

Estonia is recognizing that building of the Global Earth Observation System of Systems is a critical step towards advancing the goals and implementation of international environmental treaties and contributes significantly to addressing climate change, enhancing human health and safety, protecting the global environment, achieving food security, alleviating poverty and promoting sustainable development.

We recognize the achievements of GEO in building the GEOSS, especially in endorsing the full and open exchange of data, metadata and products that has caused complete change in philosophy in Earth observations and has allowed to achieve greater results than would have been possible without GEO. Therefore, we actively participate in the EU GMES Programme, continue to invest into Earth observation science, joined ESA as associated country to start taking part in creating space infrastructure, and we are in the process of registering national monitoring programme in the GEOSS Common Infrastructure.

We also note establishment of the operational GEOSS Common Infrastructure which significantly improves access to the Earth Observation data.

Estonia continues to support building of the GEOSS Common Infrastructure and warmly welcomes the adoption of the Beijing Declaration.