

## EARSC session on Industry Contribution to SDGs at EGW11

The EARSC session on Industry Contribution to SDGs took place on 20th June from 16h15-18h00 alongside the 11th GEO European Projects Workshop



EARSC organised a session on the Industry contribution to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the European GEO projects workshop (EGW2017) on 20th June in Helsinki. The workshop brought experts from the public and private sectors to underline the key priorities of GEO with regards to industry engagement and how to work in practice for the uptake of R&D projects.

### Outcome:

- Some examples on how industry help on the SDG implementation role, monitoring, reporting, and the facilitation and shaping of reporting methods have been addressed.
- SDGs are providing a common language to products and services that industry is already producing and EuroGEOSS could help to establish regular and consistent communication around the contribution to SDGs by all European stakeholders.
- Industry bring a broad industry perspective across all commercial sectors to contribute towards meeting SDGs. Example of the full chain from research to operational have been covered by some sectors (case of fisheries)
- Some companies in other market sectors (corporates) are already utilizing reporting indexes, ratings or standards (helping to monitor SDGs) for their reporting on market impact to their various stakeholders
- It has been noted as important to look into evidence of the practical integration of the SDGs into existing business measuring indicators.
- Overall, European EO industry can help achieve the SDGs by providing critical information on natural resources, government operations, public services, and population demographics; however, it is recommended to be very precise when companies refer to a target or to an indicator so we do not try to oversell the EO contribution to the Global Indicator Framework.
- When referring to indicators, those EO products should make a direct contribution to the monitoring of the subject indicator.

More information on the event are available at the following [link](#).