



EUROPEAN UMBRELLA ORGANISATION FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Towards a Sustainable Ecosystem Beyond Spatial Data Infrastructures

Note on the EUROGI session on 11 August 2021 starting at 12:00 UTC

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BACKGROUND

Since the SDI conceptualisation was developed in the late 1980s and early 1990s there have been many technological and other changes which have quite radically changed the environment for geospatial information and analytics. There is thus a need to re-think and re-align the way in which geospatial information is shared, analysed and used in the rapidly changing environment of today and into the future.

A group of geospatial experts from around the world who were brought together by EUROGI, the European Umbrella Organisation for Geographic Information, has produced a paper which proposes the idea of a geospatial ecosystem as a basis for establishing a new updated framework.

The two main aims of the session are to briefly outline the ideas set out in the paper and to obtain feedback from the session attendees which will be used to revise the paper and further develop the ideas presented in the paper.

[Link to the paper](#)

SESSION PROGRAMME

Welcome	Hans Breemersch (EUROGI President)
Background	Bruce McCormack (EUROGI Vice President)
SDI Evolution	Michael Gould (Esri and University of Jaume I, Spain)
New & Emerging Conditions	Zaffar Sadiq Mohamed-Ghouse (Spatial Vision, Australia)
A Vision for the Future	Serena Coetzee (University of Pretoria, South Africa)
Suggested Actions to move Towards a Sustainable Geospatial Ecosystem	Bruce McCormack
Questions and Answers	
Concluding Comments	Bruce McCormack