

# Environmental Land Monitoring in the frames of Copernicus programme

### Hungary

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## **Environmental Land Monitoring**

**Environmental management** aims at selecting and applying policy solutions that provide a balance between sustainable use of our natural resources and satisfying the needs of society. This requires thorough **planning** supported by reliable **data** and **models** that allow forecast of decisions' consequences. **Land cover** maps acquired with help of **Earth observation** (satellite images) for large areas in a **fast, reliable** and **cost-efficient** manner provide information on our resources to be managed.

Land monitoring services provide geographical information on land cover and on variables related, for instance, the vegetation state or the water cycle. The objective of the **Copernicus Land Monitoring Service** is to provide European land-cover information to users in the field of environmental and other terrestrial applications.

FÖMI plays a key role in the national and - as member of supporting institutional network of the European Environmental Agency (EEA) - in the European land monitoring as well.



## Participation in national and European land monitoring

- > National segment of European CLC update & change mapping as NRC land cover
- Verification & enhancement of HR land cover layers
- National 1:50.000 scale CORINE Land Cover mapping (CLC50)
- Working for European Environment Agency (EEA) as participating in European Topic Centres since 2001:
  - 2001-2006: European Topic Centre Terrestrial Environment (ETC-TE)
  - 2006-2010: European Topic Centre Land Use & Spatial Information (ETC-LUSI)
  - 2011-2014: European Topic Centre Spatial Information and Analysis (ETC-SIA)
  - 2015- : European Topic Centre Urban, Land and Soil systems (ETC-ULS)
- Participation in the technical coordination of European land cover mapping activities (methodological developments, QA/QC, training of 39 national teams)
- Participation in the development and testing of LC/LU related environmental indicators (land take, imperviousness & change)
- Participation in the development of a European land monitoring strategy (EAGLE working group, FP7 HELM project



# **Copernicus programme**



GMES (Global Monitoring for Environment & Security)

Copernicus is a joint initiative of the EC and ESA to develop a high-quality European Earth observation capacity. Its objective is to provide relevant information services to policy-makers and other users, particularly in relation to environment and security

### **Copernicus components**

Space segment (e.g. Sentinel satellites)

In-situ observations





Source: EEA



# **Copernicus land components**

### Global component

bio-physical parameters (Essential Climate Variables (ECVs), food security (Africa) etc.

### Pan-European component

Satellite image mosaics, CORINE land cover & changes, High Resolution layers (HRL)

# Local component (hot spot mapping)

Urban Atlas + HR land cover for Riparian zones / Natura 2000 areas / Coastal zones

### In-situ component

National ortho-photos, topo& thematic maps, cadastral maps, LPIS data, Eurostat LUCAS survey, ...

Source: EEA



**Global component** 

**Continental component** 

Local component

# **CORINE land cover (CLC) mapping**

#### **CORINE = Co-ordination of Information on the Environment**



Time-series:

CLC1990, CLC2000, CLC2006, CLC2012, CLC2018, ...

<u>Purpose</u>: To provide quantitative, consistent and comparable information on land cover

<u>Applications:</u> Land cover is a basic data source for environmental modelling, regional planning and orientation of the environmental policy in Europe

Mapping surface features at scale 1:100.000 based on physical characteristics

Minimum Mapping Unit (status): 25 ha Minimum Mapping Unit (changes): 5 ha Minimum Mapping Width: 100 m

Nomenclature: 3 levels, 44 classes for Europe

<u>Method</u>: visual photointerpretation of satellite data

Implemented by member states, coordinated by EEA



### **CLC time-series (suburban area north from Budapest)**





### **CLC-changes (suburban area north from Budapest)**





### Average annual land take between 2000-2006 in Europe





Land take: Change of the amount of agriculture, forest and other semi-natural and natural land taken by urban and other artificial land development.

<u>Methodology:</u> 1km grid based calculation on the basis of CLC-change data

#### Related policy documents:

- COM(2010) 2020 final, Europe 2020: A strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth
- European Landscape Convention
- Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe
- 7th Environment Action Programme



# **Copernicus High Resolution Layers**



#### 5+ Thematic land cover layers (2012):

- 1. Imperviousness
- 2. Tree Cover Density+ Forest types + additional support layer
- 3. Natural and semi-natural grasslands
- 4. Wetlands
- 5. Permanent Water Bodies

Method: Semi-automatic classification of satellite imagery

#### Resolution: 20m / 100m Minimum Mapping Unit (Forest types only): 0,5 ha Minimum width of mapped linear elements: 20 m

Time series: 2006, 2009 (Imperviousness only), 2012 (5+ layers), 2015, 2018...



Imperviousness composite 2012, 2009, 2006 RGB





Digital Orto-photo database of Hungary

### Local component: Urban Atlas 2006 / 2012 & changes





### Local component: Riparian Zones land cover 2012





### Local component: Land cover 2006 / 2012 of Natura 2000 sites





## **Copernicus land monitoring workplan 2016 - 2020**

### **Principles:** continuity, timeliness, lessons learnt, cooperation with MS

#### Pan-European component

<u>CORINE land cover production</u>: Implementation CLC2018 started with preparations

- Timeliness: CLC2018 map to be ready at end of 2018
- Supporting bottom-up creation
- Proposed extension to European Neighbourhood countries
- HRL production: For the reference year 2015 (±1 year) started, 2018 in preparation
- (Re-)analysis of imperviousness & changes for 2006/2009/2012 establish full coherence with 2015 layer
- Forest & change products
- Re-defined grassy and non woody vegetation product
- Re-defined wetness & water products
- New layer: Small woody features
- Proposal for a new phenology product





## **Copernicus land monitoring workplan 2016 - 2020**

### Local component

- Extension of Urban Atlas 2012 to EEA39 + integration of 3rd dimension
- Extension of Riparian zones mapping (full hydrographic network)
- Extension of land cover mapping in Natura2000 sites (relevant habitats in agreement with DG ENV)
- Development of coastal zone monitoring service
- Development of snow & ice monitoring service

#### **Further activities**

- Verification of local component data by interested Member States
- Creative thinking needed on "enrichment" of local component products to further increase usability
- Need for the harmonization of local component layers (nomenclatures , scale, ..)



# **Useful links**

COPERNICUS programme: <u>http://www.copernicus.eu/</u>



COPERNICUS land monitoring (information & available data): <a href="http://land.copernicus.eu/">http://land.copernicus.eu/</a>

Copernicus land monitoring data for Hungary: <a href="http://www.fomi.hu/portal/index.php/projektjeink/foldfelszin-monitorozas-corine">http://www.fomi.hu/portal/index.php/projektjeink/foldfelszin-monitorozas-corine</a>

Land take indicator:

http://www.eea.europa.eu/data-and-maps/indicators/land-take-2/

Imperviousness change indicator:

http://www.eea.europa.eu/data-and-maps/indicators/imperviousness-change/



# Thank you for your attention!

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