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- [European Association of Remote Sensing Companies](http://www.earsc.org) – EARSC notes and welcomes the report of the Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters and the development of its work plan for the period 2021–2023.
- The sanitarian crisis has proven that the space sector can react rapidly at a global scale with accurate and relevant data. The coronavirus crisis has brought on unprecedented challenges and several initiatives involved in international cooperation between space agencies. The Covid crisis had a significant impact on the environment, and EO data, to some extent, was able to measure it. In that regard, the data used to measure climate changes (air pollution levels, water quality...) during the Covid crisis could be relevant to monitoring the future environment's evolutions and inform policymakers in the post-Covid era. EARSC believes in the potential of EO data to support evidence-based and data-driven decision making, and we should make sure that we work together to make the best use possible of this beneficial information.
- EARSC appreciates the collaboration of GEO and UNGGIM to avoid duplication of efforts and create synergies between the organizations undertaking disaster risk management activities.

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