ConnectinGEO

Workshop
on Gap Analysis and Prioritization

Providing Earth Observation Support to the Monitoring and Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals: Gaps and Priorities

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Introduction

- 2 year H2020 funded project (641538). Now in the last months (ending by January 2017).
- Coordinate and Support Action (CSA)
- 15 partners
- A contribution of the EC to GEOSS
- Main objectives
  - Perform a gap analysis in EO data, mainly in-situ
  - Propose priorities for addressing this gaps
  - Manage an European Network of Earth Observation (ENEON)
  - Link gaps to EV and SDG

Main results - EV review and analysis

EVs are variables that have a high impact and should have priority in designing, deploying and maintaining observation systems and making data and products available

- Coming from a Workshop in Bari, June 2015 and reported in the public *D2.3: Proposal of EVs for selected themes*
- 147 EVs reviewed
- Some of the EVs are not a single variable, but a cluster of several ones
- The community that has defined the highest number of EVs is currently the Climate one, lead by the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS)
- Most of the ECVs are relevant to the other GEO SBAs or themes
- Other communities already working on a mature set of EVs are Weather (lead by WMO/GAW) and Ocean, lead by the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS)
- EV discussion and related work is growing fast in Biodiversity and Water. Energy community follows.
- Agriculture, Disasters, Ecosystems, Health, and Urban Development, are still in the initial stage

- Conclusions
  - Many SBA can rely on a number of EVs already available in other areas
  - Better to concentrate efforts on those variables that are cross-cutting different domains and check if the requirements are the same

GEO New SBA (+ Climate)	Themes (according to the Bari's Workshop)	EV name	Domain and/or system component	Status of EV discussion (initial, medium, advanced)	Relevant communities, conventions, others initiatives	Other relevant GEO SBAs
Biodiversity and Ecosystem Sustainability	**Biodiversity**			Advanced	GEOBON, CBD, Ramsar Convention	
		Genetic composition (Co-ancestry, Allelic diversity, Population genetic differentiation, Breed and variety div.)				
		Species populations (Species distribution, Population abundance, Population structure by age/size class)				

Fragment of the summary table available in the deliverable

Main results - SDG review and analysis

- UN approved 17 SDGs articulated in 169 targets and 240 indicators to measure progress towards these targets
- How many indicators can be measured using Geospatial information and which subset can be measured with EO using EV?
  - 231 of the 240 indicators can be calculated with socio-economic data,
  - only 30 can be extracted with the combination of socio-economic data and Earth observation (in-situ, airborne or remote sensing),
  - only 9 indicators by Earth observation alone,
  - …, but Earth observation can be used to understand global processes that can help to retrieve other indicators.
- In ConnectinGEO, an effort has been done to link SDG with EV → available in the D2.3 Proposal of EVs for selected themes

Example

- **Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development**
  - Target 14.1: By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from landbased activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution
    - *Indicator 14.1.1 Index of Coastal Eutrophication (ICEP) and Floating Plastic debris Density*
      - *Related proposed EV: Ocean colour | Ocean acidity | Species populations (Species distribution, Population abundance, Population structure by age/size class) | Community composition (Taxonomic diversity, Species interactions) | Ecosystem structure (Habitat structure, Ecosys. extent and fragmentation, Ecosys. composition by functional type)*
  - Target 14.3: Minimize and address the impacts of ocean acidification, including through enhanced scientific cooperation at all levels
    - *Indicator 14.3.1 Average marine acidity (pH) measured at agreed suite of representative sampling stations*
      - *Related proposed EV: Ocean acidity*
  - Target 14.4: By 2020, effectively regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practices and implement science-based management plans, in order to restore fish stocks in the shortest time feasible, at l
    - *Indicator 14.4.1 Proportion of fish stocks within biologically sustainable levels*
      - *Related proposed EV: Species populations (Species distribution, Population abundance, Population structure by age/size class)*

Organizing the European Contribution to GEOSS

- Instruments:
  - European data hub - NextGEOSS
  - ERA-Planet
  - **European Network of Earth Observation Networks**
- Via:
  - Participation in GD-06
    - Report provided on the status of in-situ observations
  - ENEON workshops
  - ENEON website
  - ENEON activities
    - E.g. Mapping the Networks
    - SOS Web service for the networks linking data to GEOSS

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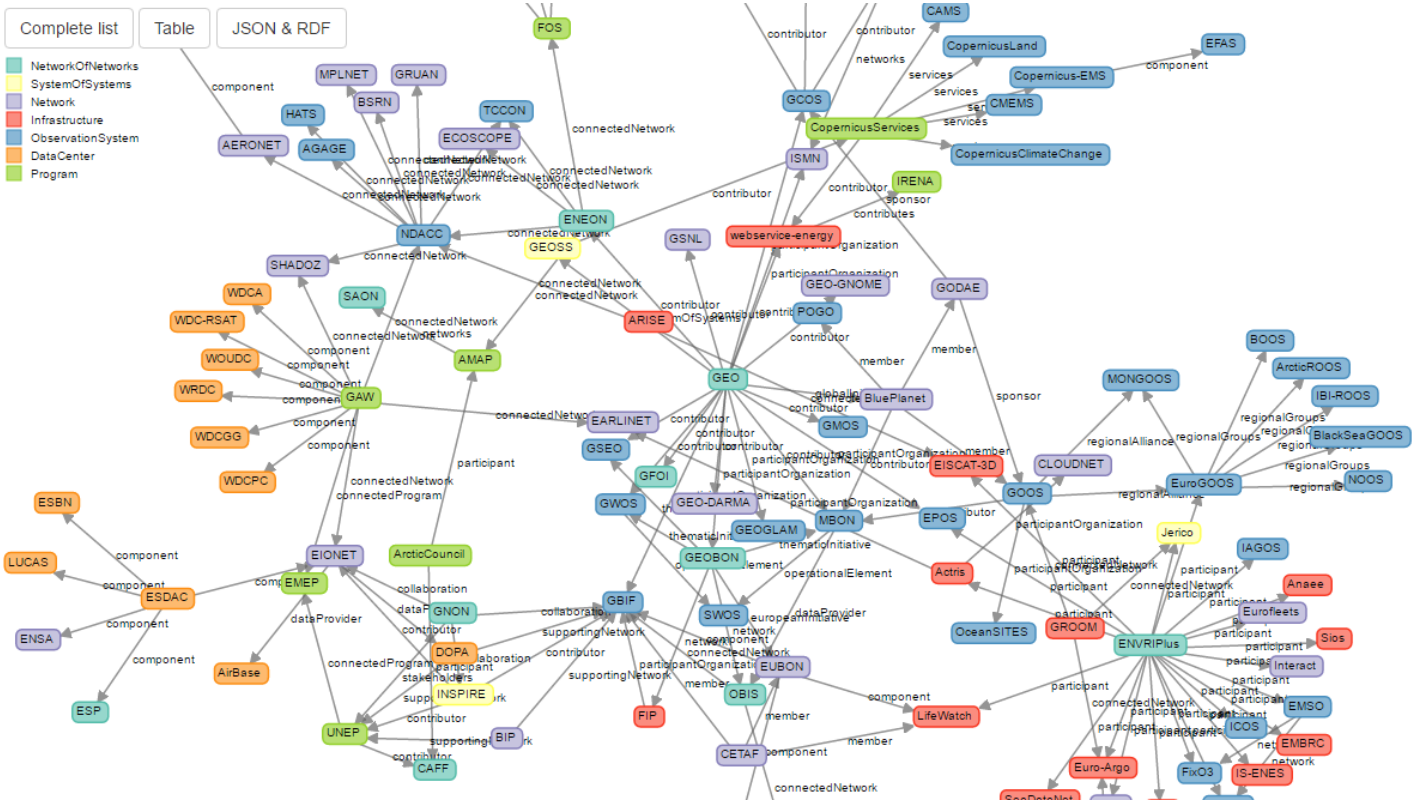
Main results – Map of the EO networks

- A dynamic graph of the existent EO networks in Europe in JSON-LD format - http://www.eneon.net/graph
- Anyone can contribute! User feedback system integrated to enhance this first draft version



Main results – EO gaps analysis

- 176 gaps identified coming from the ConnectinGEO methodology
- Collected in a collaborative table were anyone can contribute:
  http://twiki.connectingeo.net/foswiki/bin/view/ConnectinGEOIntranet/GapAnalysisTable

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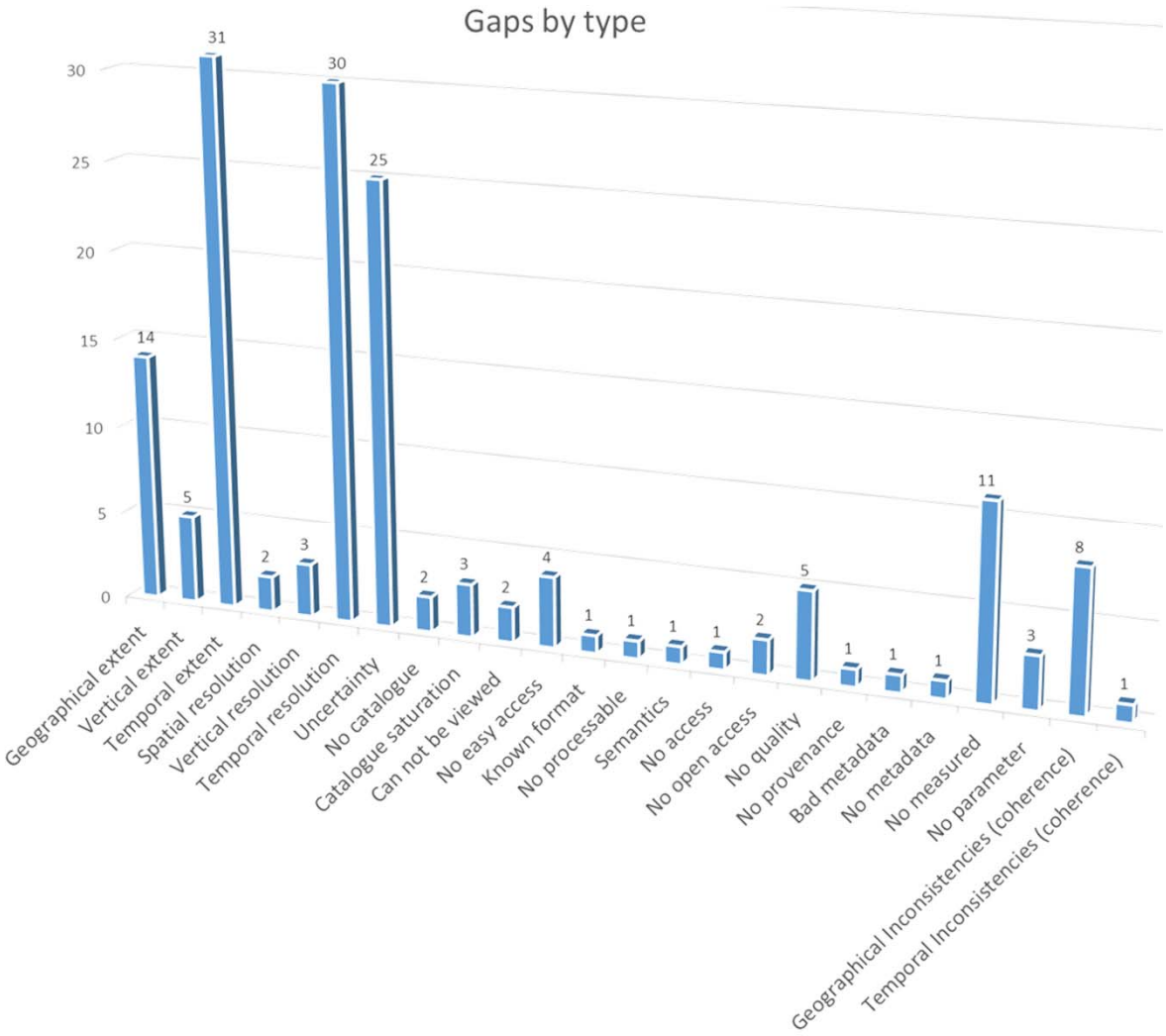
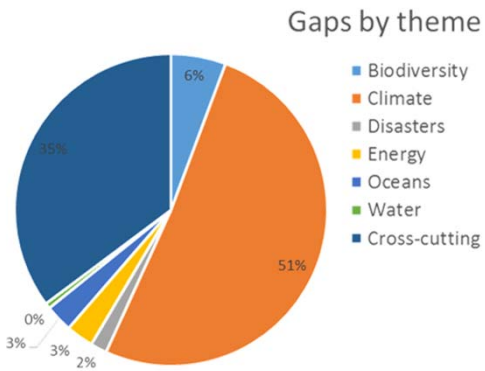
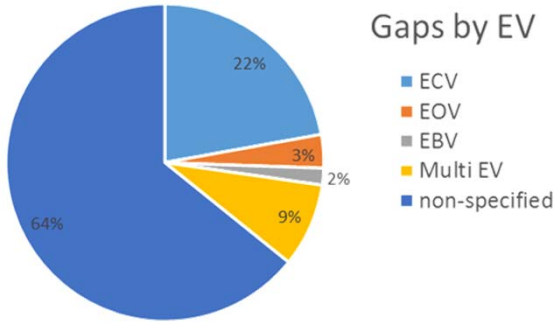
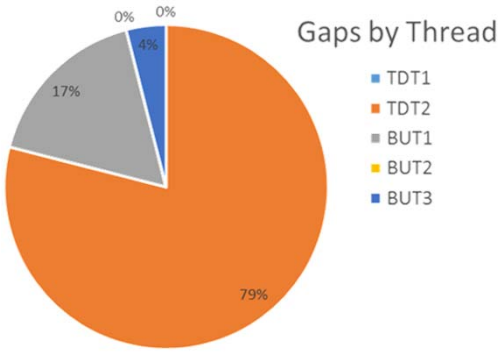
- User feedback system integrated for a given gap

- Some preliminary statistics extracted from the gaps



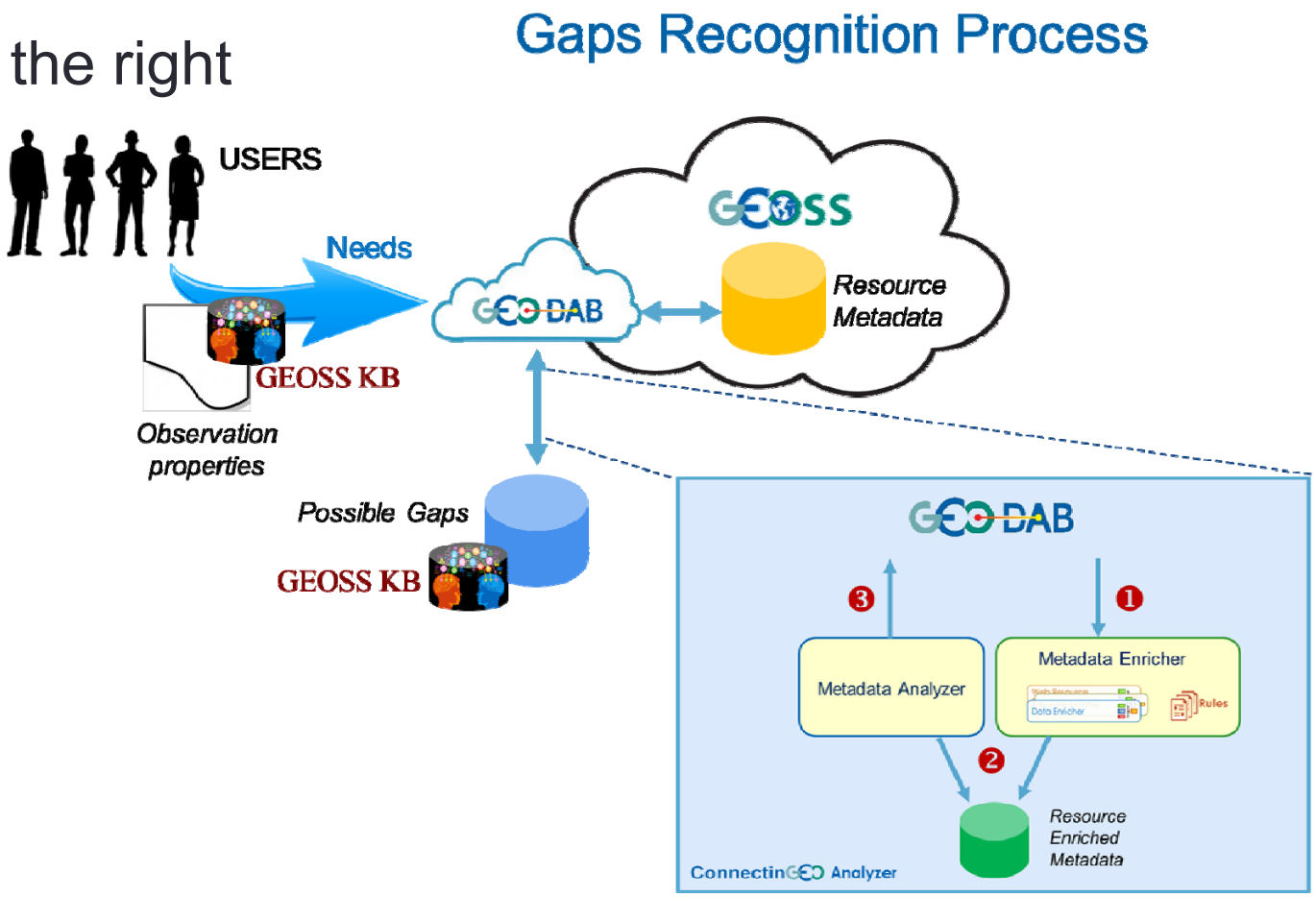






Other results – gaps inventory

- Linked to the GEO DAB and the GEOSS KB
- Metadata enrichers and data filters
- Formulating the right questions to assess the gaps



Other results – A WebGIS Client providing access to in-situ measurements:

- Based on the 52N SWE (Sensor Web Enablement) solution following OGC SOS (Sensor Observation Service) standard and GEOSS recommendation on interoperability
- http://insitu.webservice-energy.org/jsClient-0.2.0/#map

- visualization of sensor locations
- visualization of measurements as time series
- display of sensor metadata
- computation and statistical representation of time series
- download data

Challenges

- Sustainability and engagement in the ENEON
  - Analyzing alternatives including social network or merging with other initiatives (ERA-Planet, NextGEOSS, ENVRI+…)
- Keep the network mapping updated
- Activate Bottom-Up Thread 2 and 3 to collect their gaps
- Apply the gap analysis methodology regularly
- Setting the right priorities for the current gaps

- Scientific Special Issue on Environmental and socio-economic methodologies and solutions towards integrated Essential Variable definition and generation