

Coordinating an Observation Network of Networks EnCompassing saTellite and IN-situ to fill the Gaps in European Observations (SC5-18a-2014-H2020 - 641538)

ConnectinGEO is a Coordinate and Support Action of the Horizon2020 program aiming to link existing **Earth Observation** networks with science, private sector and with GEOSS and Copernicus stakeholders. Main objectives are to enable ENEON and to provide the EC with a **gap analysis** among existing EO networks prioritizing the **Sustainable Development Goals** and the **Essential Variables**.

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176 gaps identified coming from 5 threads:

Water

Cross-cutting

- Top-Down Thread 1 (TDT1). Identification of a collection of observation requirements and specifications from generic goals for sustainability as expressed in the GEOSS Strategic Targets, the SDGs, and the adherence to the planetary boundaries.
- Top-Down Thread 2 (TDT2). Incorporation of material from international programs such as Future Earth, Belmont Forum, the Research Data Alliance and community assessments of socio-economic benefits of Earth observations.
- Bottom-Up Thread 1 (BUT1). A consultation process in the current EO networks, consisting of collaboration platforms, surveys and discussions at
 workshops and even involvement of citizen science.
- Bottom-Up Thread 2 (BUT2). A careful analysis of the observations and measurements that are currently in GEOSS Discovery and Access Broker complemented by other means (e.g. scientific literature).
- Bottom-Up Thread 3 (BUT3). The realization of a series of real industry-driven challenges to assess the problems and gaps emerging
- during the creation of business opportunities.
 Gaps by theme
 Biodiversity
 Climate
 Disasters
 Energy
 Oceans

Multi EV

non-specified

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Gaps by Thread

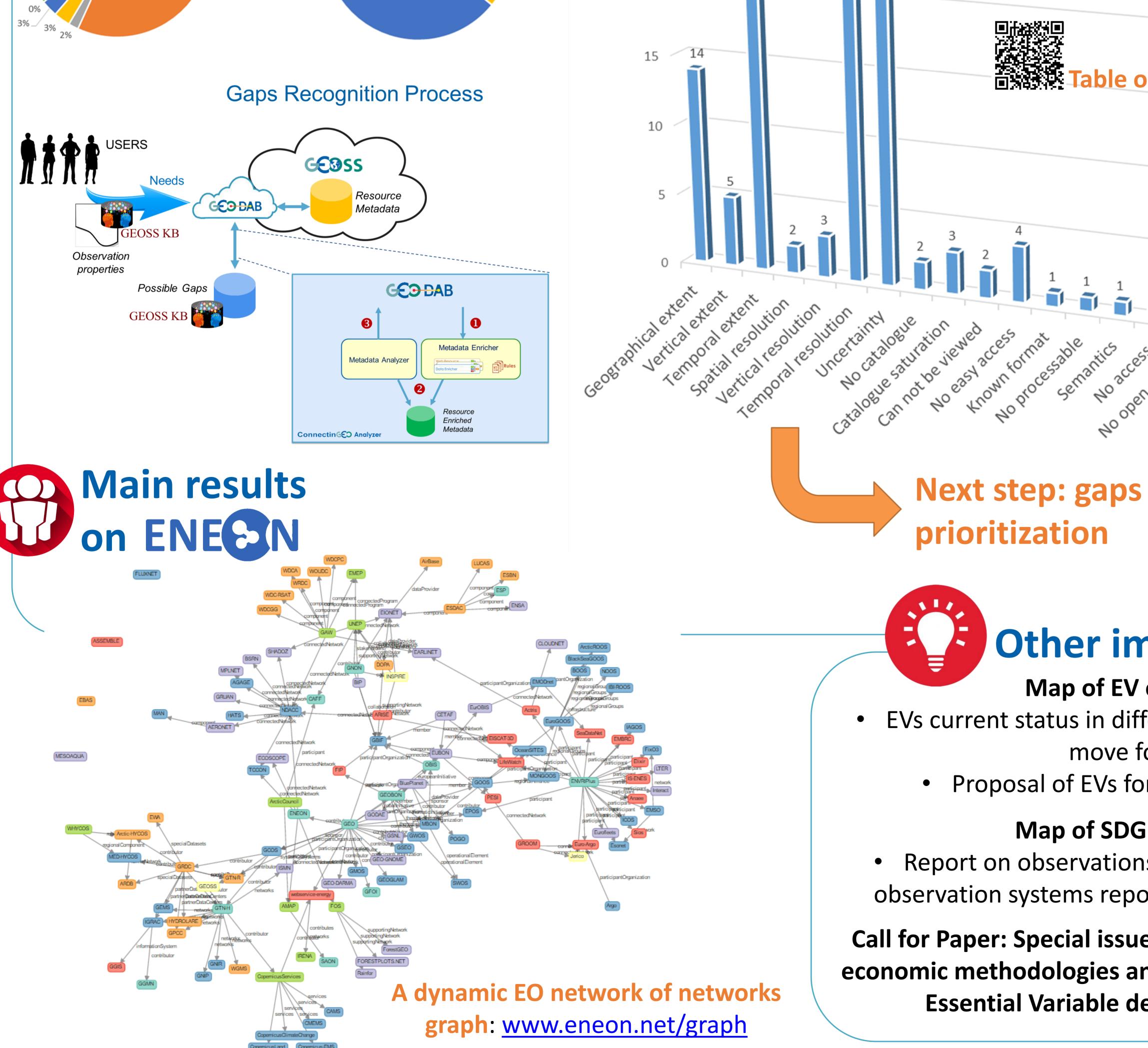
TDT1

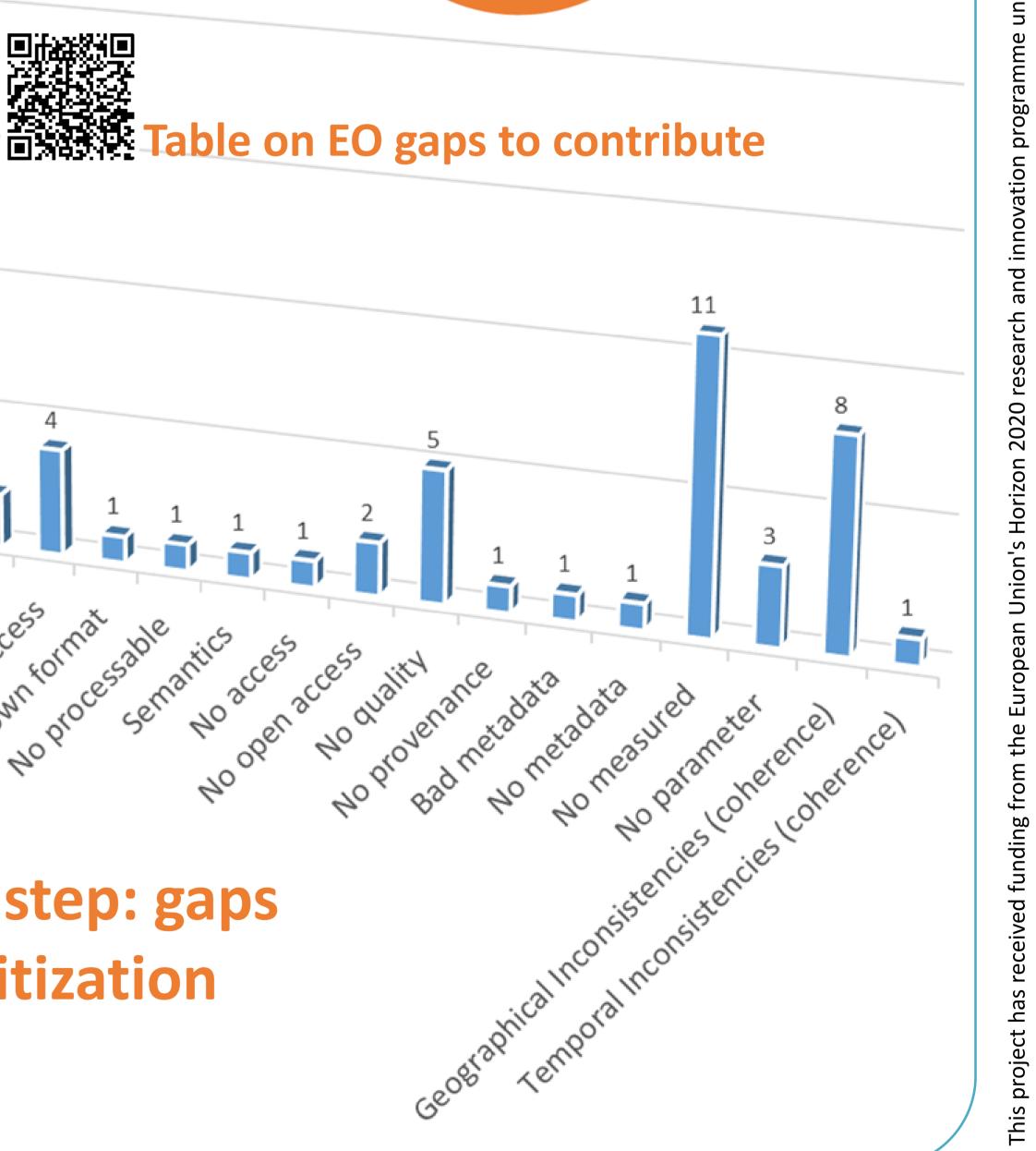
TDT2

BUT1

BUT2

BUT3





Other important results Map of EV on all domains

- EVs current status in different communities and way to move forward [D2.2]
 - Proposal of EVs for selected themes [D2.3]

Map of SDG related to gaps

• Report on observations, measurements and gaps in observation systems reported by the communities [D3.4]

Call for Paper: Special issue on 'Environmental and socioeconomic methodologies and solutions towards integrated Essential Variable definition and generation