

# Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

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### Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (for discussion and decision)

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European Association of Remote Sensing Companies (EARSC – [www.earsc.org](http://www.earsc.org))

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- [European Association of Remote Sensing Companies](http://www.earsc.org) – EARSC supports the work of the high-level group of experts on integrated geospatial information management to maintain the momentum of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) and appreciates the efforts that have brought forward this umbrella framework strengthening geospatial information in the production and dissemination of statistical information.
- The key to unlocking the wide range of benefits EO data enable and build a more prosperous future lies in understanding where we are today. Thus, understanding the needs on the demand side helps to develop the capacities of the supply side to meet them; understanding the capabilities of the supply side helps to build the capacity of the demand side to make the most out of them. EARSC notes the six strategic goals defined in the Strategic Plan of the HLG-IGIF and considers it provides a robust structure noting the importance of communication, promotion and knowledge sharing of experiences related to the implementation of IGIF.
- Following the intention of the HLG-IGIF to anchor its Plan of Work with other stakeholders activities to contribute, combine and coordinate the work in the most effective and efficient way, EARSC express the willingness and interest to collaborate with this group, specifically bridging the gap with Earth Observation National capabilities under the IGIF and proposing connections with the Earth Observation Maturity Indicators (EOMI) methodology which, in EARSC's opinion, complements the IGIF overarching framework providing specific pillars (stakeholder ecosystem, infrastructure, uptake, partnerships, innovation) to embrace the EO country perspective. Under e-shape (EuroGEO project), the challenge of implementing the methodology has been undertaken in eight countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Finland, Greece, Italy, Portugal. Results will be published in Q4-2021.

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