

# National Geospatial Data Has Key Role in Achieving EU Green Deal



Official geospatial data from Europe's national mapping, cadastral and land registration authorities has a key role to play in achieving the aims of the European Union (EU) Green Deal. This is particularly true for the three new proposals adopted by the European Commission in November 2021: to stop deforestation, innovate sustainable waste management, and make soils healthy for

people, nature and climate.

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For example, in France IGN – French Mapping Agency (Institut Géographique National) [supports](#) the national soil artificialization observatory and is delivering large-scale land use and land cover data for the measurement of soil artificialization. There are many benefits, including promoting a shared diagnosis of the process of soil artificialization for the preservation of biodiversity, food autonomy and the fight against global warming.

## Geospatial data goes beyond borders

EuroGeographics firmly believe that there are few things more powerful than location; it not only tells us where things happen but also provides the link between information and action. Geospatial data is at the core of all environmental actions 'on the ground' and has a wider use in supporting policies. All too often, however borders prove to be obstacles in translating national benefits into international policy success – geospatial data is the only smart way to work beyond the notion of border and be efficient.

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