

# Quality Knowledge Exchange Network EuroGeographics

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The Production of Global/Continental **G**eospatial **R**eference **I**nformation  
(**GRI**) from the Countries perspective

**“Apply once, use many times”**



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2. From **cGRI** to **GRI**.
3. **Global/Continental GRI**. Spanish perspective.
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# Geospatial Reference Information (GRI): Key points

- It provides an unambiguous location for a user's data
- It enables merging (aggregating) of data **from various sources**
- It provides a geographic framework or context to allow others to better understand the spatial information that is being presented
- It is subject to a regular data maintenance regime (defined life cycle )
- It is provided by an **authoritative source** with a mandate (responsibility), for its maintenance and availability → NMCA

✓ FGDC, 2005; Rase et al., 2002



## Criteria regarding **GRI**:

- Official (Authoritative)
- Reliable
- Accuracy corresponding to level of requirements
- Sustainable
- Consistent at all level (National, European and Global)



# Geospatial Reference Information (GRI)

## → Characteristics

### ➤ GRI Structure:

- **Bottom-up** approach
- **Integrated** production system: Bottom-up (from National to Global) with Top-down approach (from Global to National)
- **Collaborative** Maintenance of databases (open and distributed production, including VGI)

### ➤ GRI Contents:

- Orthoimagery, DEM, Geographic Data Sets, Land Cover/Use  
...



## Annex I

### **Coordinate reference systems**

Geographical grid systems

### **Geographical names**

### **Administrative units**

Addresses

Cadastral parcels

### **Transport networks**

### **Hydrography**

Protected sites

## Annex II

### **Elevation**

### **Land Cover**

### **Orthoimagery**

Geology

## Annex III

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### **Land Use**



# In-situ Data: Geospatial Reference Information

**Geodetic reference system**

Geographical grid system

**Geographical names**

**Administrative boundaries**

**Hydrography**

**Transport networks**

**Digital Elevation Models (DEM)**

**Orthoimagery (high resolution)**

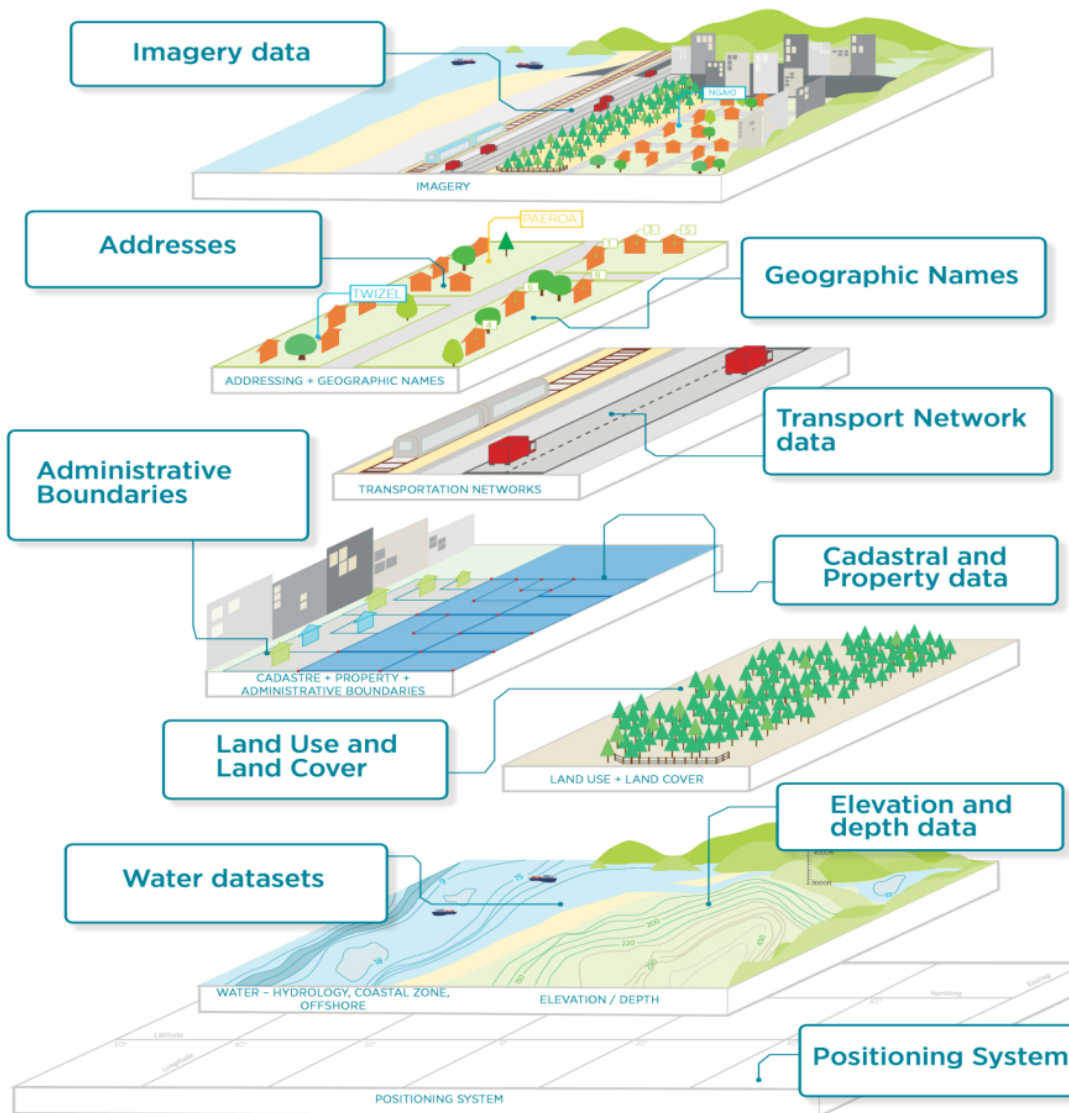
**Land cover & land use**

**Settlements**





# Fundamental Data Sets: ANZLIC (Australia/N. Zeland)



# United Nations Economic Commission for Africa: Geoinformation & Spatial Statistics

	CODIST	INSPIRE	ANZLIC	UN-GGIM
	<i>Africa</i>	<i>Europe</i>	<i>Au. &amp; NZ</i>	<i>Proposal</i>
1	Geodetic Control Network	Coordinate reference systems	Positioning	Positioning (geodetic)
2	Geographic names	Geographical names	Place names	Names (Gazetteer)
3	Boundaries	Administrative units	Administrative boundaries	Administrative Boundaries
4	Hydrography	Hydrography	Water	Water (Hydrology)
5	Land Management	Cadastral parcels	Geocoded addressing	Address (Buildings)
6	Transportation	Transport networks	Transport	Transport
7	Natural Environment	Protected sites	Land cover	Cadastre (Tenure)
8	Utilities	Addresses	Land parcels	Land Cover (Vegetation)
9	Hypsography	Geographical grid systems	Elevation & depth	Elevation
10	Imagery		Imagery	Imagery (Satellite & photo)
11				Bathymetry (Hydro.)

# UN-GGIM Secretariat and Bureau → 4 additional WG's

## Follow up to the Fifth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM):

### → 4. Determination of **Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes**:

The Committee supported the initiative proposed by **UN-GGIM: Europe** to establish and lead a working group to liaise with other Regional Committees of UN-GGIM

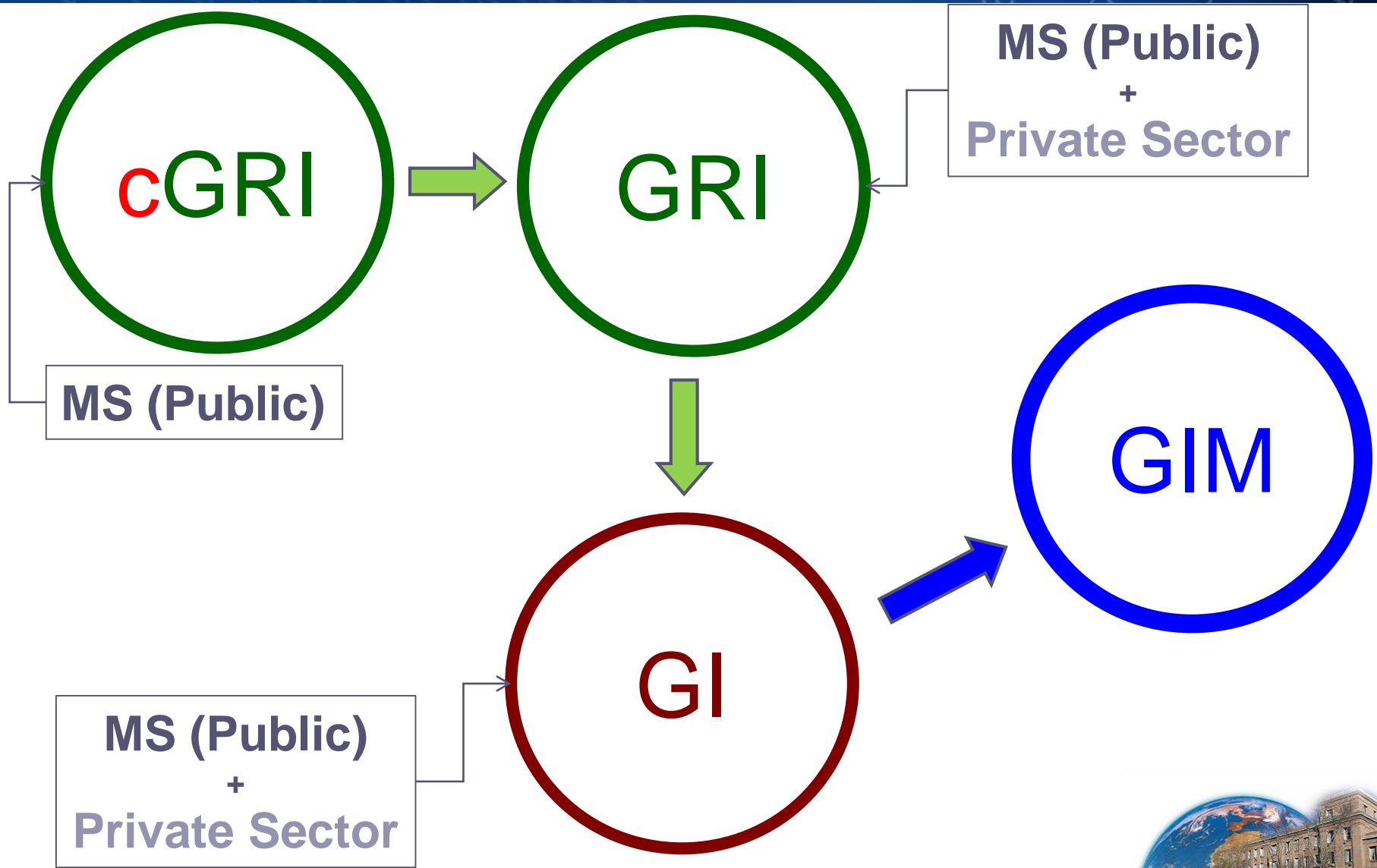


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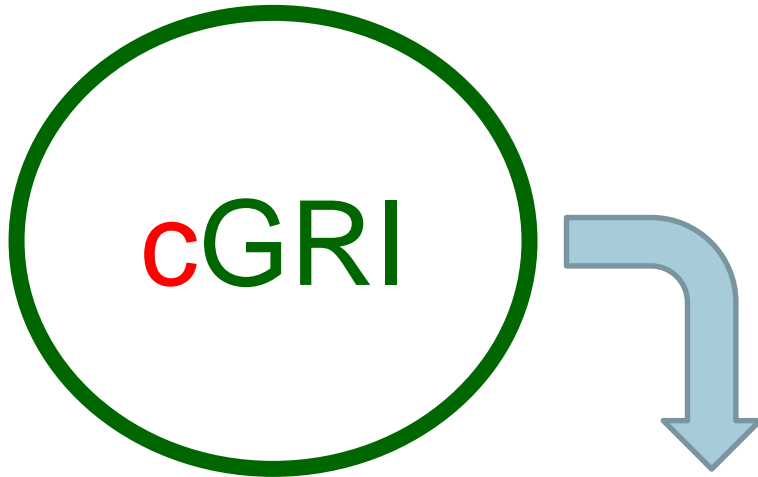
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# Geospatial Reference Information (GRI) and **coreGRI**



# Geospatial Reference Information (GRI) and coreGRI



- ✓ **Not subjective (factual)**
- ✓ **Accurate** (at **maximum level** allowed by current technology).
- ✓ Same **skeleton** at all levels of information (National, Continental, Global) → **consistent**
- ✓ **Automatically** obtainable (within the current technology)
- ✓ **Funded** by Member States?



# Definition of core data GRI (→ UN GGIM Europe) “draft”

***“authoritative data from UN Member States that satisfy minimal needs of cross border, European and Global level”***

- **This means:**
  - sustainable data mastered by countries,
  - data which users can trust,
  - data upon which thematic data and users own data can be based,
  - data with temporal and historical dimension.
- **Meant to address supranational requirements with homogeneous specifications and content at pan-European level**
  - However core data: skeleton also used at local and national level
- **Core data will address national requirements and stakes that are minimal in the sense that they are common to European Countries**





# Geospatial Reference Information (GRI) and coreGRI

## Definitions:

- 1. **coreGeospatial Reference Information (cGRI)** = basic **GRI** produced by Member States for Copernicus services definition
- 2. **GRI** = **cGRI** + other parameters of **GRI** required by Copernicus services...
- 3. **Copernicus services** = **GRI** + Thematic information facilitated for others involved actors in Copernicus

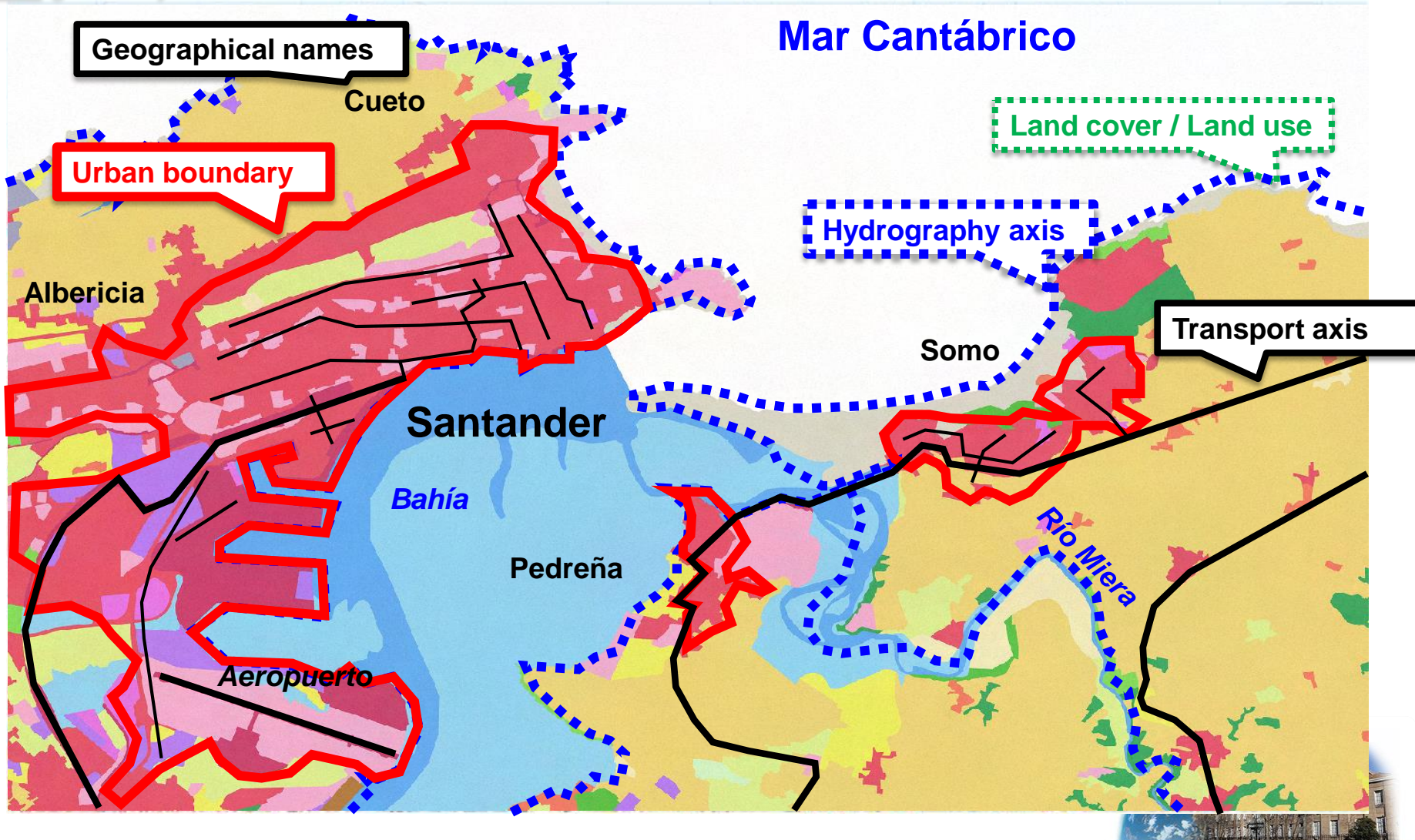




# Geospatial Reference Information (GRI) and coreGRI

coreGRI example:

Basic geometry and attributes



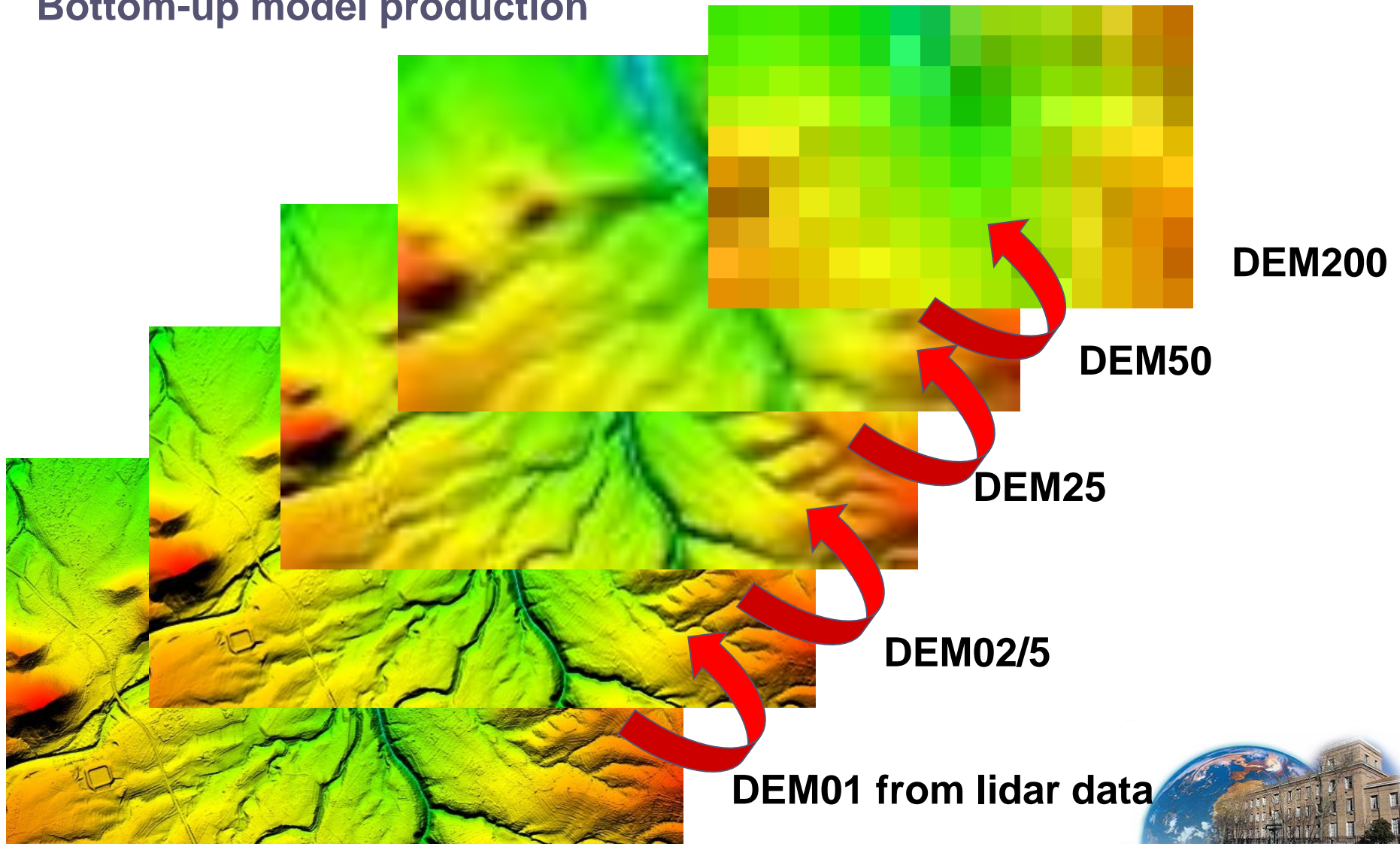
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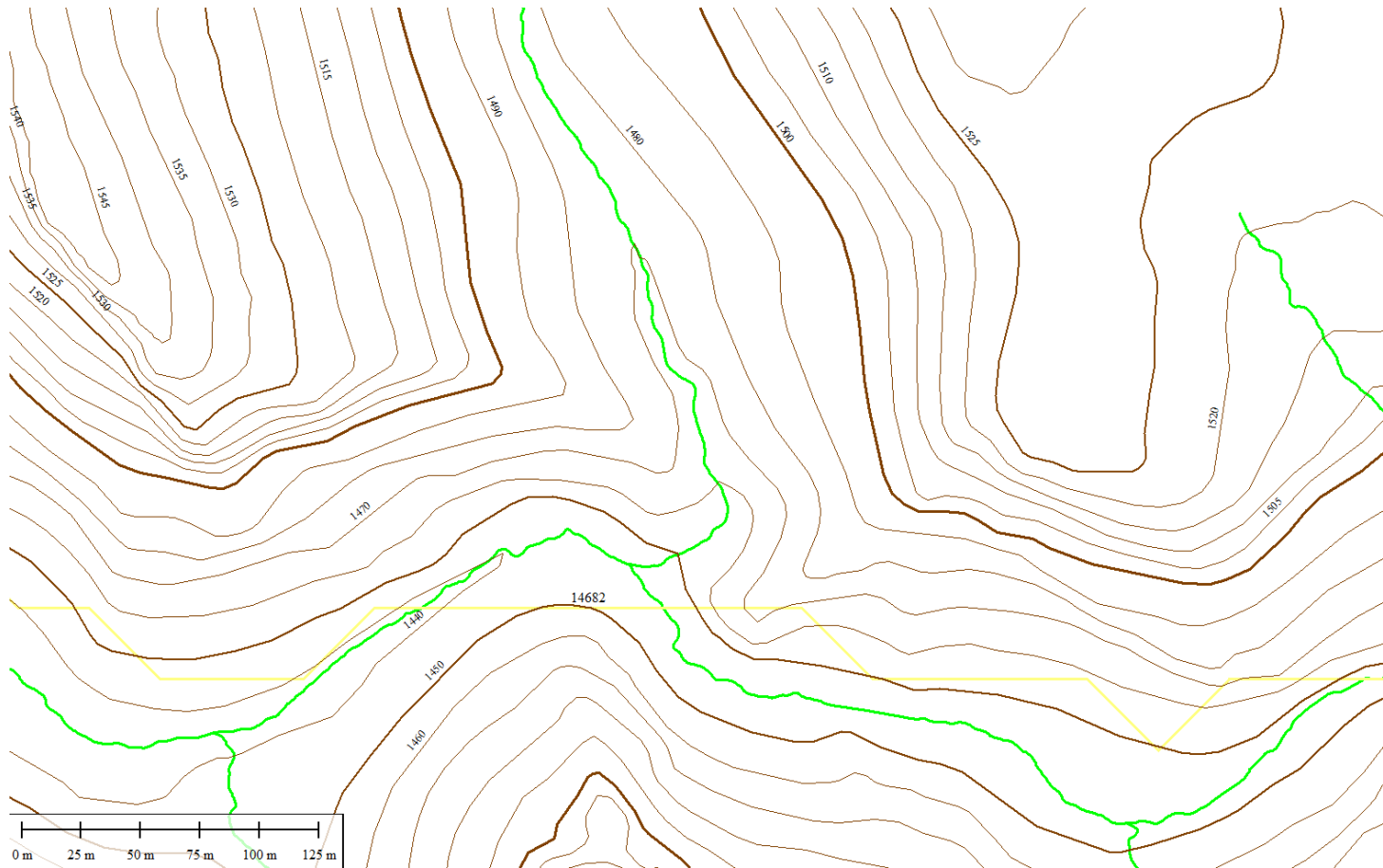
# DEM Model Production (example)

## Bottom-up model production





# LIDAR-DEM/HYDRO and Contour Lines



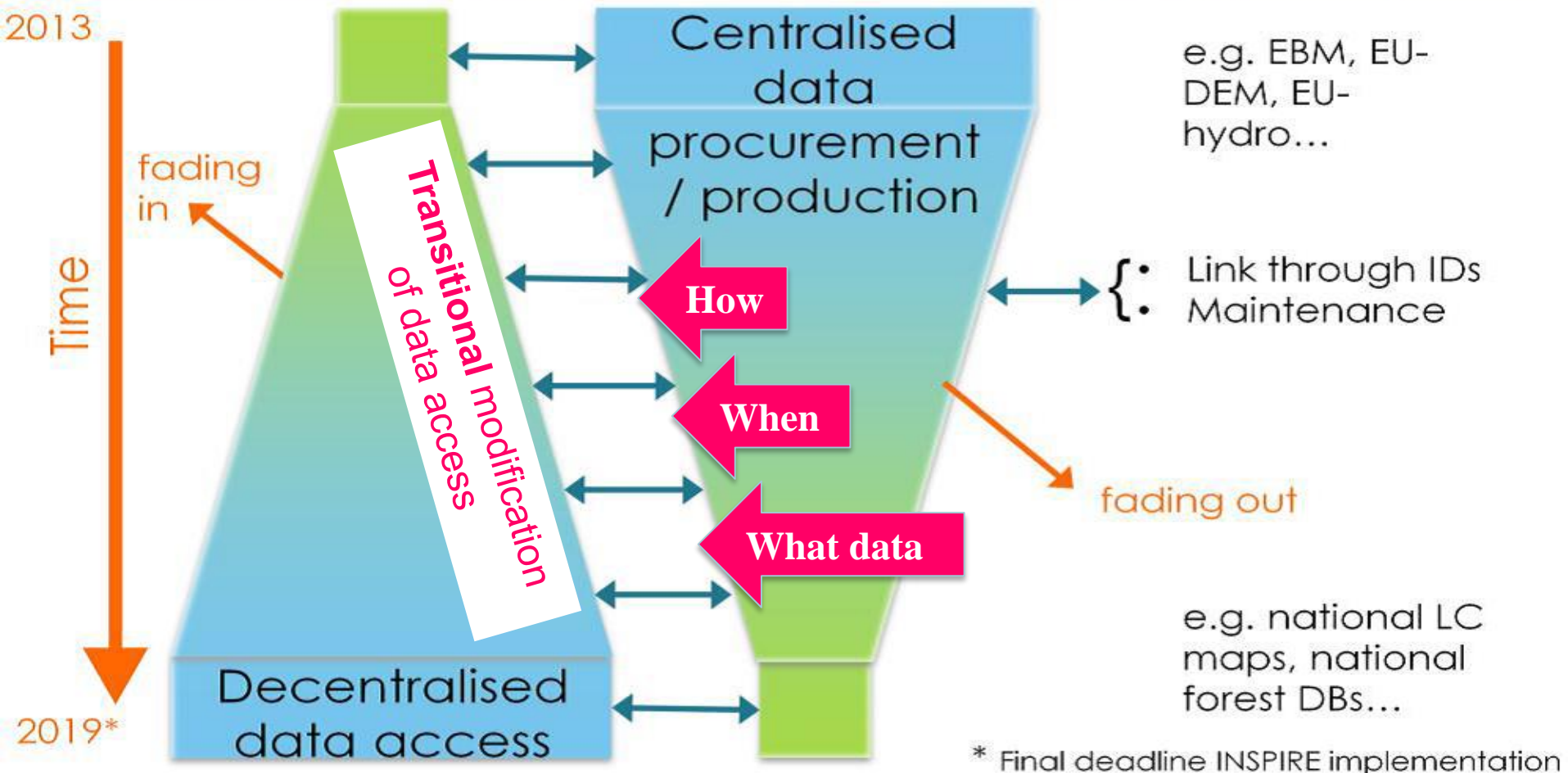
MS's produce **DEM with more accuracy and resolution.**

There are **consistency** between river networks and contour lines. All products are permanently updated





## Challenges and proposed schema for in-situ data access



# Geospatial Reference Information (**GRI**) and **coreGRI**

## → **steps**

- User needs → Technical requirements (**Nat/Cont/Global**)
- Data Model → **UN GGIM** (Europe → INSPIRE)
- Images needed → **National to Global (definition)**
- New Production System → **Member States**   
new or improving the current national production systems
- **cGRI** (+**GRI** Data sets) → **Member States**

**Internet Platform** in order to integrate information from different Member States →

→ developed at Continental/Global level?

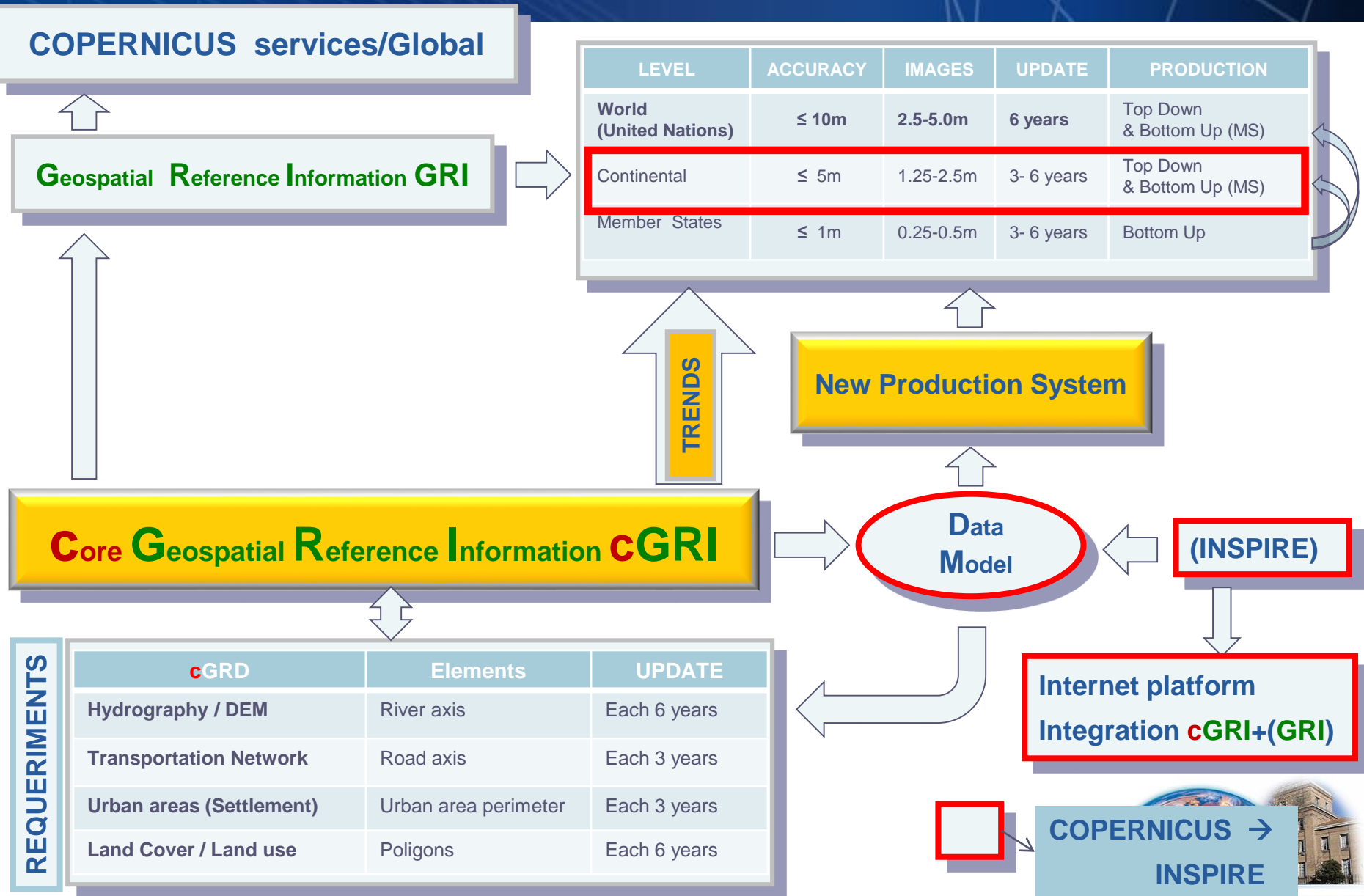


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# Harmonized and sustainable New Production System from **c**GRI to GRI (example)





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- Use the same GRI for everyone (same and unique land “skeleton”)
- Avoid duplicities
- More efficient Geospatial Information Management (GIM)
- Reliable, guaranteed information from Member States (MS)
- Great economic savings (+60%)
- Intellectual Property of GRI corresponds to MS:  
→ optimal Data Policy for the user (i.e: free of charge...)



# Copernicus → “Apply once use many times”

## ■ Benefits for Member States

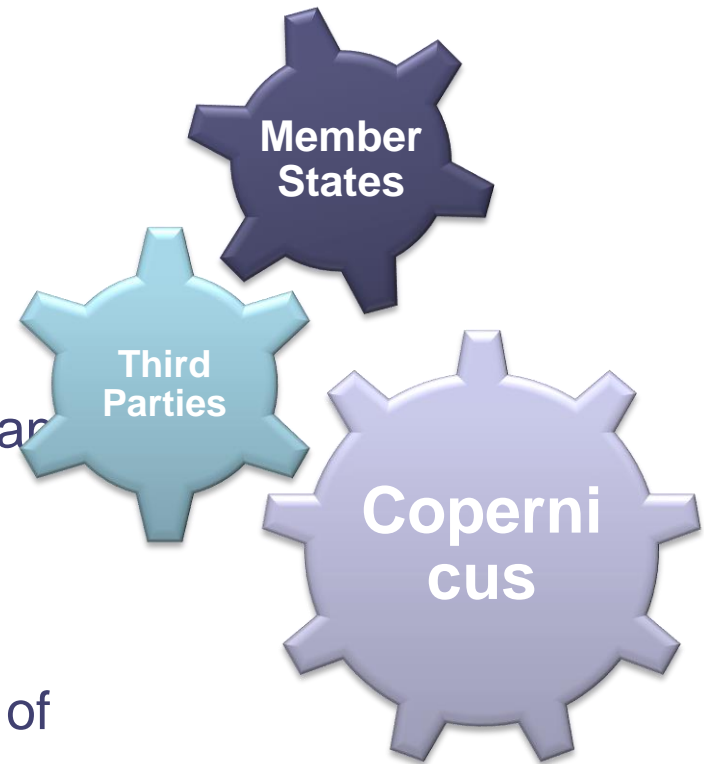
- Official national data used for European responses
- New users and new business perspectives
- Sustainability of the production

## ■ Benefits for Copernicus

- Official national data used for European responses
- Data comparable between levels, avoiding misunderstanding
- Cost reduce, avoiding new production of data

## ■ Benefits for third parties

- Business in the data integration and homogenization (harmonization)



# National Plan for Land Observation (PNOT) Spanish Project



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