First Expert meeting of the UN-GGIM & IHO Joint Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information

with the theme “Advancing Integrated Marine Geospatial Information Management”

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Norway

Norwegian Mapping Authority
Hydrographic Service

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Where is your country today in enhancing the management and use of marine geospatial information ?

- Norwegian Hydrographic Service is part of the Norwegian Mapping Authority, covering hydrography, geodesy, cadastre, and national geospatial coordination
- Core datasets: bathymetry, topography, sea level, tides, flooding, and nautical charts.
- Coordination mechanisms: Norge Digitalt
- Legal framework aligned with EU directives (INSPIRE, Open Data Directive)
- Significant public investment in shared data infrastructure (~€43.7M over 5 years)

Where does your country aim to be in the next five years?

- Seamless and efficient sharing of marine geospatial data meeting diverse user needs (not only nautical)
- Marine geospatial data widely used by government and industry
- High-quality and FAIR data (**including S-100 implementation**)
- Authoritative and widely used national geospatial data catalogue (Geonorge)
- Integrated national base data (bathymetry and topography)

What do you see as the main challenges in reaching this “ideal” situation within the next five years?

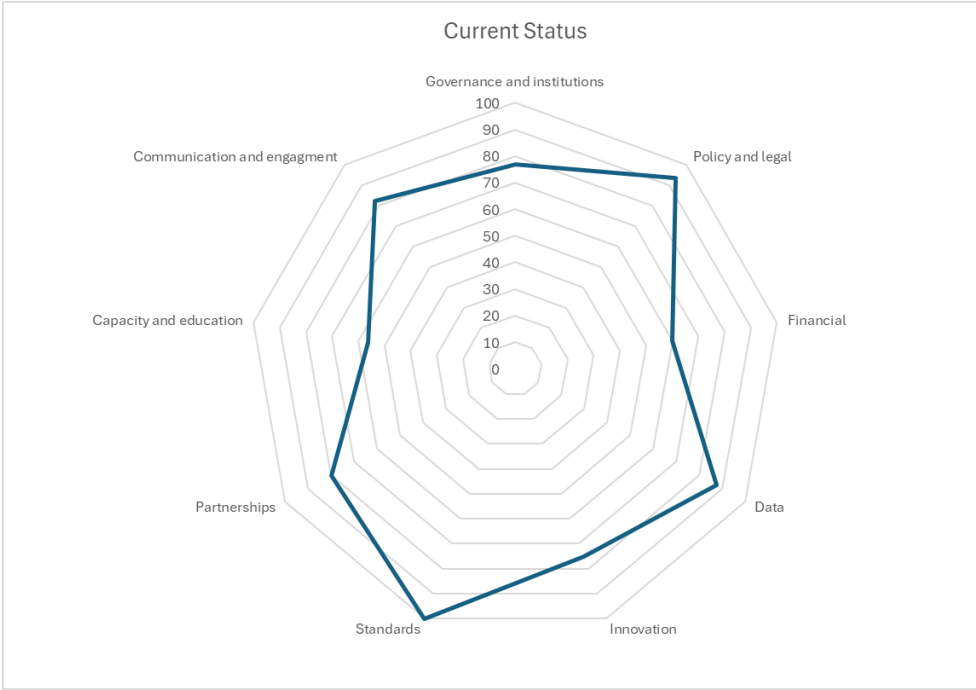
- Governance: Fragmented data landscape with multiple actors and overlapping data collection
- Data: Gaps, inconsistencies, and need for stronger standardisation and harmonization
- Ownership: Unclear data ownership and responsibilities across sectors
- Funding: Need for sustained investment in modernisation and upgrading legacy systems
- Private sector: Limited incentives and frameworks for data sharing

What potential opportunities could help address some or all of these challenges?

- Alignment between geospatial and national digitalization strategies
- Expansion of joint solutions and shared infrastructure
- Product-based operating model to strengthen governance and value delivery
- Growing demand from marine governance
- Blue economy driving new data needs
- Geopolitical shifts increasing importance of marine data

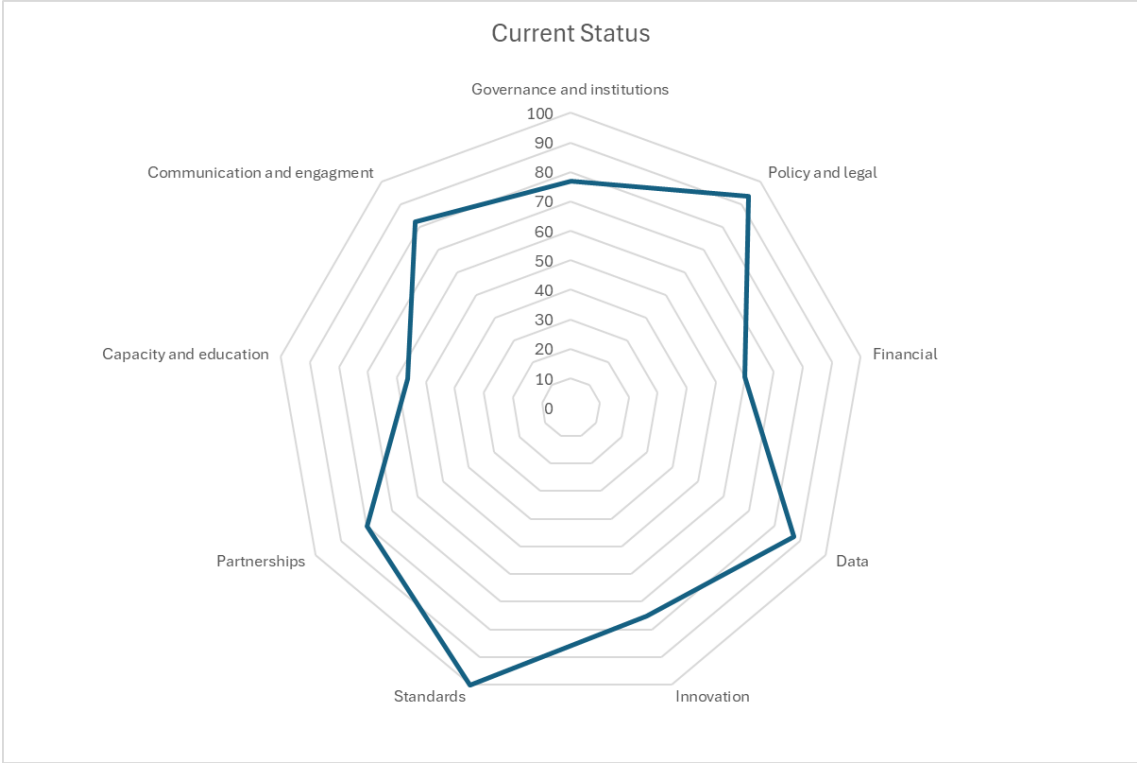
How familiar are you with the UN-IGIF, and IHO C-17?

- Application of UN-IGIF at organisational level, complemented by an IGIF Hydro approach tailored to marine geospatial information
- Frameworks referenced in national strategy development
- Potential for further alignment in marine geospatial governance

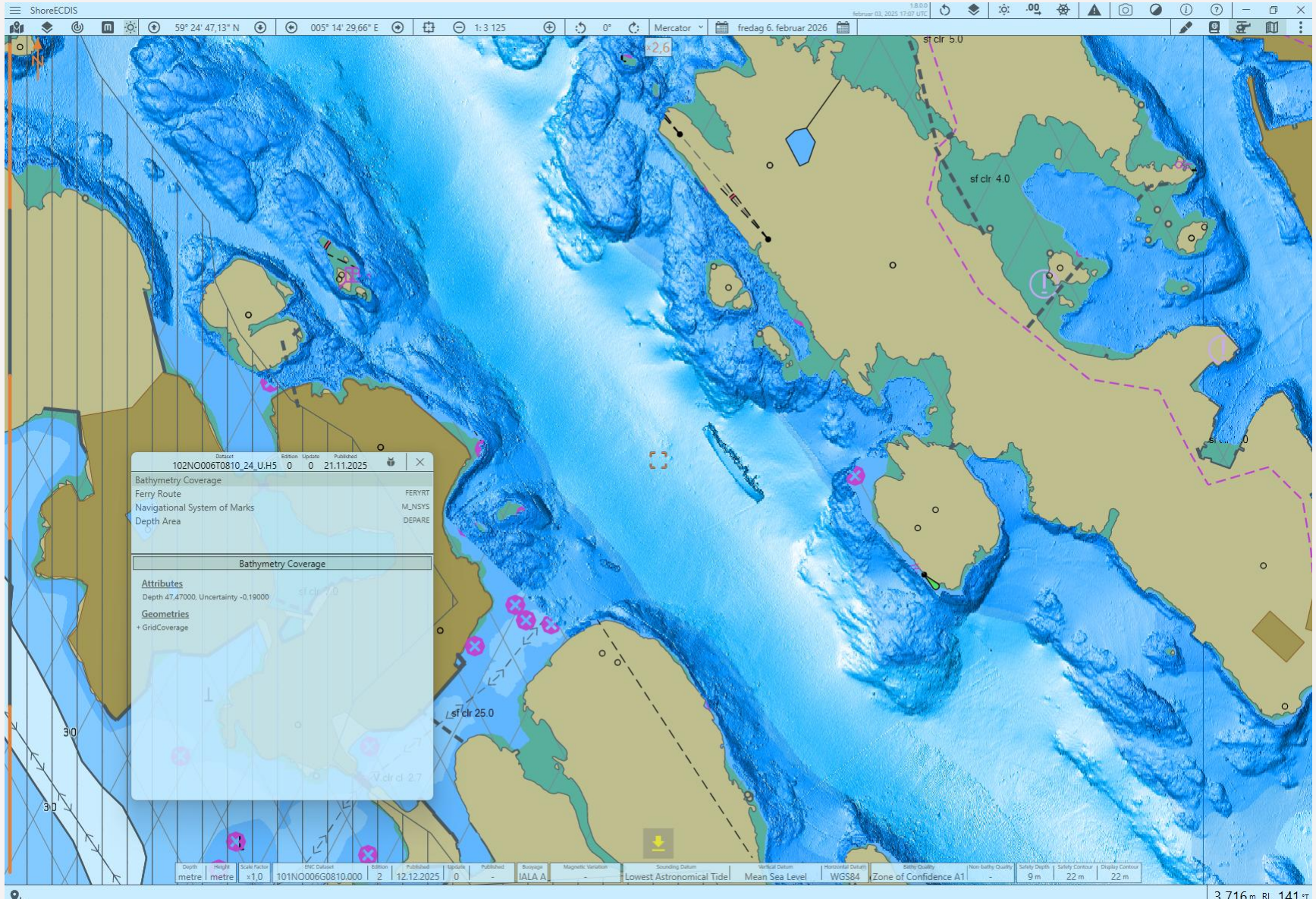


What kind of support would you like to receive from UN-GGIM-IHO Joint Working Group?

- Harmonised interpretation and practical application of IGIF
- Translating IGIF principles into governance and workflows
- Cross-sector and public–private data sharing models
- Case studies on IGIF and S-100 implementation



National Report: Norway - the fun stuff



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Marine basemaps
in the coastal zone

Turn on the lights for knowledge based decisions under water

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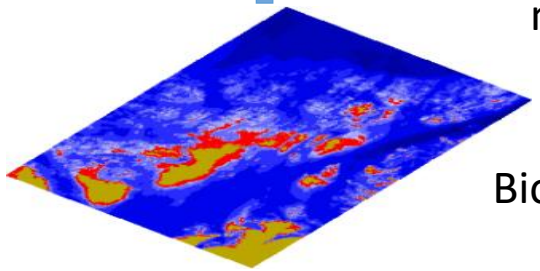
Marine base maps



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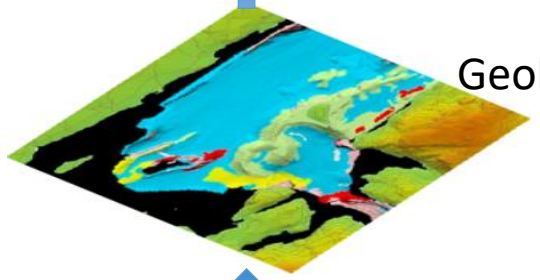

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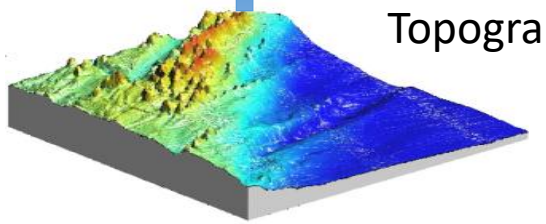

Topography

Seamless terrain model from land to sea

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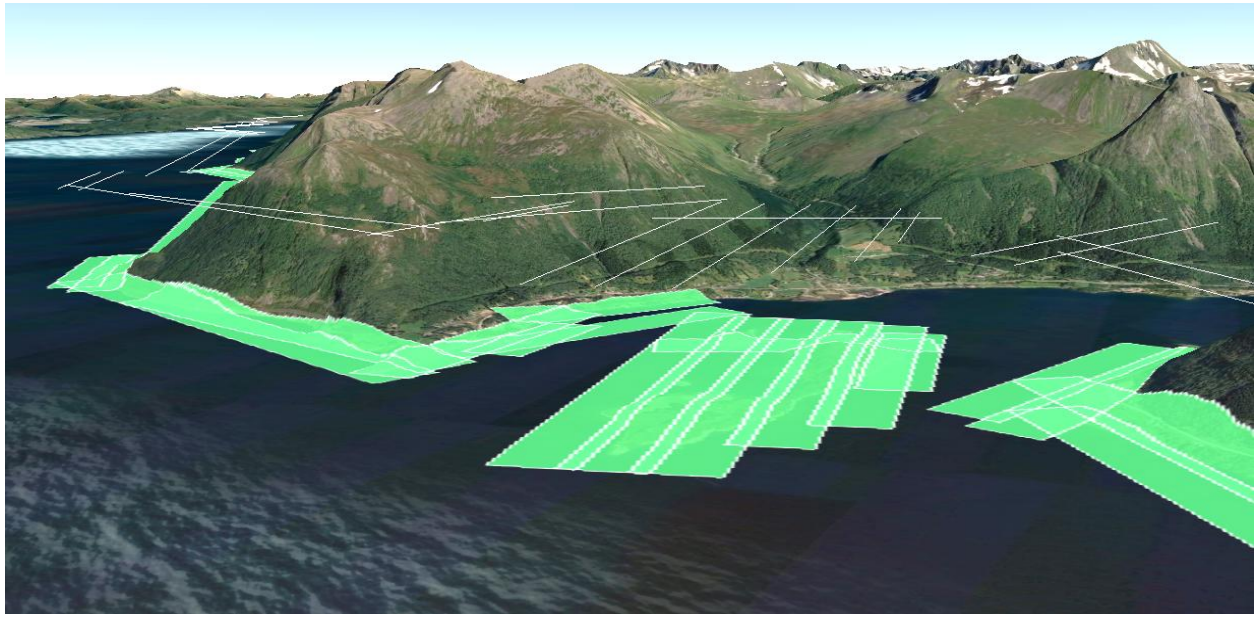
Future Data Acquisition Concepts

Report delivered November 2025, describing three main elements:

- Renewed mothership capacity
- Gradual implementation of USV
- Airborne laser scanning in the coastal zone (0–10 m)



Norway has the second longest coastline in the world. Survey efficiency is important.

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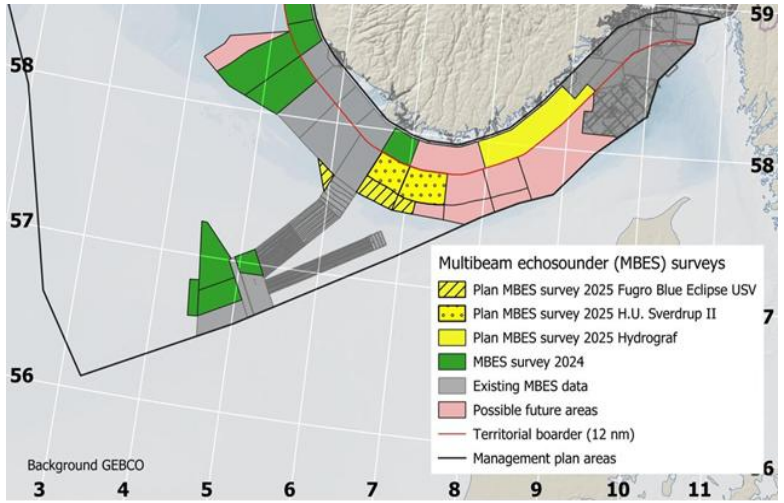
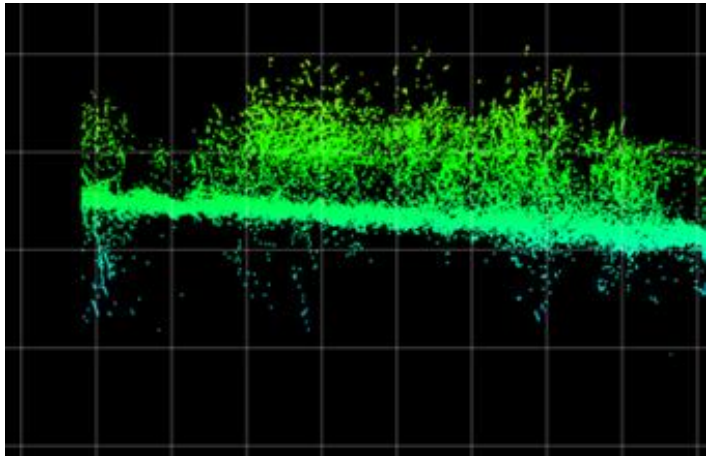
Other important elements:

- Increased flexibility, reduce fixed costs.
- Explore cooperation with other organizations.
- Reduce climate and environmental footprint.
- Interdisciplinary data acquisition *





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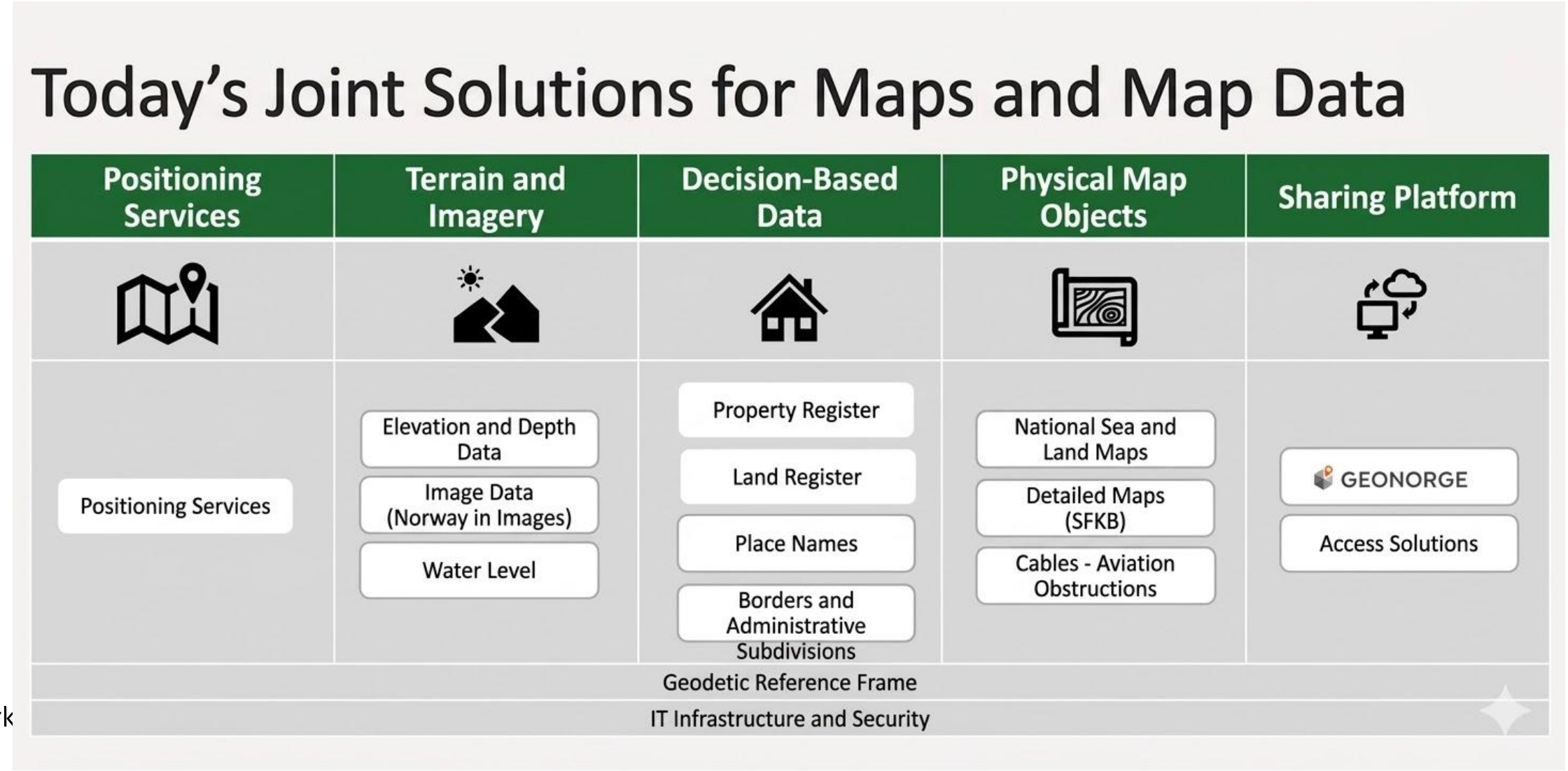
New solution for national SDI components and Services



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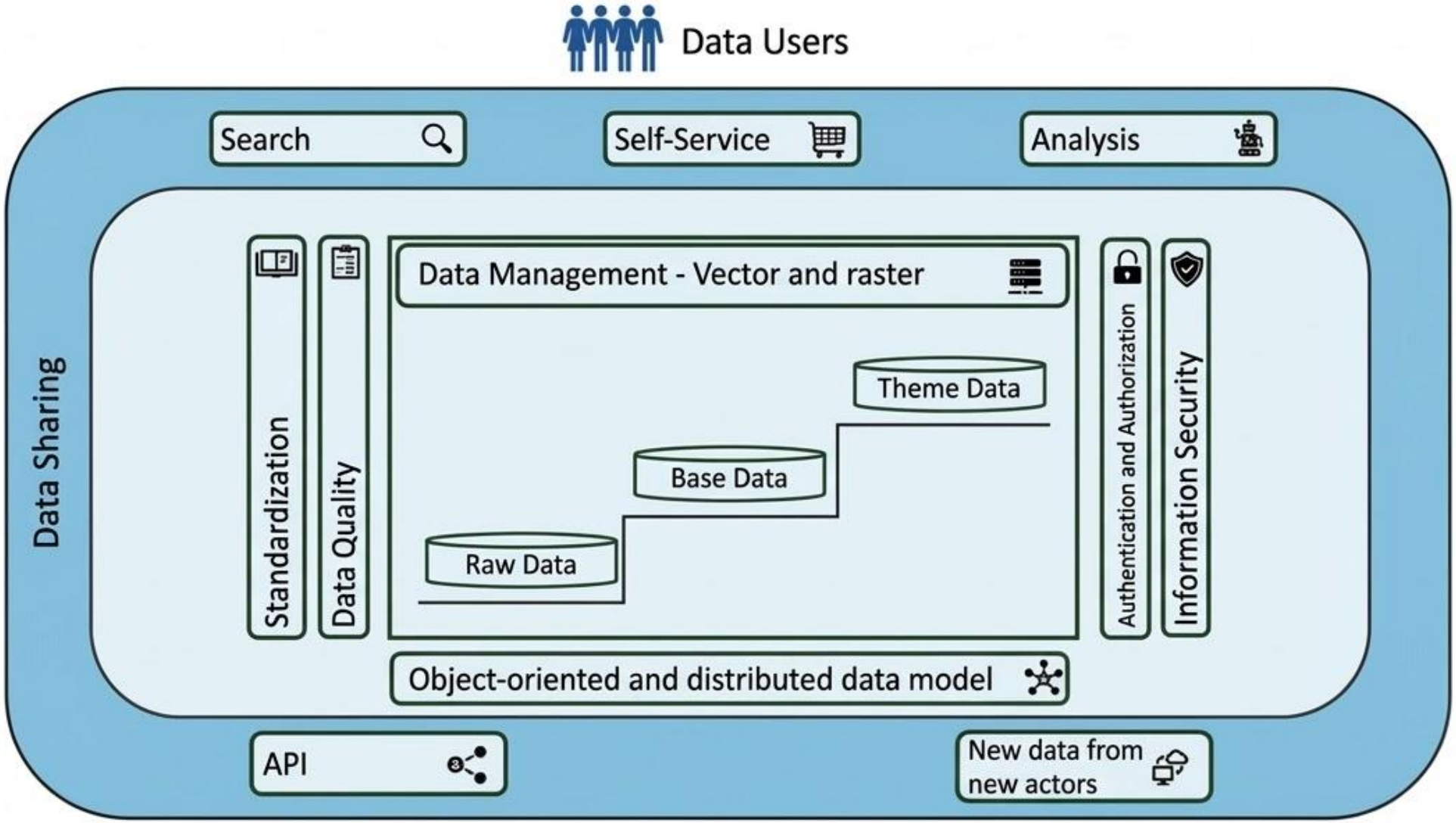
Main Concept - The Collaboration Platform



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