



## The EU Position on post 2025

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## Towards an European Position Paper on GEO Post-2025 Strategy

- Publication of the first Interim report of the Post-2025 WG on time for the GEO Week 2022  
[https://www.earthobservations.org/documents/geoweeek2022/GEO-18-4.1\\_Interim%20Report%20of%20the%20Post-2025%20Working%20Group](https://www.earthobservations.org/documents/geoweeek2022/GEO-18-4.1_Interim%20Report%20of%20the%20Post-2025%20Working%20Group)
- Call for comments extended to 25th of November
- Preparation of a common discussion paper on the Post-2025 strategy framing the European position.
- Consultation with Commission services and with members of the GEO High Level Working Group
- Sharing of the note with the GEO Secretariat on 1st December 2022.
- Panel Discussion at Athens Workshop
- Ad-hoc HLWG meeting in February/March 2023?



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- **Rationale**

- Strong European engagement in Earth Observation (EU Space Programme and its Copernicus component) + MS initiatives → Europe's position to be coordinated.
- GEO Evolution helped by exploitation of European EO assets, but still below its potential
- Commitments taken under Canberra Declaration, recommendations of GEO Mid-Term Evaluation and ExCOM decisions to implement them

- **Towards a revised GEO Value Proposition**

- → Remain a government-driven group (Commercial Sector involvement within well-defined limits)
- → Strong commitment to promote GEO Data Sharing principles, good practices, open standards, capacity building
- → A GEO platform supporting the GEO WP Activities based essentially on public funding and open software
- → Free and open access to all essential EO data
- → Strengthen engagements priorities and consider new ones (biodiversity, protection – sustainable use of water/oceans) as long as they offer added-value towards their policy goals.



## European Position Paper on GEO Post-2025 Strategy (2/2)

- **Role of the GEO Secretariat and the GEO Work Programme**
  - Facilitator role (via communication, cross-fertilisation, WP integration, finance leveraging).
  - Define effective ways of addressing its thematic priority areas (impact) on basis of a global culture of transparency in a systematic way
  - Defend legitimate interests (while promoting open licensing)
- **Relations to WMO, other UN bodies and international initiatives**
  - Common endeavours to establish a global system for standardised, open and interoperable climate observations and to exploit them so that they become available as services to society and citizens)
    - Reduce overlaps and redundancies
- **Other aspects: diversity and inclusiveness → GEO Value Charter (use of languages, visibility and acknowledgment of contributors)**
- **European contribution and visibility of GEO**