



# Co-located EV workshop

**Bari (Italy), Summer 2015**

The European H2020 Coordination & Support Action ConnectinGEO (GA 641538) is organizing a new workshop on Essential Variables (EV) for further elaborating and integrating contributions from different communities/domains concerning the definition and operationalization of EV.

The workshop is a follow-up of the work started within the 3rd and 4th GEOSS Science and Technology Stakeholder Workshops, to focus on metrics that can measure progress towards the "Sustainable Development Goals" (SDGs), that are currently being discussed in the United Nations.

*The objectives of the Workshop are:*

- \* *reviewing extensively the status of existing essential variables in different Societal Benefits Areas (SBA) of the Group on Earth Observations (GEO);*
- \* *assessing their observational needs and readiness (in terms of temporal frequency, spatial resolution, accuracy, etc.);*
- \* *describing the monitoring networks currently operational;*
- \* *capturing gaps and requirements for EV operational definition (mainly in terms of integration of all types of Earth Observations);*
- \* *identifying the process underlying EV definition in support to less mature domains and the elaboration of new variables.*

At the end of the workshop a document on the EV status, definition process, gaps and requirements for operationalization shall be produced.

In consideration of your expertise and involvement in the process for the definition of Essential Variables (EV), ConnectinGEO invites you to participate in the "Co-located EV workshop" that will be held in Bari (Italy) in Summer 2015 (exact dates to be determined).

The workshop is organized by the Italian National Research Council (CNR) and the Euro Mediterranean Centre on Climate Change (CMCC)

Do not hesitate to write us for any further clarifications.

Yours sincerely,

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