

Konferencja "Środowisko Informacji"

Enabling Spatial Information as a Green Currency for Society

Hugo.De-Groof@ec.europa.eu

European Commission

Directorate-General Environment

Governance, Reporting and Information Unit



EU 2020 Strategy

- growth strategy 2010-20
- EU to become a:
 - smart,
 - sustainable and
 - inclusive economy





Environment Pillar – Where do we stand?

Climate change		
Global mean temperature change	®	
Greenhouse gas emissions	(3)	
Energy efficiency	<u>•</u>	
Renewable energy sources	<u> </u>	
Nature and biodiversity		
Pressure on ecosystems	8	
Conservation status	<u> </u>	
Biodiversity	8	
Soil degradation	8	

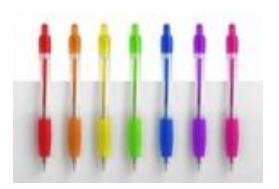
Natural resources and waste		
Decoupling use - growth	(1)	
Waste generation	(3)	
Waste management	©	
Water stress	<u>e</u>	
Environment and health		
Water quality	<u></u>	
	<u>••</u>	
Water quality		

• Source: EEA – State Of Environment Report 2010



Deliver the Strategy The 7 Flagship initiatives

- Smart growth
 - 1. Digital agenda for Europe
 - 2. Innovation Union
 - 3. Youth on the move
- Sustainable growth
 - 4. Resource efficient Europe
 - 5. An industrial policy for the globalisation era
- Inclusive growth
 - 6. An agenda for new skills and jobs
 - 7. European platform against poverty





EU Environment Action Programme to 2020 (7th EAP)



- "Living well, within the limits of our planet", will guide environment policy up to 2020
- to enhance Europe's ecological resilience and transform the EU into an inclusive and sustainable green economy

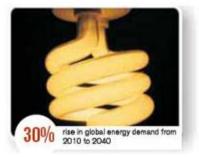


Increasing demand for resources











better understanding and managing resources



The Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe COM(2011) 571



A framework for future actions

Key resources are analysed from a life-cycle and valuechain perspective.

Nutrition, housing and mobility are the sectors responsible for most environmental impacts

Actions in these areas ...



Green currencies for the great transition

- Schemes designed to promote environmental sustainability through all actors in society.
- Instruments to reorganise economic activity in order to fit the ecological boundaries of planet Earth, which in practice entails reducing environmental footprints of human activity.
- Promote localised, fair, collaborative and seasonal consumption patterns, import substitution, waste prevention and separation, use of public transport and shared alternatives, use of renewable energy sources, as ways to reduce our impact to the environment.

http://www.qoin.org/why/community-currencies-at-a-glance/green-currencies/



Green currencies for the great transition

- Used in settings in which businesses, consumers and governments are challenged to decrease the environmental effects of production and consumption.
- Can be behavioural change programs.
- Combination of loyalty schemes and barter exchange networks.
- Green currencies can be denominated in ordinary 'points' or take over more complex concepts such as carbon credits, kilowatt-hours or kilometres/miles.

http://www.qoin.org/why/community-currencies-at-a-glance/green-currencies/



A Green Currency ideas...









'Greening' the valuation of property Increase benefits for societyy



"Low-cost housing has a profound impact on the environment.

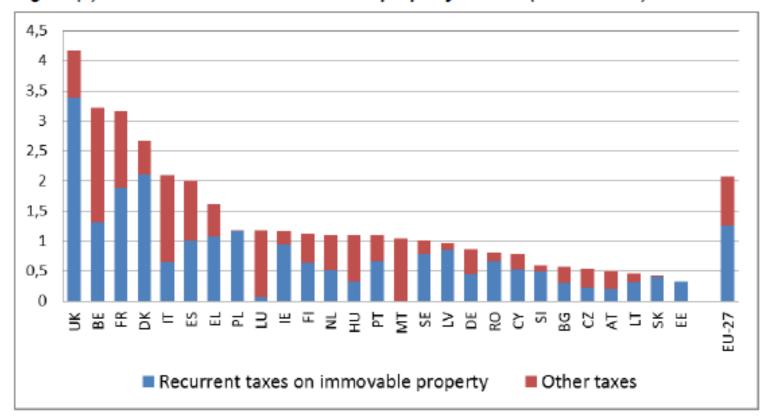
Buildings contribute approximately 40% of global greenhouse gas emissions, consume vast amounts of natural resources, and are major solid waste and water pollution generators - representing a critical area for multi-stakeholder action.

Poorly built, low-cost housing is one of the worst offenders within the built sector with respect to environmental impact"

Source: http://www.driversofchange.com/housing/introduction/impact-on-environment.html



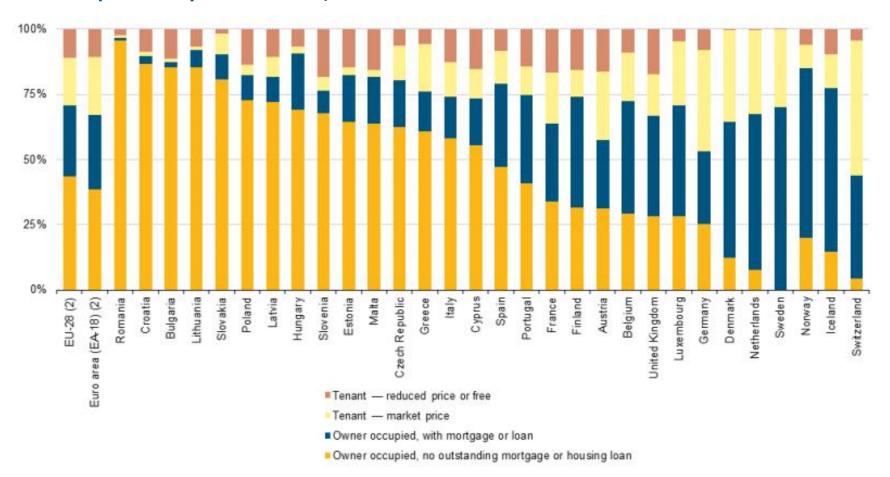
Figure (9): Revenues from other taxes on property in 2011 (in % of GDP)



Note: "Other taxes on property" includes taxes on net wealth, inheritance, gifts and other property items as well as financial and capital transactions. Data does not include PIT on imputed rents. Source: European Commission; Taxation Trends in the EU 2013.



Population by tenure status, 2012



http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/File:Population_by_tenure_status,_2012_(1)_(%25_of_population)_YB14_II.png



Action on: SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



- Building the Single Market for Green Products
- Measure environmental performance throughout the lifecycle
 - 1. The Product Environmental Footprint (PEF)
 - 2. The Organisation Environmental Footprint (OEF).

Source: "Communication on Building the Single Market for Green Products" "Recommendation on the use of the methods"













Source: TOWARD A NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL STRATEGY Recommendations from the National Geospatial Advisory Committee December 2012

- Stimulating Economic Growth through Geospatial Technology
- Using Geospatial Information to Control Costs and Save Taxpayer Money
 - More efficient response to disasters
 - Enable more effective decision making
 - Better services to the public
- Applying Geospatial Tools to Ensure Public Safety and Decision-Support



Geospatial Technology Industry

- Top 10 fastest growth employment 2002-12
- 30 billion revenue/year
- biggest challenge before the industry is the availability of geospatial data
- "restrictive practices of some organizations and governments in terms of making their geospatial information publicly available has been a great concern" Source: Ed Parsons - Google
- Shortage of skilled human resources



What is needed?

- multi-agency approach for:
 - 'shared' creation and collection of data
 - cost and resource savings
 - greatly increases the value of returns
 - The development and implementation of a 'shared' geospatial technology infrastructure for use by all partners offers great promise as a model for cost-effective, efficient government.

Source: TOWARD A NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL STRATEGY Recommendations from the National Geospatial Advisory Committee December 2012



United Nations



Economic and Social Council

"Building infrastructure for the gathering, validation, compilation and dissemination of geospatial information is as important to countries as the building of roads, telecommunications networks, and the provision of other basic services.

.... it is increasingly recognized that the major barriers and impediments to building geospatial information infrastructures will not be technical ones, but rather institutional and organizational"



DIGITAL AGENDA FOR EUROPE

A Europe 2020 Initiative

Environment

- Building an environmentally sustainable, low-carbon economy with smart technologies
- Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) are crucial to tomorrow's environmentally sustainable, lowcarbon economy.
- ICT plays a leading role in enabling energy efficiency and sustainability.
- ICT can enhance water distribution networks to operate more efficiently and with higher resilience, while the significant reduction of waste and improved waste management enabled by ICT can lead to a more resource-efficient and eco-friendly economy.



Poland 2020 National Programme

Integrated development strategies

The Energy Safety and Environment Strategy is one of the most important integrated strategies, containing guidelines for energy policy and ecological policy.

Source: http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/id-moe/09381.pdf

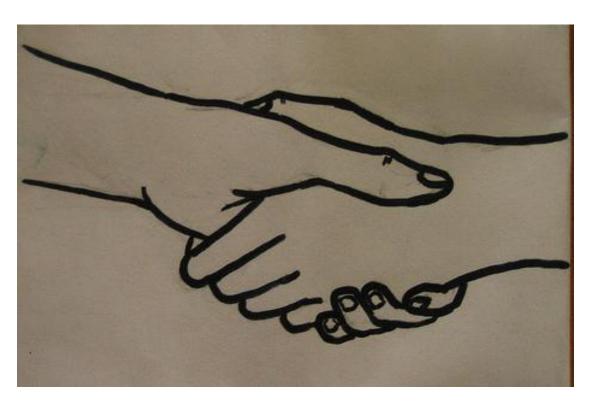


Poland: National Development - Strategy 2020 ACTIVE SOCIETY, COMPETITIVE ECONOMY, EFFICIENT STATE

MTNDS		Translation into activities of
Actions 2012-2015	Actions 2016-2020	appropriate strategies
development of methods for analysis of the impact of public policies on the changes in spatial structures, based on satellite technology	a system for monitoring the course of spatial phenomena and the impact of public policies, based on European and national information on spatial infrastructure	Efficient State Strategy, Strategy for Energy Security and the Environment Efficient State Strategy
introducing an obligation to prepare spatial planning drafts in digital forms	launching a digital data system on spatial development plans	Strategy Strategy for Innovation and Efficiency of the Economy
establishment and expansion of national infrastructure for spatial information		Efficient State Strategy Strategy for Innovation and Efficiency of the Economy



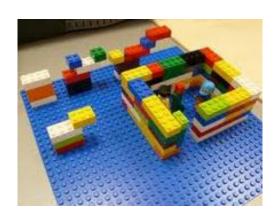
Top-down? Bottom-up

















Thank you for your attention