



WEBINAR CONCEPT NOTE

25 October 2023, 13:00 – 14:30 (CEST)

WEBINAR COORDINATOR | European Commission – DG Regional and Urban Policy

PARTICIPATING PARTIES



WEBINAR TITLE

Geospatial information for territorial policy support in the context of SDGs

INTRODUCTION

Geospatial information has emerged as a powerful tool in supporting place-based policies within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). With its ability to capture, analyse, and visualise spatial data, geospatial information provides valuable insights for policymakers aiming to address specific challenges and foster sustainable development at local, regional, and global scales. By harnessing the power of geospatial data, policymakers can effectively target and prioritise interventions based on the needs of different areas and communities.

Geospatial information aids in spatial planning, infrastructure development, and resource allocation by identifying suitable locations for projects or investments and assessing their potential environmental and socio-economic impacts. Moreover, it plays a pivotal role in monitoring and evaluating progress towards the SDGs, enabling policymakers to track changes, identify areas of improvement, and measure the effectiveness of interventions. By leveraging geospatial information, place-based policies can be tailored to local contexts, fostering inclusive and sustainable development in line with the SDGs.

This session demonstrates how geospatial data are used to support territorial policies on, for instance reducing inequalities, enhancing access to services or boosting resilience to climate impacts and biodiversity loss, and how it supports the evaluation of the impacts of place-based investments.

OBJECTIVES

- Provide an overview of international analytical work based on geospatial data, targeted towards SDG related policy support;
- Identify common approaches, synergies and potential areas of cooperation;
- Demonstrate how the “Kohesio database”, using linked data technologies, provides a wealth of detailed georeferenced information about co-funded projects and their thematic characteristics.

AGENDA



- Welcome and introduction (Hugo Poelman, European Commission, DG Regional and Urban Policy). [5']
- Setting the scene: This webinar within the activities of the working group on data integration (Chair of the UN-GGIM Europe Line of Work 'SDG'). [10']
- Filipe Batista (European Commission – Joint Research Centre – Territorial Development Unit): The use of spatial data and analysis to inform the EU's territorial policies linked to various sustainable development goals. This presentation will briefly illustrate selected JRC workstreams feeding the assessment of SDGs at various territorial scales. [15']
- Marcos Díaz Ramírez (OECD – Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities – Regional Analysis and Statistics Unit): Leveraging geospatial data for territorial policies: Measuring digital divides and climate change impacts across cities in the world. [15']
- John Walsh and Roberto Musmeci (DG Regional and Urban Policy): Linking the thematic scope and geography of cohesion policy interventions to SDG goals. As the EU's major investment policy, cohesion policy operates in a wide scope of themes, many of them related to SDG goals and targets. The presentation will highlight how programme evaluations inform about the way cohesion policy affects regions in various aspects of their development. Moreover, the Kohesio database, using linked data technologies, provides a wealth of detailed georeferenced information about co-funded projects and their thematic characteristics. This information is now available for further in-depth analysis and enriches the geographical dimension of SDG-relevant knowledge on the policy. [15']

Questions and answers session (moderated by Joachim Maes, DG Regional and Urban Policy).

WEB LINKS TO CONSIDER

<https://www.oecd.org/cfe/>

https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/territorial_en

<https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/>

<https://kohesio.ec.europa.eu/en/>