EU Policy & legal developments
Commission work programme 2024 - Delivering today and preparing for tomorrow

- delivered on over **90% of the commitments** made in the 2019 Political Guidelines
- contains a **limited number of new initiatives** that deliver on existing commitments or respond to emerging challenges.
- **The European Green Deal remains a central part of the Commission’s work.**
- remain **committed to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** and its SDGs.
- The Commission will put the development of artificial intelligence tools and large language models at the core of this exercise.
- evaluations of programmes and funds of the multiannual financial framework, due in 2024, offers another opportunity to assess how to reduce burdens linked to the EU’s financial programmes.
- will launch the process to establish a 2040 climate target, to keep the EU on course towards climate neutrality by 2050.
### New initiatives in the 2024 Work Programme

#### A European Green Deal
1. **Wind power package**
   - European wind power package (non-legislative, Q4 2023)
2. **2040 climate target**
   - 2040 climate target (non-legislative, Q1 2024)
3. **Water resilience**
   - Initiative for water resilience (non-legislative, Q1 2024)

#### A Europe Fit for the Digital Age
4. **A safe space for the green and digital transition**
   - EU space law (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 114 and 183 TFEU, Q1 2024)
   - Strategy on space data economy (non-legislative, Q1 2024)
5. **Artificial intelligence to serve European innovation and competitiveness**
   - Initiative to open up European supercomputer capacity to ethical and responsible artificial intelligence start-ups (legislative and non-legislative, Q1 2024)

#### An Economy that Works for People
6. **Biotech and biomanufacturing**
   - EU biotech and biomanufacturing initiative (non-legislative, Q1 2024)
7. **Social dialogue**
   - Follow-up to the Yal Duchesse summit (Q1/Q2 2024)
8. **Green and digital transition, open strategic autonomy**
   - Advanced materials for industrial leadership (non-legislative, Q1 2024)
9. **European Works Council**
   - Initiative on rules on the European Works Council (legislative or non-legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 153(2)(b), in conjunction with Article 153(1)(A) TFEU, Q1 2024, responds to Article 225 TFEU resolution P9_TA(2023)0028 ‘Revision of the European Works Council Directive’)

#### A Stronger Europe in the World
10. **Strengthening partnerships**
    - Joint Communication on a strengthened partnership with Africa (non-legislative, Q2 2024)
11. **European defence**
    - European defence industrial strategy (legislative and/or non-legislative, Q1 2024)

#### Promoting our European Way of Life
12. **Fight against migrant smuggling**
    - Update the legal framework and strengthen cooperation to fight the smuggling of migrants (non-legislative and/or legislative, Articles 83(2) and 79(2)(c) TFEU, Q4 2023)
13. **A joint European degree**
    - Joint European degree (non-legislative, Q2 2024)
    - Council Recommendation on attractive and sustainable careers in higher education (non-legislative, Articles 165 and 166 TFEU, Q2 2024)
    - Council Recommendation on a European quality assurance and recognition system (non-legislative, Articles 165 and 166 TFEU, Q2 2024)

#### A New Push for European Democracy
14. **Preparing for enlargement**
    - Communication on pre-enlargement reforms and policy reviews (non-legislative, Q2 2024)
15. **Child protection**
    - Commission Recommendation on integrated child protection systems (non-legislative, Article 252 TFEU, Q1 2024)
Recommendations for 2040 targets to reach climate neutrality by 2050

- fully implement existing EU laws to reduce emissions by at least 55% by 2030
- decarbonise industry by relying on existing strengths like wind power, hydropower, and electrolysers.
- increase domestic manufacturing in growth sectors like batteries, electric vehicles, heat pumps, solar cells and others
- keep fairness, solidarity and social policies at the core of the transition
- have an open dialogue with all concerned, including farmers, businesses, social partners and citizens
Interoperable Europe Act

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
laying down measures for a high level of public sector interoperability across the Union (Interoperable Europe Act)

WHO is addressed

• Public sector bodies of Member States and Union institutions, agencies & bodies

WHAT is laid down

• measures to promote the cross-border interoperability of network and information systems which are used to provide or manage public services or Trans-European public services
• by establishing common rules and a framework for coordination on the public sector interoperability, with the
• aim of fostering the development of interoperable trans-European digital public services infrastructure

HOW

• Mandatory interoperability assessments to evaluate the impact of changes in IT systems related to cross-border interoperability in the EU
• Sharing on request or by publication on the Interoperable Europe Portal or a linked Portal
• Interoperable Europe Board
Benefits of the Data Act

Consumers and businesses generate data by using products and services. With the Data Act, they will benefit from:

**Cheaper prices** for aftermarket services and reparation of their connected objects.

- A factory robot breaks down. **TODAY**
  - Only the manufacturer can access the data, leaving no alternative for the company but to call them for repairing.
- He cannot outsource the data analytics of its different equipment, the data is locked with each manufacturer.

**New opportunities** to use services relying on access to this data.

- A farmer has equipment from different manufacturers (tractor, automatic irrigation system).
  - **TODAY**
  - He cannot outsource the data analytics of its different equipment, the data is locked with each manufacturer.
  - **TOMORROW**
  - He could receive customised advices from a company gathering data from the different equipment.

**Better access** to data collected or produced by a device.

- A bar owner wants to serve better coffee, and the coffeemaker company wants to improve its product.
  - **TODAY**
  - Only the company can access the data produced by the machine to design the next generation of coffeemakers but the bar owner cannot access information such as the quantity and temperature of water or coffee strength.
  - **TOMORROW**
  - The Data Act clarifies that both parties can access all data collected by the machine.

Public sector bodies will be able to access and use data held by the private sector

1. to help respond to public emergencies such as floods and wildfires, or
2. when implementing a legal mandate where the required data is not readily available through other means.

Entered in force on 11 Jan 24 - applicable as of 11 September 2025
Open data and the re-use of PSI directive state of play

- Transposition deadline expired on 17 July 2021 - four Member States having been referred to the Court of Justice of the EU in early 2023

- Evaluation of the directive no sooner than 17 July 2025. There are two steps: the evaluation and review part to examine how the Directive works in the Member States. After that, the Commission could decide to go on with the revision.

- HVD Regulation applicable from 9 June 2024 - Member States to report on their HVDs to the Commission from February 2025.

- The study to help identify possible new thematic categories of HVDs is procured.
Multiple **obstacles** shall be overcome to effectively leverage available data

- Legal framework that needs to be modernised
- Complex technical requirements
- Parallel implementations on the national level
- Rapidly evolving technological landscape
- Many opportunities created by the horizontal legislation defined by the European Strategy for data
  - Data Act, Data Governance Act, HVD implementing provisions
Science for policy – beyond INSPIRE – JRC team

**Actions**

- **Legal**
  1. Avoid overspecification in legislation
  2. Use a simple licensing framework

- **Organisational**
  1. Embrace co-design by default
  2. Rethink the existing governance structures
  3. Adopt an ecosystem approach

- **Technological**
  1. Continue to improve the discoverability and accessibility of data
  2. Ensure neutrality and embrace well-adopted standards and technologies
  3. Avoid custom extensions
  4. Embrace well-documented, standard-based APIs
  5. Optimise data for search engines
  6. Leverage on the developments of federated European cloud infrastructure
Preparation in 2024 for actions in 2025

TO BE AWARE OF
1. SDGs Resolution & follow up
2. DestinE – link with Digital Europe
3. Political guidance for the future of the EU’s Copernicus programme “Copernicus by 2035”

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ACTION
New Parliament’s constituent Plenary with the new President

July 2024

New European Council President takes office

EU GENERATION 2024 - 2029

European Commission President takes office

TRIANGULATION

proposes legislation

COUNCIL

PARLIAMENT

codecision
Mix, Mingle & Network

Thank you
Stakeholder Engagement
Connecting you to maps, geospatial and land information for Europe

#MAPSFOREUROPE

60+ members from the whole of geographical Europe

Eurogeographics activities

Well-established network for sharing knowledge, expertise and access to data

Sharing experiences and best practice

Representing our members interests

Fostering use and re-use of public sector geo-information

Maps, cadastre, and more

Our members provide data to help protect people, the planet and so much more

Environmental monitoring & management

Real-time data for pandemic response

Smarter, sustainable agriculture

Cleaner, safer, intelligent transport

Emergency responses

Aerial survey

Trust & Reliability

Our members empower society with trusted geospatial services

Trusted daily everywhere for secure ownership transactions, diligent policy elaboration and monitoring

Relied on by European institutions and UN, governments, businesses and citizens

Registered on the EU Transparency Register and bound by its code of conduct
EuroGeographics believes in a society empowered by the use of trusted geospatial services from its members.

Enabling access to members’ data and expertise
Representing members’ interests
Providing opportunities for knowledge exchange
**Policy arena**

*Governing, monitoring, and implementing global development pathway 2030 requires bringing together statistical and geospatial information.*

**Annexes**

*Data and statistics are the backbone of evidence-based decision-making.*

**Policy arena**


*Authority, accuracy, and accessibility:* decision-making in the 21st century.

*Data, information, and knowledge:* the foundations of evidence-based decision-making.
The Strategic Themes of our Representation are:

- Towards policy ownership of geospatial information in the European Institutions and the United Nations
- The future long-term sustainability of access to our members’ data at pan-European level
Demonstrating value of trusted geospatial services from official national sources

- Weekly policy news summary
- Policy pages in regular members newsletter

Establishing partnerships to support the public good

- Tracking Records
- Briefing papers, meetings and webinars

Promoting integration of authoritative data within the European and International systems
• Collect case studies from our members
• Proactive engagement with European and Global institutions
• Advocating with policy makers
• Representation webinars
• European Parliament
• UN-GGIM
• Strong collaboration with EuroSDR
• Joint events with PPC
• Collaboration with ICA
• New collaboration with EUROGI to promote use of geospatial data
• Letter of collaboration with UN-GGIM
• Award winning Open Maps for Europe
• OME2 project
• Contracts with Eurostat and EEA (eGeos)
• SALB
• Prompting that geospatial data is integrated into the post-2030 development framework
European Parliament Event

- Showcase in European Parliament for MEPs and policymakers on role of authoritative geospatial data in UN SDGs
- Outcome: interest & support from MEP
- How to raise issue at EP -
  - Parliamentary Questions:
    - Written Question for Oral Debate
    - Oral questions
    - Written questions
    - Motion for a non-binding resolution
Thank you

Questions?