

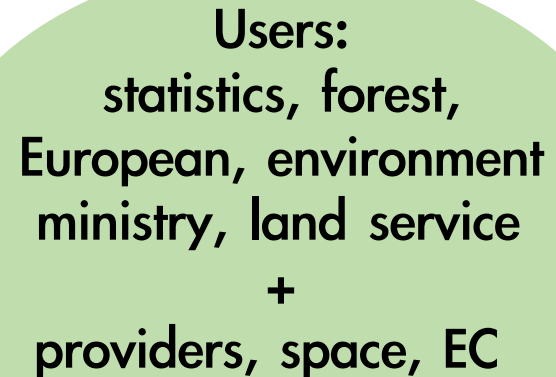
Splinter session on User Feedback

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... structure of group / participants

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Users:
statistics, forest,
European, environment
ministry, land service
+
providers, space, EC

.... Main topics/ questions discussed

- Introductory presentation by Jo van Brusselen
 - GSE FM, User Executive Body, product evaluation
- off the cuff introductory statement by Steffen Kuntz
 - Geoland, CORINE classes, costs
- Topics
 1. Involvement of national institutions
 2. Usefulness of common land cover approach
 3. Specific data needs
 4. Getting funding for GMES related activities
 5. The solution to a problem we yet have to find

Involvement of national institutions

- little interest of national environment ministries
 - in spite of efforts by projects and interested users
 - do not see benefits to become active
- GMES unknown to most pertinent organisations
- GMES data does not suit their reporting obligations
 - already have a lot of data
- Recommendation:
 - improved communication
 - demonstrate benefits

Usefulness of common land cover approach

- regional/national specifications best met if individual mapping done by countries themselves
 - CLC is not suited to best meet individual needs
- magic: CLC provides umbrella, to make the countries mapping efforts compatible and comparable
 - most used land related data set because consistent throughout Europe
 - especially interesting for trans-boundary issues (river catchment, traffic)
 - comparison of resources management in different countries
 - bottom up approach: countries do their own system, CLS assures that it can be aggregated
 - standard accepted b/c benefits obvious
- could be example for environmental monitoring

Specific data needs

- Forest: clear cuts, re-growth, other special applications
 - not for Forest Inventories
- no need for specific northern CORINE classes, not necessarily use all classes
 - rather related to mountains or other geographic conditions
 - most requested issue: higher resolution
- bottom up: issue for national approach, CORINE provides umbrella for compatibility
- problem: clouds, especially in northern Europe
- advantage of satellites: synchronised data

Getting funding for GMES related activities

- funding needed to implement GMES in countries
 - also in general needed to get involved
- lengthy discussion on funding mechanisms
 - Life+, Interreg (structural funds), FP7

The solution to a problem we yet have to find

- 10 years of GMES with defining user requirements
 - why still need funding?
- people involved within frame of given activities
 - not by their own initiative
- meteorological community far advanced
 - only partially similar to environmental monitoring