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GEO WEEK 2019 SIDE EVENTS

### e-shape

EO in support of the agri-food sector and to contribute towards SDG 2: the agriculture showcase of the H2020 e-shape project Sven Gilliams [VITO], Nikos Tsakiridis and Nikos Tziolas [i-BEC]



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Pioneering H2020 project e-shape, strengthens benefits for Europe of GEOSS - establishing the Regional GEO: EuroGEO

# What is e-shape?

**EuroGEO**, as Europe's contribution to the Group on Earth Observation (GEO) [1], aims at **bringing together Earth Observation resources in Europe**.

e-shape allows Europe to position itself as global force in Earth observation through leveraging Copernicus, making use of existing European capacities and improving user uptake of the data from GEO assets.

[1] The Group on Earth Observation aims at establishing the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS)











#### **Showcase 1 partners & location**

#### **Europe**

VITO [Belgium] WENR [Netherlands] UT [Netherlands] IIASA [Austria] NOA [Greece] i-BEC [Greece] NP [Greece] DWD [Germany]



#### Africa

MEKELLE [Ethiopia]

#### Middle East

TAU [Israel]







#### Goals

Copernicus + in-situ

to deliver enhanced info at local, national & global scale

via cloud infrastructure

#### Challenges

Develop & expand operational EO services with & for the endusers

- Promote their uptake
- Ensure sustainability











Early warning system for global food production shortfalls

#### **EU CAP**

Improved efficacy of implementing CAP & its underlying principles of environmental stewardship

#### VICI

Drought insurance for smallholder Ethiopian farmers

#### AgroIndustry

Increased resource useefficiency of agroindustry



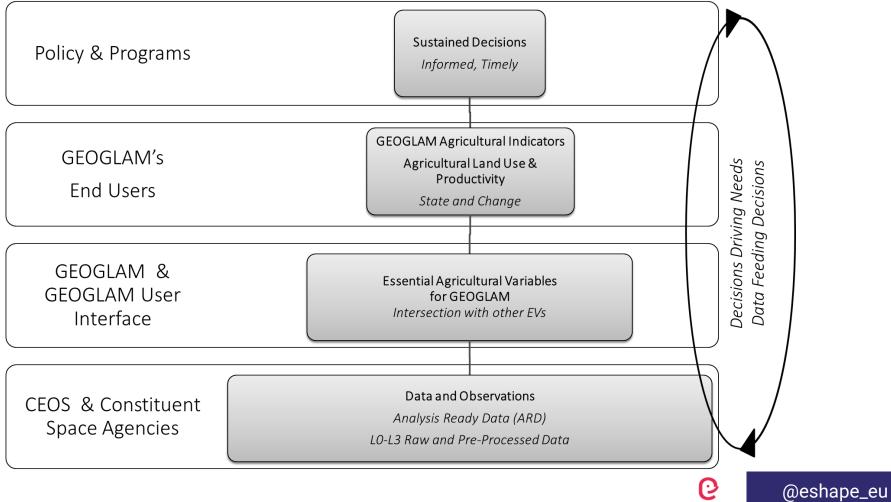






Support GEOGLAM to more operational status at national level

#### e.g EAV's

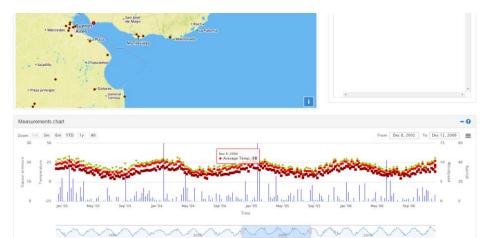


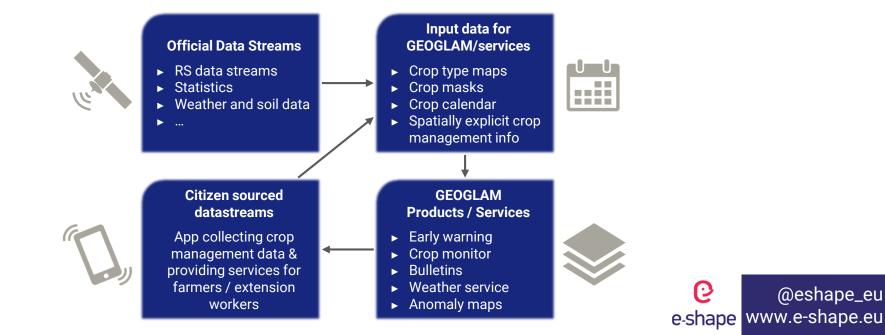
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- ► Pilot Leader: VITO
- Current user(s): GEOGLAM
- Expected user community: Ministries of Agriculture, international institutions (WFP, FAO, IFAD,...) research institutes and universities
- Supporting infrastructure: Proba-V MEP, FS-TEP, DIAS









• Support farmers to transition from CAP compliance to Farm performance



#### **Objectives**

Support farmers to CAP conformance

Crop identification through the use and fusion of EO, in-situ and crowd sourced data

Crop type maps and monitor of CAP's Greening obligations

Yield prediction at specific crop types



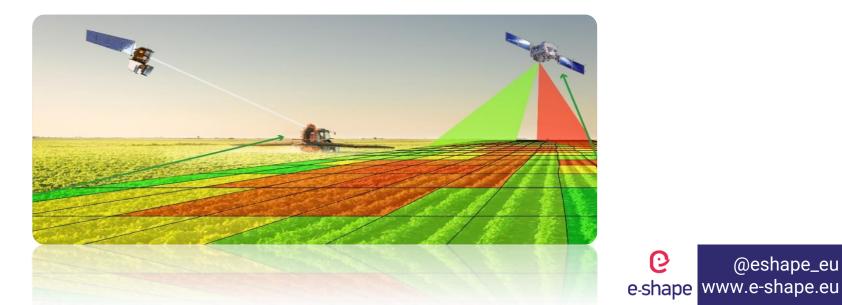




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- Pilot Leader: National Observatory of Athens
- Current user(s): GAIA EPICHEIREIN
- **Expected user community:** Farmers, Agro-cooperatives and Agro-consultants at EU level supporting CAP implementation. Starting point is the cooperative of GAIA with the potential to expand to other EU Agro-Cooperatives (e.g. Copa Cogeca)
- Supporting infrastructure: NOA's & NP's servers, GRNET cloud infrastructure, **ONDA-DIAS**







**Agriculture** accounts in Ethiopia for **40% of the nation's GDP** and required 72% of its labour force

The majority of the rural, agricultural households (85%) engage in subsistence, rain-fed agriculture & are unable to produce a surplus (2018 population: ±107,500,000, 2.5% growth rate; ±79% is rural)

- ► **Pilot Leader:** ITC, University of Twente
- Partners: EU: IIASA Ethiopia: Mekelle University (MU)
- Current user(s):
  - Key-Users: Kifiya Financial Technology PLC., Public Financial Enterprise Agency (PFEA), Agricultural Transformation Agency (ATA)
  - Key-Clients: Ethiopian Insurance Corporation (EIC), Oromia Insurance S.C., Africa Insurance S.C., Nyala Insurance S.C.
  - End-Users: Individual Farmers as organized through Farmer-Unions and Cooperatives

#### Expected user community

The Key-Clients are **micro-insurance companies**, but indirectly also public credit institutes.

The ultimate end-users are **small holder farmers** who benefit through the availability of insured credit, and appdelivered drought/weather forecasts





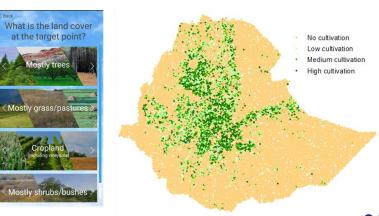




Development of Smartphone Apps for improved field data to validate land use, perils, yield losses

#### In situ data collection





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Utilize existing capacities to address the needs of the agro-industry

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- Expected user community: Farmers, Agriconsultants, cooperatives, other industry
- Supporting infrastructure: WIG, Proba-V MEP, FS-TEP, DIAS

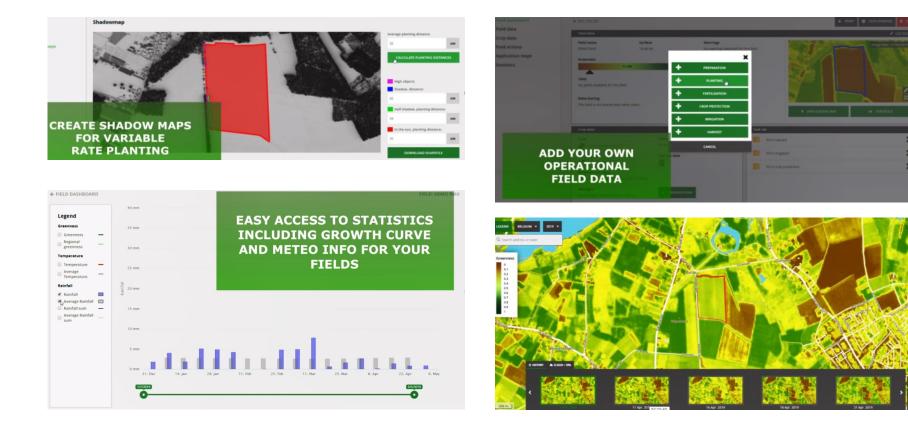
One tool to:

- Monitor field based on vegetation indices, meteo (temp, rainfall)
- Support farmers in variable rate planting to work and grow more efficiently
- Store information from and for farmers and industry



#### e-shape The Agro industry pilot







## We e-shape EuroGEO

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