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### Legal and policy frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> GERMANY	
<i>Statement:</i> GERMANY fully supports the report and the content of the White Paper (document "EC.20-2020-32-Add_2-White-paper-legal-aspects"). The White Paper is well-balanced and reflects the major national and international requirements and therefore does not conflict with the national strategy or contradicts the decisions of the German Laender.  GERMANY appreciates the well-defined use cases compiled in the White Paper. These show that national policies and legal uncertainty may be an obstacle against addressing transnational issues. In particular, diverging and vaguely formulated license models are a key obstacle. The Member States are encouraged to consider the possible solutions introduced in the White Paper to overcome the obstacles.  GERMANY supports the proposal made in the White Paper to create a standard license agreement and a directive for data exchange in order to improve the availability and usability of geospatial information across Member States. In addition, the Member States are encouraged to provide for exceptions for certain purposes considering existing national legal frameworks in order to facilitate the cross-boundary exchange and use of geospatial data. A standard license agreement shall, however, take into account the different national regulations regarding liability so that it can be used internationally.  Thank you.  Working Committee of the Surveying Authorities of the Laender of the Federal Republic of Germany (AdV)	
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