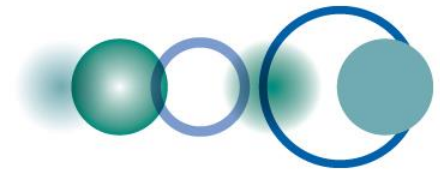


Results



Example of smiley scoring

	FS status: policy mandate	FS status: Near-op or pre-op service or products	User need or application identified & user reps engaged?	FS status: user groups (steer flagship)?	Sufficient resourcing identified and committed?	Total resource estimate 2016	Objectives (relevance to Geo strategic objectives identified) – Advocate, engage, deliver...	Outputs clear?	PoC / lead clear with contact info?	Contributing orgs & countries listed?	Strongly linked – overlapping with other GEO activity or initiative?	Average.
GI-01 (TIM) Geoglam								 				
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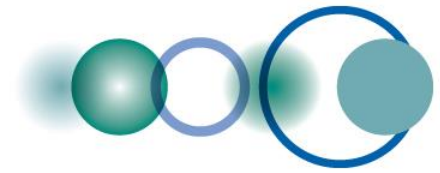
Some key results (2016)

- Only 5 candidate initiatives have an average smiley score of “OK” (😊😊). The rest score fewer smileys.
- Average score across all questions and for all initiatives is “Patchy” (😊).
- umbrella initiatives → lack of credibility → hard to nail down what the initiative will actually do
- Statements in some initiatives suggest map better to Community Activities.
- Landgrab Initiatives written as a (future) plan to gather contributors, financial support, and other resources.
- users “will be engaged” addressing user issues & connecting is not a “nice to have” for an initiative.





Governance and people in initiatives (2016)

- Sometimes no information, sometimes very long lists of people with no clarity on what they are contributing or receiving. Sometimes no lead or point of contact.
- The extent of involvement of GEO members and participating organisations is very difficult to ascertain. representatives in GEO governance structures can keep oversight of involvement in GEO.
- Some initiatives have dedicated contacts in GEO secretariat. This support should be made clearer.



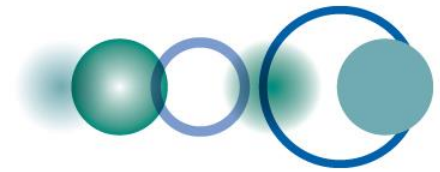
Committed resources not wish-lists (2016)

- The average scoring on resources is patchy 
- modal average is no information provided. 
- The subgroup is aware that many initiatives are resourced, but have not presented information in 2016 transitional work programme.
- The other tendency is to include what seems to be the whole organisations budget as the GEO contribution.
- Many different interests within the GEO community.



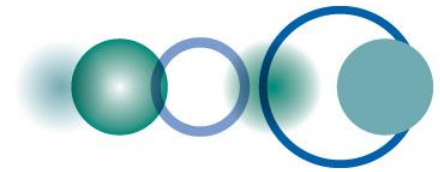
Guidance on presenting resourcing (for 2107 – 2019)

- Making ambitious statements not backed but realistic resource commitment undermines credibility at all scales and makes managing dependencies difficult.
- The Programme Board has a role to play in communicating gaps in resourcing, but cannot do this if there is no information provided or understand them.
- The GEO programme Board focus initially on aspects where there is a need for additional or complimentary resourcing, as well as highlighting important deficiencies to GEO governance and caucuses.



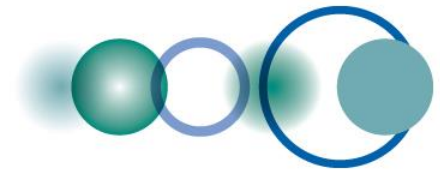
Guidance on resourcing cont.

- The GEO community pools resources: most successfully organised initiatives contain a variety of sources/types. Single source of financing is often co-financing.
- Connecting resources which are allocated to a project output to a GEO activity provides transparency.
- Resourcing can be expressed in monetary value or time (preferably using just one in an initiative). Suggest to work with 5000 dollars or Euro or PM
- Initiative should aim to summarise resources connected to activities or outputs as well as to the sources in table.



Milestones for action from GEO community perspective

Milestone	Activity / Milestone
15 April	Input to PB on FT priorities / resourcing. Interaction on 2016 WP.
15 April	Submit initial content for WP 2017 – 2019 (call with guidance provided 19 th Feb)
2-4 May	Work Programme Symposium. (1 st interactions)
15th May – 15th June	2 nd round of Interactions with PB on WP 2017 - 2019
July	Review 1 st draft 2017 – 2019 Work programme
22 September	Call for 2017-2019 PB nominations (Until 21 Oct.)
27 September	2017-2019 WP out.
8-11 November	GEO-XIII Plenary acceptance of WP



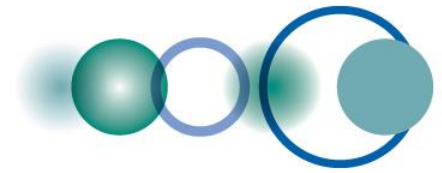
Development of GWP: A multi-stage process

- **Initiation phase** (GEO sec to propose draft GWP) – draft implements all core functions; responds to needs of GEO members & POs; builds on GEO community capacities
- **Consolidation phase:** PB (supported by GEOsec): Align plan with resources and priorities of members. PB to discuss all FTs, help make resources available. Discuss with contributors & stakeholders involved → Adjust activity's content. On FS & GI review progress & take action on issues. Concludes with plenary.
- **Acceptance phase:** GEOsec supports delegations to make commitments



Domains, involvement and flagships vs initiatives

	Timeline	Key
1 st cross-read (check 2107 – 2019)	15 May	
(Re) delivery (deadline)	15 June	
1 st draft GWP	20 th June	
Submission to EXCOM	21 June	
Evaluation	20 th June – 30 th July	
Validate (2 nd set?)	15 th June – 20 th July	
Feedback (template?)	30 th July	
Dialogue (with stakeholders)	1 – 20 th August	
Review (assess against criteria)	20 th – 30 th August	
(pre) Accept GI (sponsor in PB?)	Before PB meeting?	
Recommend FS (same or additional process?)		
Limiting numbers		
Negative decision process		



Coordinating cross cutting elements

- Climate change
- Links to other initiatives
- Users – TQM approach.
- GCI (FT) as data source – (transparency?)
- Capacity building
- Clustering
- Resourcing information sensibilities
- Addressing Resource gaps
- Relationship between flagships / initiatives and their research components.

Thank you!

