



EuroGEOSS at GEOVIII Plenary in Istanbul (16-18 Nov 2011)

FP7 flagship project contributing to GEOSS progress and the implementation of Data Sharing principles through a major innovative tool: the **Broker**. **Read more**

Massimo Craglia (JRC-IT), EuroGEOSS Scientific coordinator, just back from Istanbul reported :

Delegations from more than 80 countries, 50 international organizations attended **GEO VIII Plenary in Istanbul (16-18 Nov 2011)** co-chaired by the European Commission (Madame Soares Director DG RESEARCH), China, South Africa, and the United States.

The Plenary reviewed the progress made during 2011 and approved the Work programme for 2012-2015.

In the review part, EuroGEOSS was singled out four times:

- In the initial review of progress by the GEO Secretariat,
- In the review of progress made in the implementation of the GEOSS Data Sharing Principles (Alan Edwards, EuroGEOSS EC project officer),
- In the report of the Sprint to Plenary by Ivan De Loach (USGS),
- In the report by Prof. Shibasaki (University of Tokio).

In particular both Ivan De Loach and Shibasaki praised the **EuroGEOSS broker** as the most significant innovation introduced in the GEOSS Common Infrastructure in 2011, making it possible to increase the number of data sets and progress searchable in the GCI from a few hundreds in 2010 to more than 25 million in 2011!!

Madame Soares was very impressed by the results as was Prof. McGlade, head of the European Environment Agency. The e-habitat video and the 2 additional presentations made in the exhibition also helped to raise the profile of the project, which was rightly recognized as a leading example of European-funded research in action.

A big “thank you” to all the partners in the project.

Without you none of these results would not have been achieved. Well done!