

# *Legal and policy factors which can enhance or block openness of geospatial information*

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## Overview

### Openness from the perspective of a public authority

1. Challenge – “can’t have the cake and eat it too”
2. Consequences
3. Possible legal and policy strategy



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## 1. Challenge – “can’t both have the cake and eat it”

### The data revolution – robotization of information management

- Need to share data
- Need to publish data as “open data”
- Need keep up with new technology

### The data revolution creates new risk for national interests like privacy and security

- Lack of recognized systematic framework for risk management
- Legal restrictions may be outdated, too complex, fragmented or detailed



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## 2. Consequences of the challenge for a public authority

It won't be able to adapt → slow or no development

- Accountability: “Better safe than sorry”
- National issue: “mission impossible” on local level
- Mandate: “tied hands”



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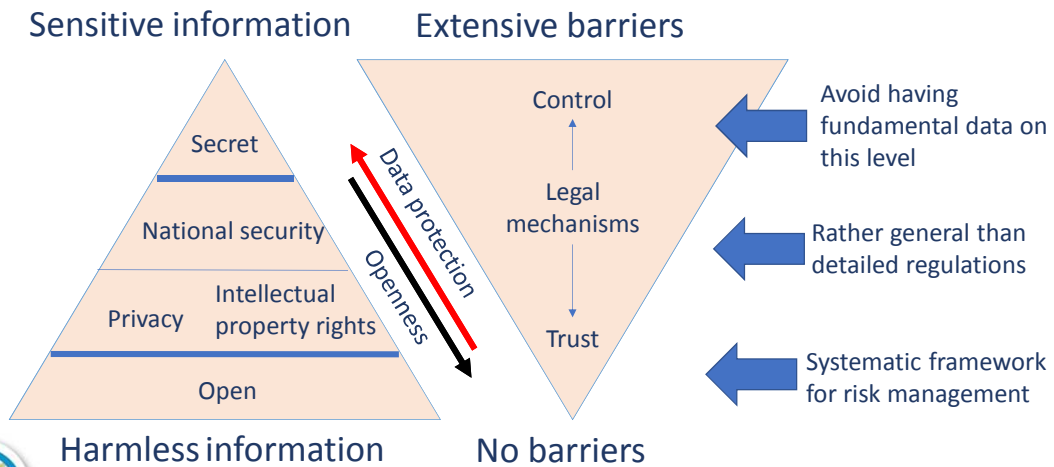
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### 3. Possible legal and policy strategy



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