Hungarian Space Office Liaison Report

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(Special Issue Remote Sensing and GIS in Hungary)

- News on the Hungarian Space Office (HSO)
- Selected Earth Observation Activities in Hungary and some key players
- Promoting the potentials and challenges related to the use of GI & EO to support the achievement of the UN SDGs
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News on the Hungarian Space Office (HSO)

Established in 1992, HSO continues its work in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade as its Department of Space Activity.

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There is governmental will to increase the space budget annually and to participate in ESA optional programs, especially in EO as well as the R+D program of PRODEX more widely and strengthen links besides ESA with other international organisations, agencies.

Considering the role of the geospatial/EO information systems and services as infrastructural backbone in frameworks as the accomplishment of the UN 2030 Agenda, HSO is interested to take part in the work of WGISS.

Illustrations reflecting the connections of the Hungarian Geospatial/EO community with ESA and CEOS

ESA ESRIN's EARTHNET MEETING & WORKSHOP IN BUDAPEST (1986).

CEOS WGISS 21 & WGCV MEETING in BUDAPEST (2006)

WGISS-32 MEETING IN BUDAPEST (2011)

ESA ACCESSION SIGNING CEREMONY IN BUDAPEST (2015)

Selected Earth Observation Activities in Hungary

Current operational projects at BFKH FTFF (earlier: FÖMI)
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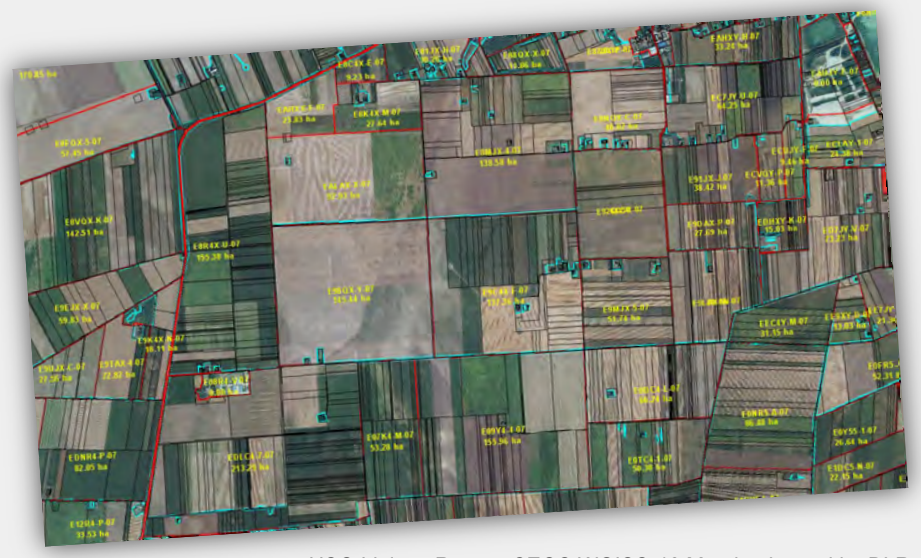
Land Parcel Identification System (MEPAR)

GIS, mandatory for the administration of agricultural EU subsidies

Operational since 2004

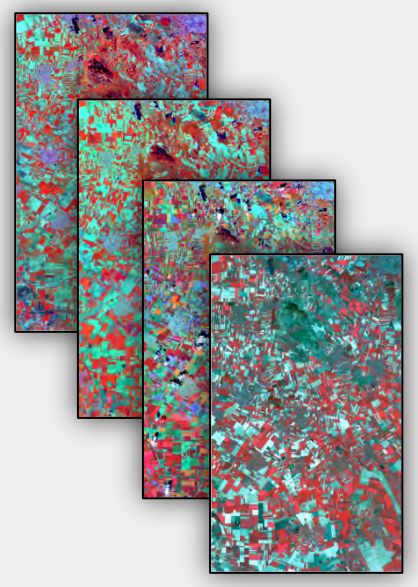
Continuous updating based on orthophotos and VHR imagery

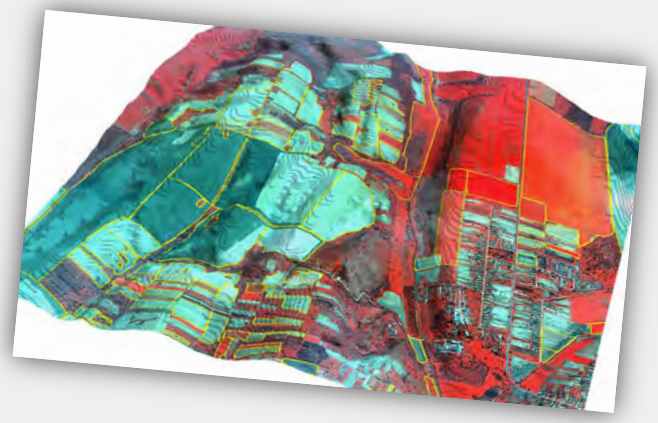


Control of Agricultural Subsidies with Remote Sensing (TámELL)

Operational since 2004

Based on time series of HR and VHR satellite imagery





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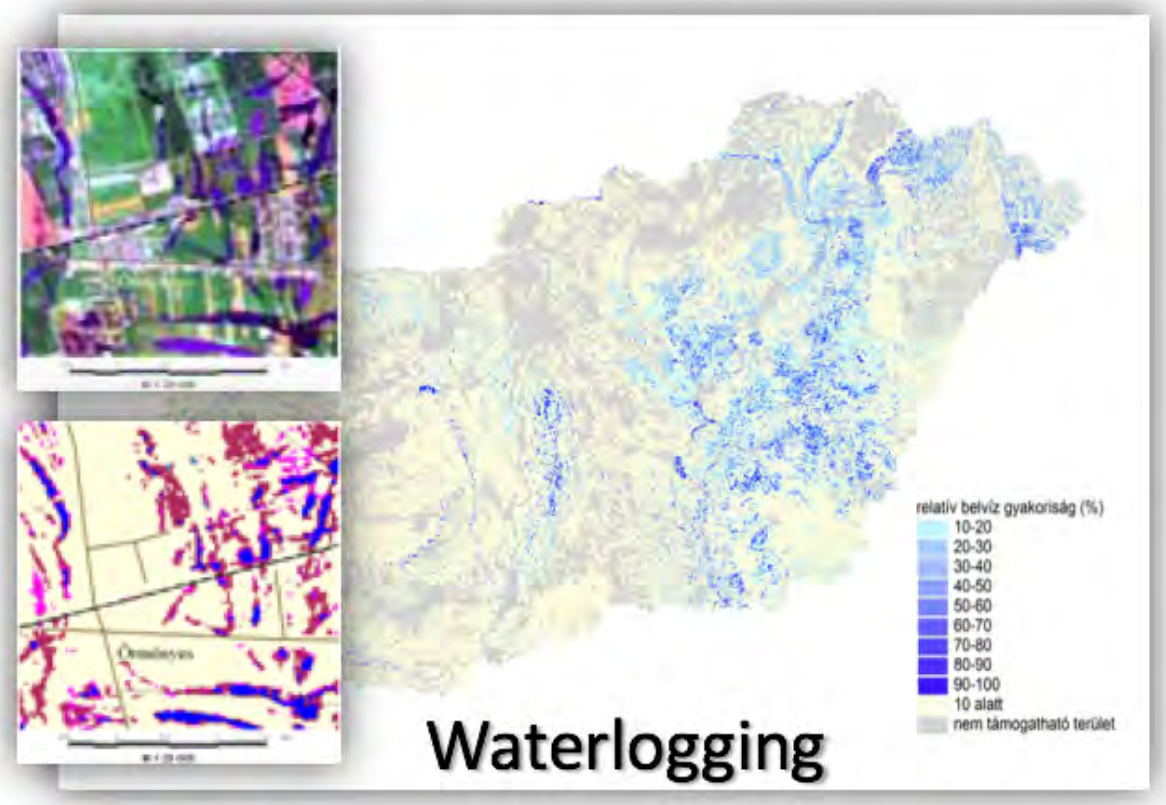
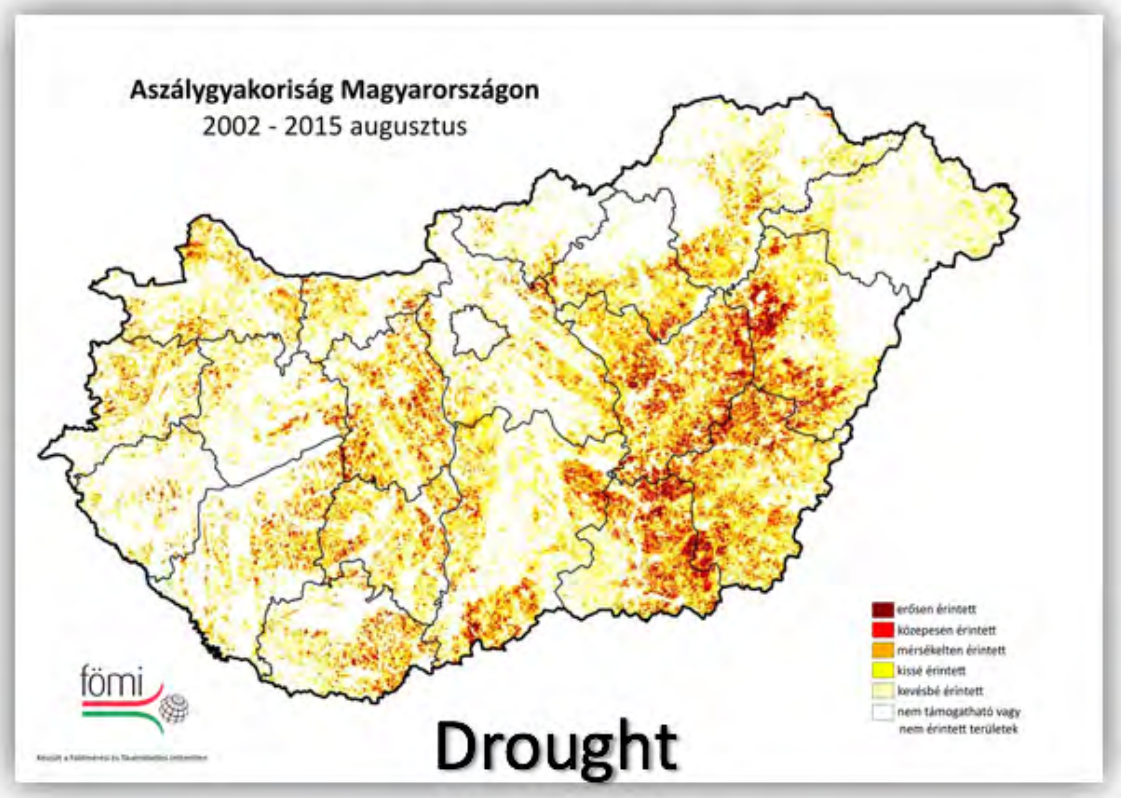
Agricultural Risk Management System (MKR)

Operational since 2014

Integrated governmental system to assess loss compensation requests

Operational provision of waterlogging /inundation and drought products





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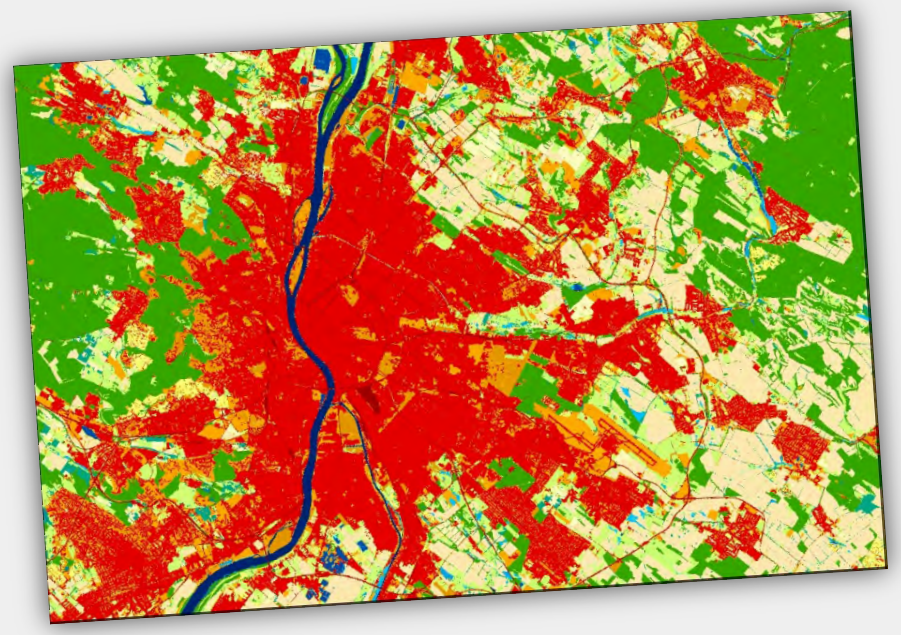
Country-wide mapping and status assessment of ecosystem services (NÖSZTÉP)

Led by the Ministry of Agriculture (Nature Protection)

Contribution from various R&D and operational partners



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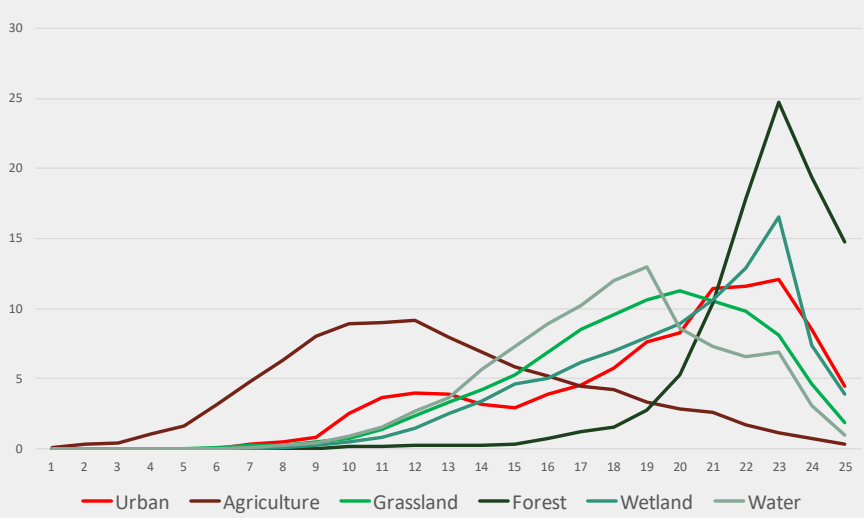

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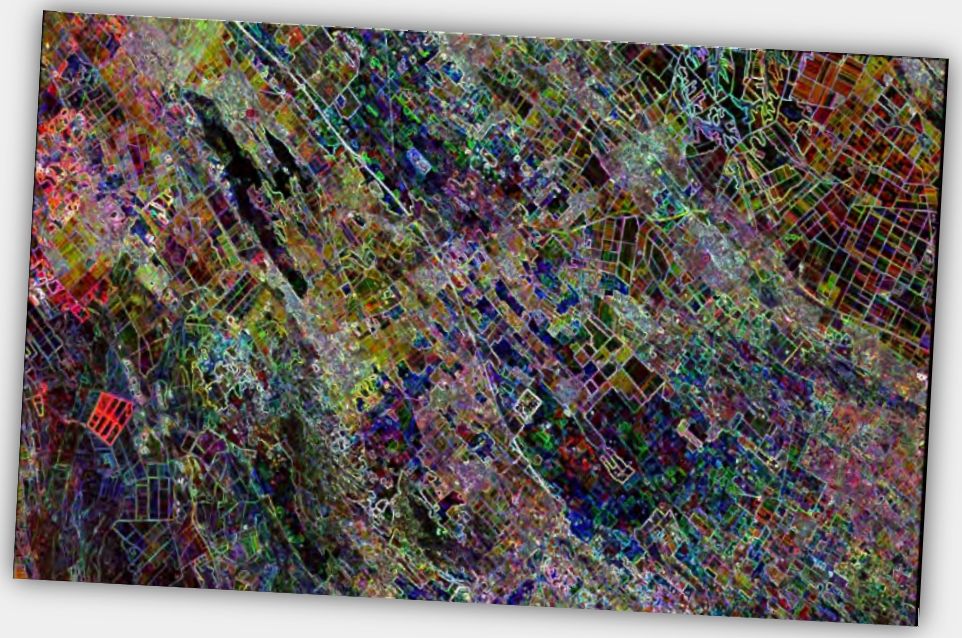

Current operational projects

at BFKH FTFF (earlier: FÖMI)

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→ 7th ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE ON LAND REMOTE SENSING
4–9 September 2017 | Szent István University | Gödöllő, Hungary

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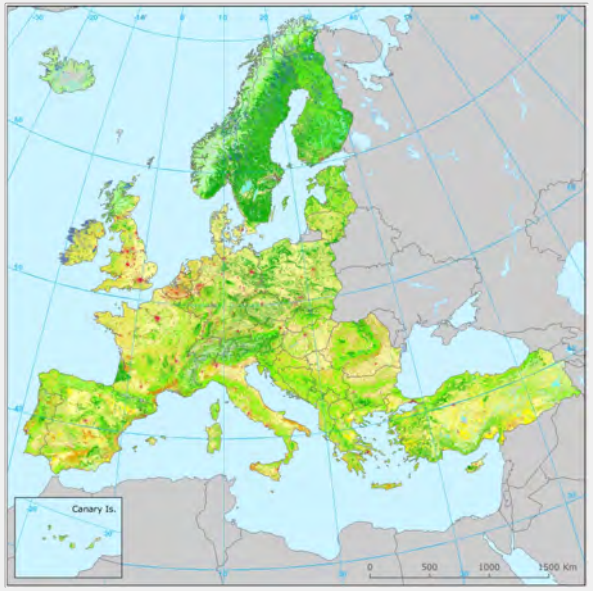

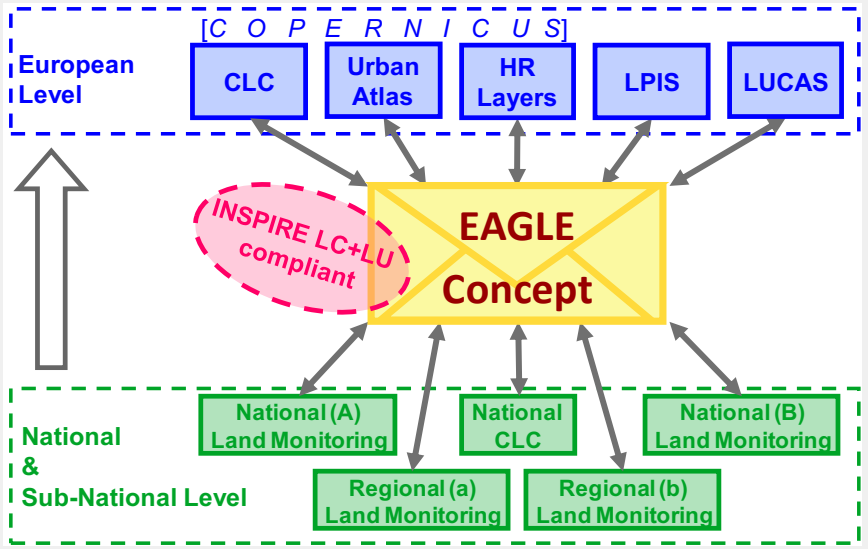

BFKH FTFF (earlier: FÖMI) plays a key role in European land monitoring
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Working for **European Environment Agency (EEA)** as member in European Topic Centres since 2001:

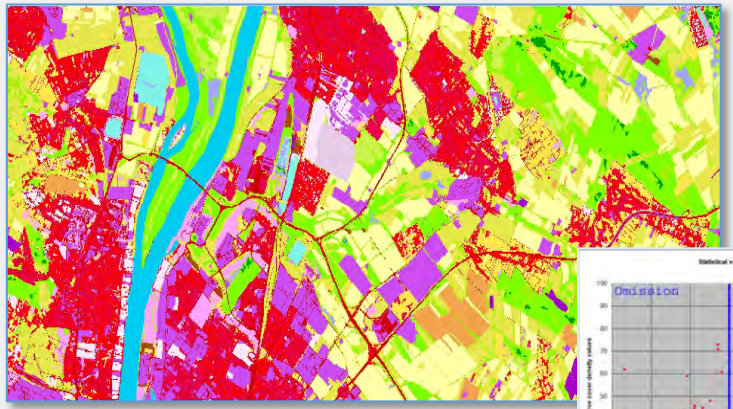
2015- : **European Topic Centre – Urban, Land and Soil systems (ETC-ULS)**

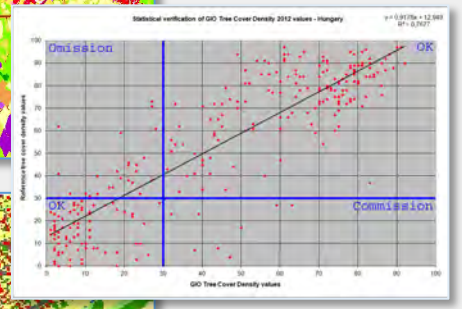
Key actor in the **coordination** of **European land cover mapping** activities (CORINE Land Cover a.o.): Development of **mapping and QA/QC guidelines**, **methodological developments**, **training** of national teams, **HelpDesk** for European countries

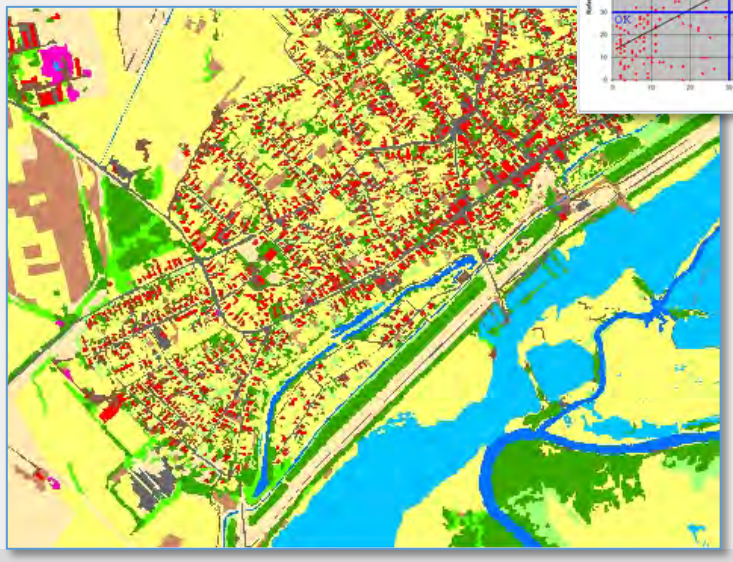
Participation in the **development** and testing **of LC/LU related environmental indicators** (land take, imperviousness & change)

Participation in the development of a **European land monitoring strategy** (**EAGLE** working group, **FP7 HELM** project

National reference institution of land cover mapping







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National Reference Centre land cover:

CLC update & change mapping for Hungary area
QA/QC of various European land cover products

Strong background in **visual photo-interpretation:**

Designing a **national 1:50.000 scale CORINE Land Cover map** (CLC50)
Development of a specific tool for visual photo-interpretation (InterChange used by many European countries for CLC mapping)

Key **methodological developments:**

Designing **change mapping method** for CORINE land cover updates – new standard for Europe
Testing EAGLE methodology in the practice – **harmonization of LC/LU related information**
Exploring **statistical comparability** of land cover products

Some key players in EO in Hungary

Competences and R&D at BFKH FTFF (earlier: FÖMI) in the EO context

Balanced use of quantitative and visual methods

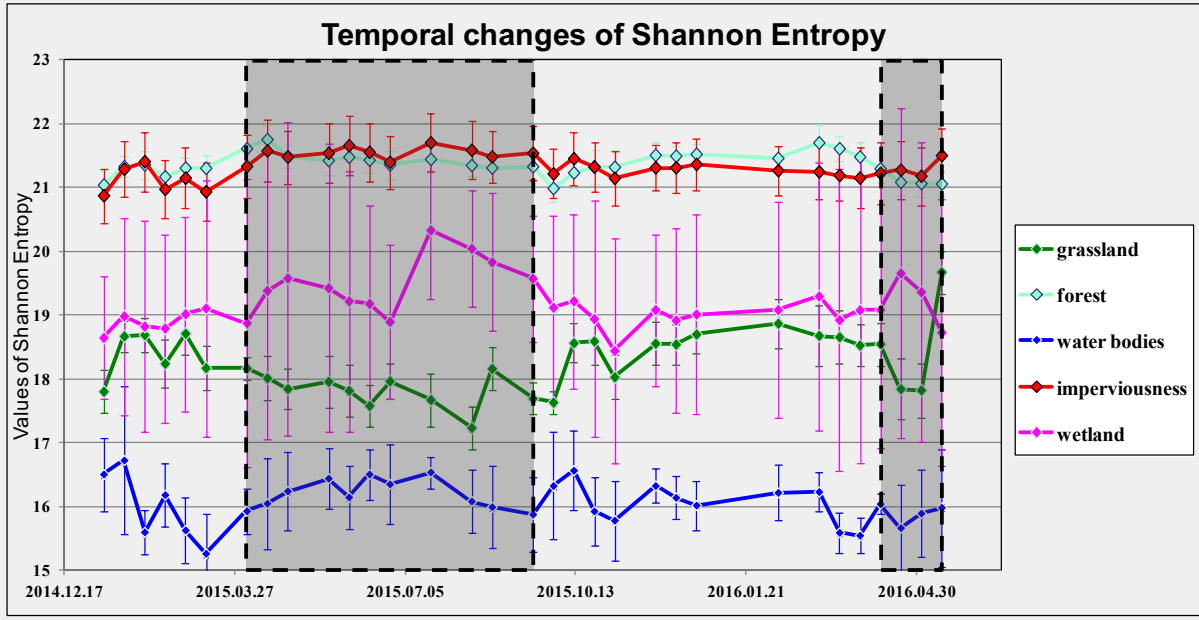
Combined use of different data sources

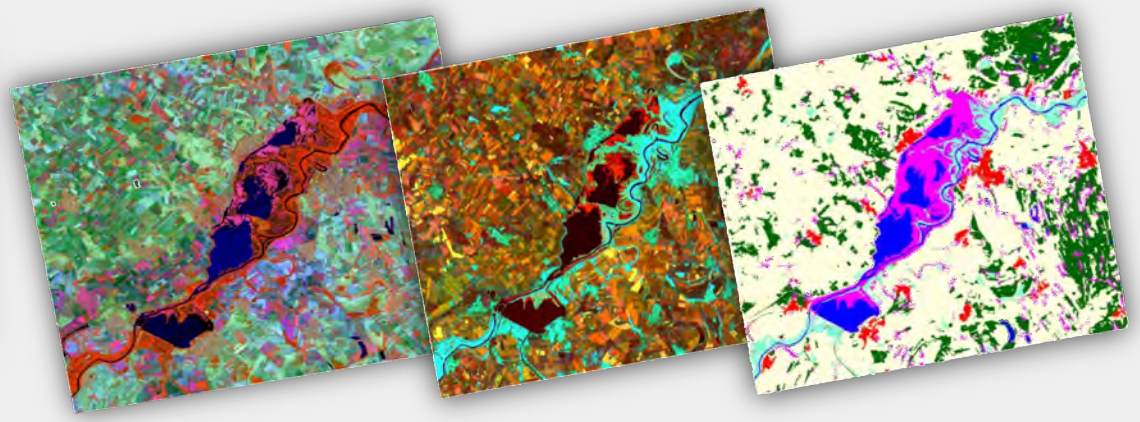
Airborne/space-borne remote sensing in optical and radar (fusion, polarimetry) range

Field surveys

Official: LPIS, cadastre, topography

Processing of big geospatial data (national, EU)





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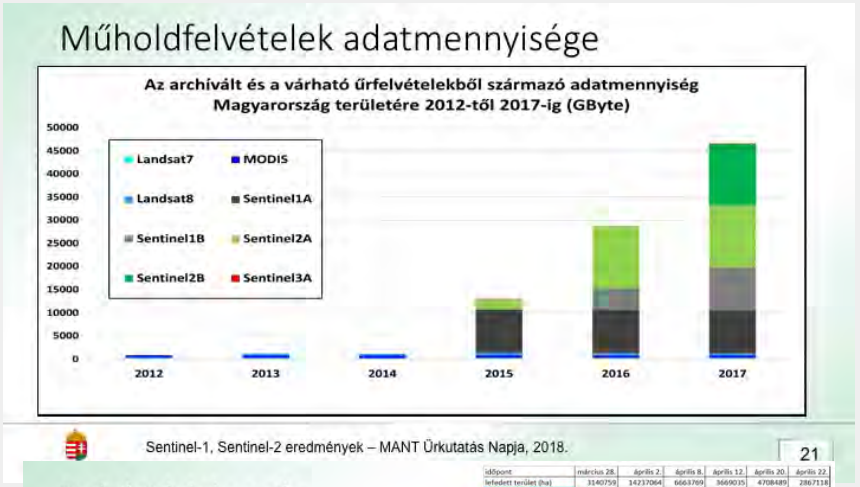
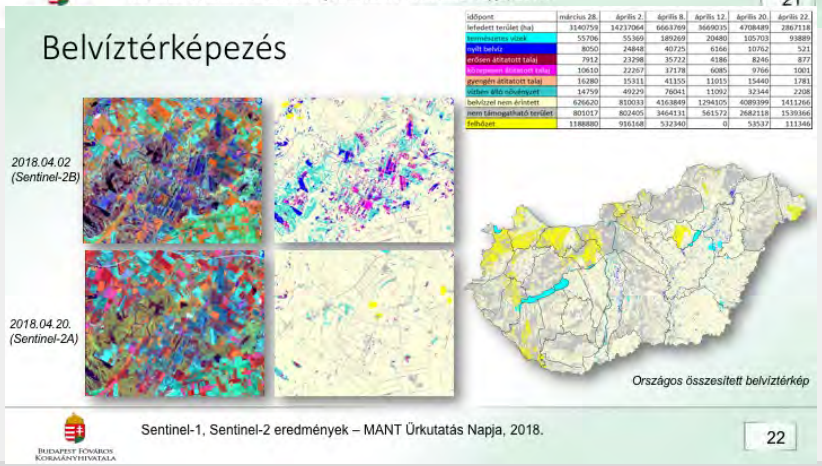
Applications using Sentinel data at BFKH FTFF (earlier: FÖMI) Source: Kristóf D. (2018)





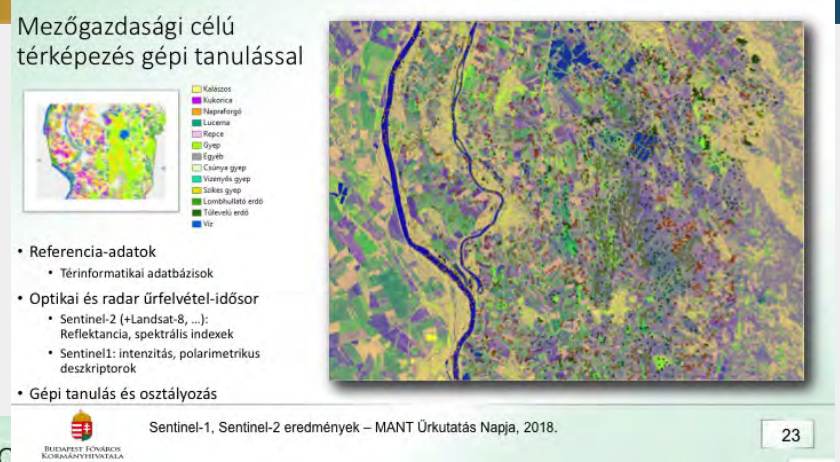
Sentinel -1, -2 data volumes for Hungary in 2012-2017

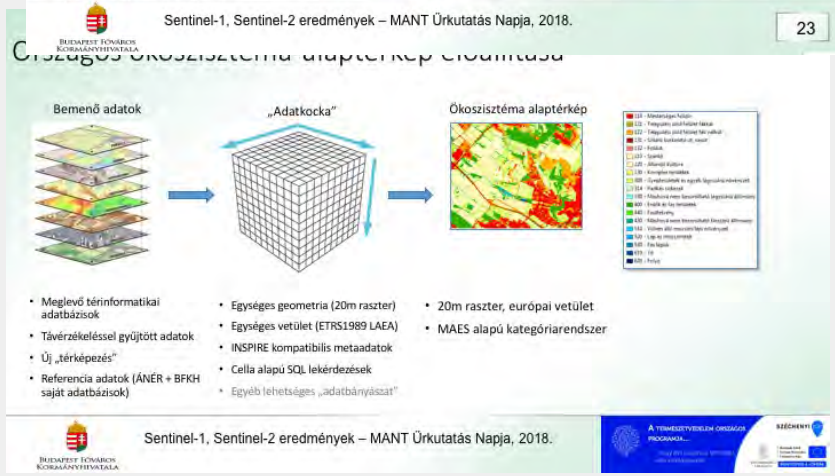
Some results :

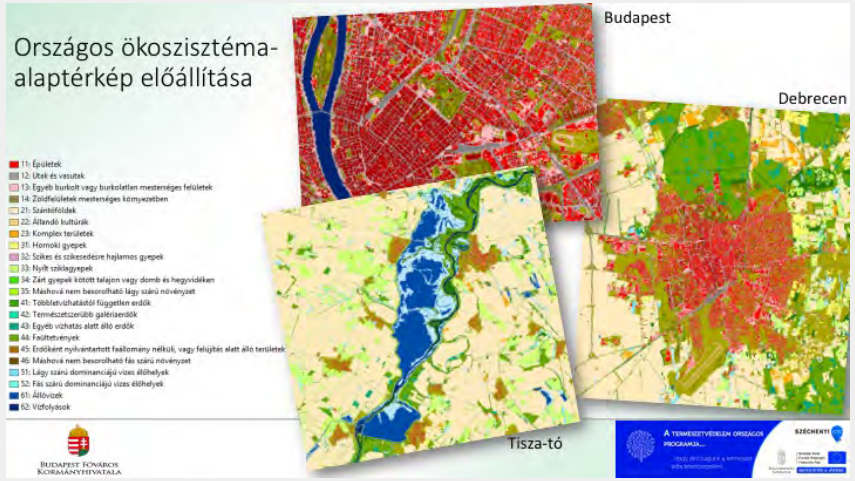
Inlog water mapping

Agricultural mapping supported by machine-learning

Establishment of the National Ecosystem Base Map using data cube approach







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Some key players in EO in Hungary

Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest

Department of Geophysics and Space Science

- Since 1984: more than 90 projects
- Studying the plasmasphere of the Earth by electromagnetic waves
- Investigation of the vegetation based on Landsat/MMS and TM data
- Atmospheric correction of Landsat TM data (ACABA)
- Estimation and forecasting of crop yield using AVHRR and MODIS data
- Monitoring of the vegetation based on AVHRR and MODIS data
- Studying the plasmasphere of the Earth by electromagnetic waves
- Education

Department of Physical Geography

- Environmental reconstruction using UAV photogrammetry
- Flood modeling
- Geostatistical methods in remote sensing
- Heterogeneous forest classification by creating mixed vegetation classes using EO-1 Hyperion

Space Research Group (SRG)

- Satellite receiving station since 2002 (http://sas2.elte.hu/index-a.html)
- Automatic processing chain for the DB MODIS data – real time products derived

Faculty of Informatics

- Development of image processing algorithms and software
- Long-term collaboration in research and education with FÖMI: education, traineeship

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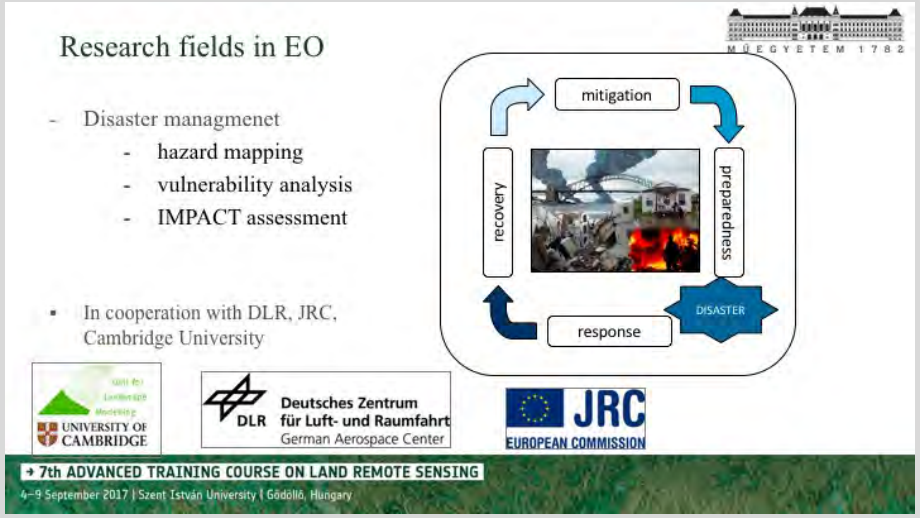
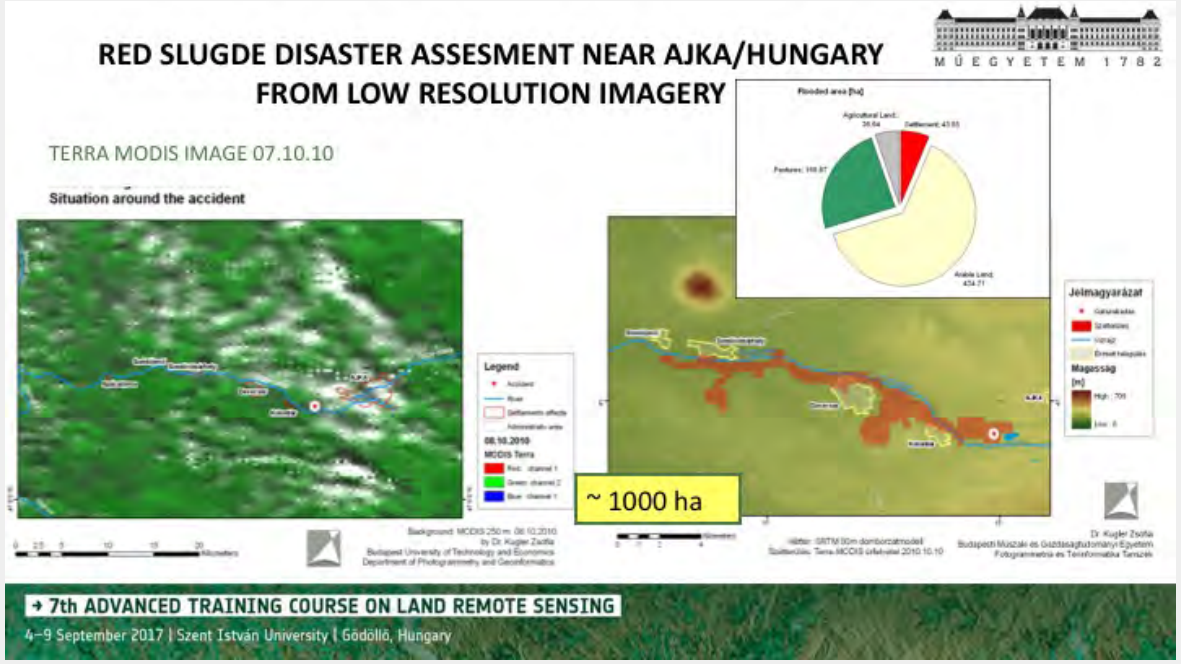
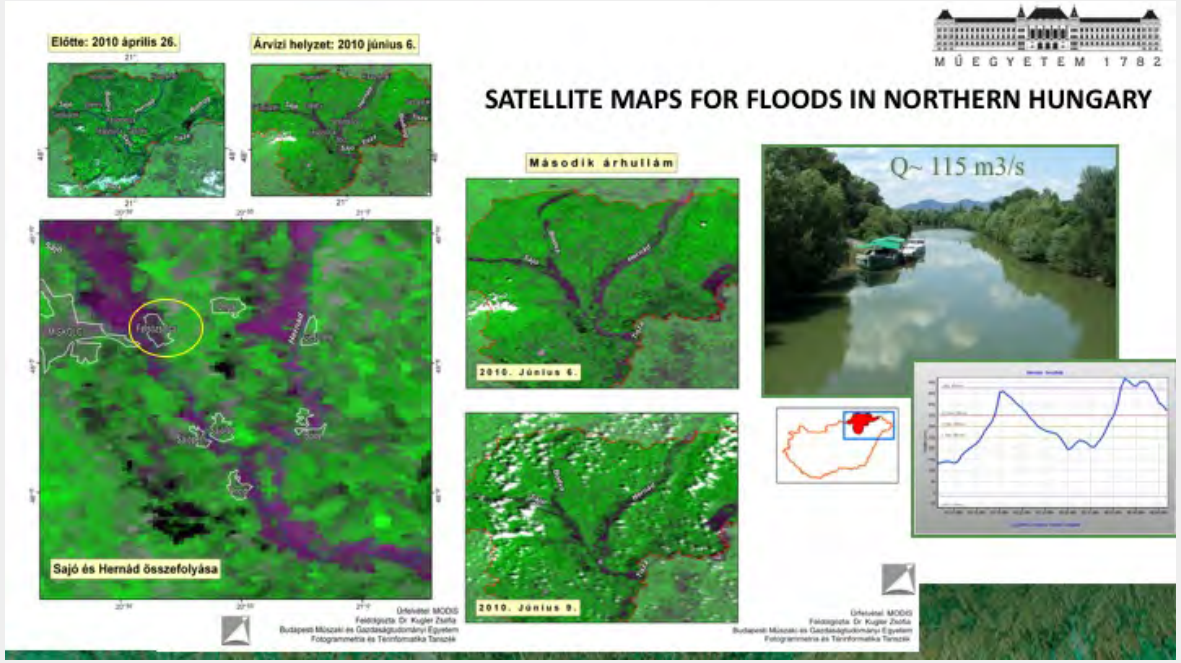
Budapest University of Technology and Economics

Department of Photogrammetry and Geoinformation







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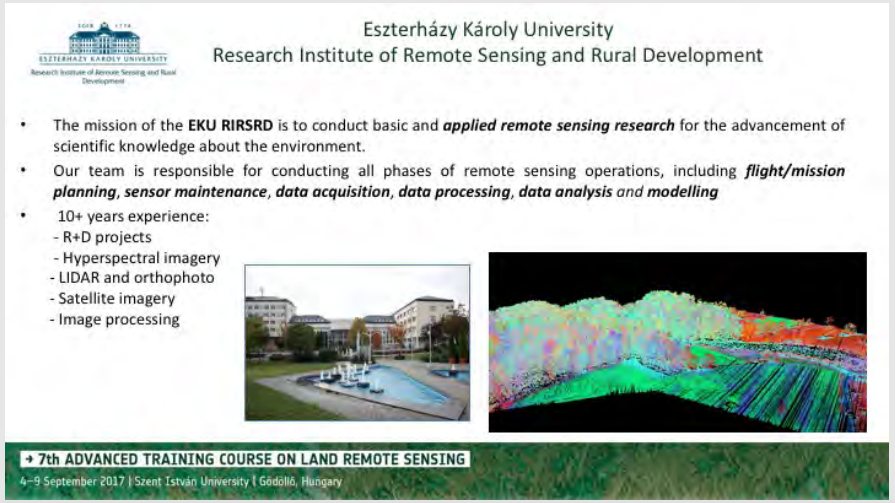
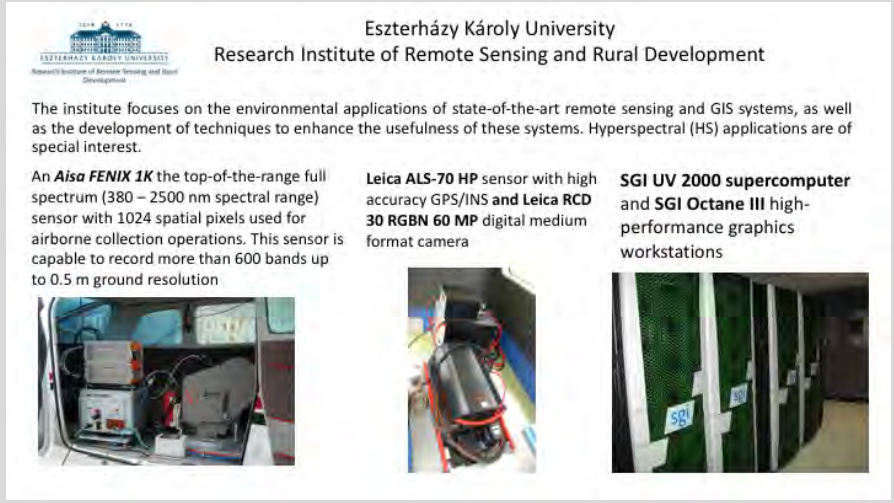
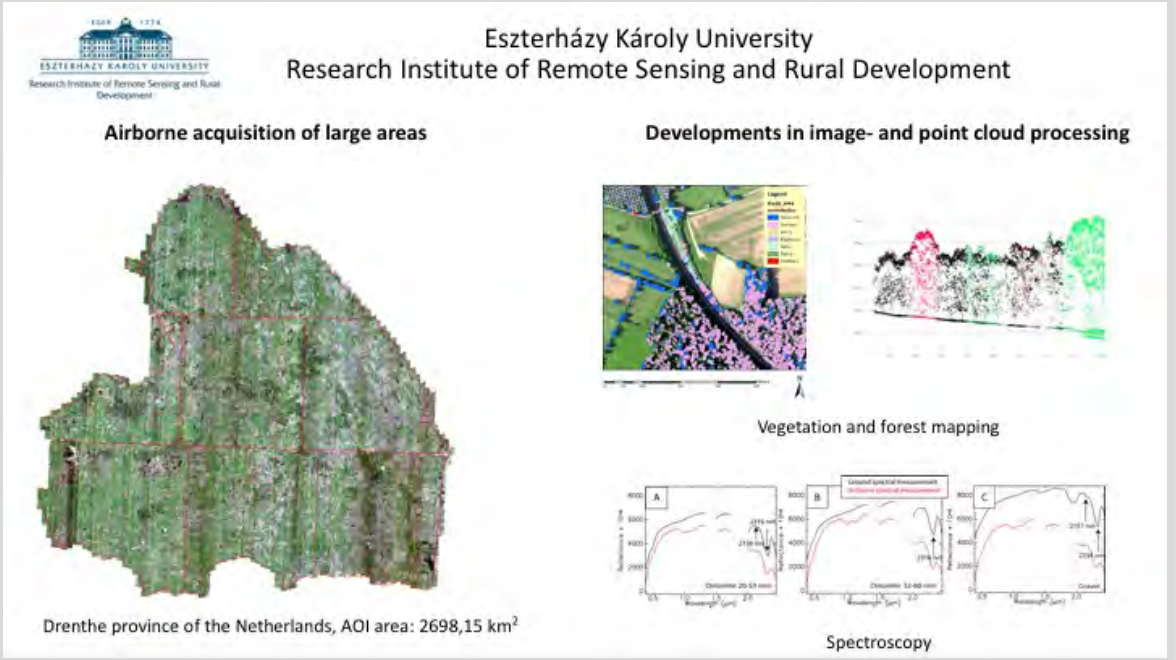
Eszterházy Károly University Research Institute of Remote Sensing and Rural Development

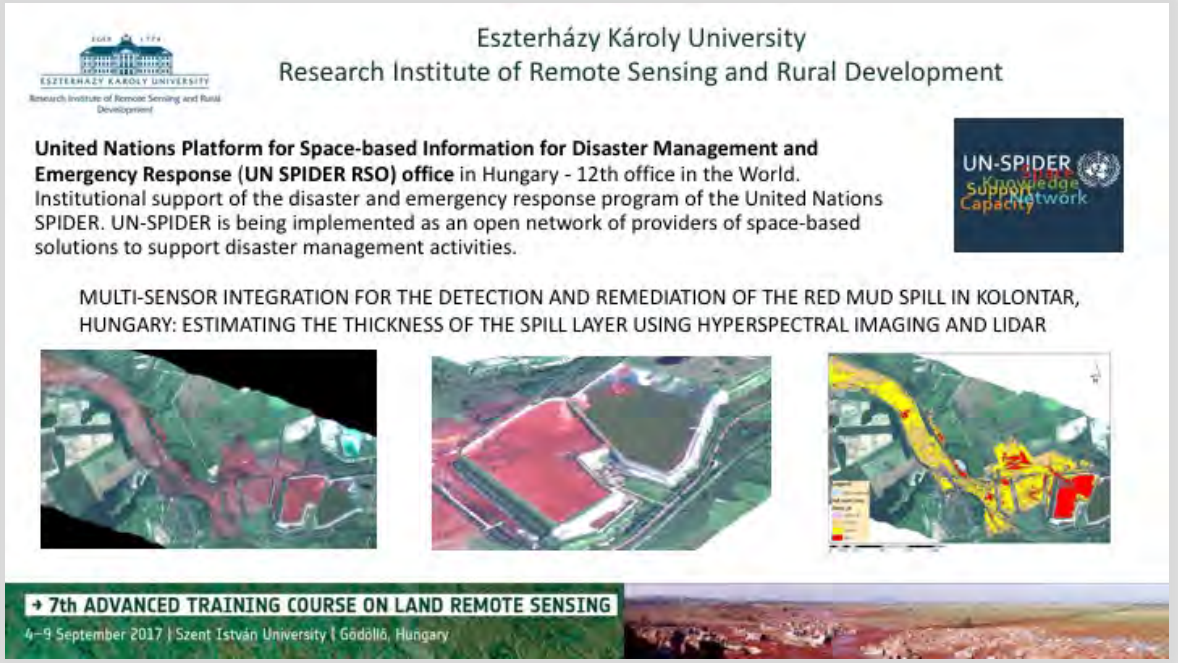




Infrastructure:
A technology chain capable to carry out advanced airborne RS applications from planning to visualisation.
Features:

- Hyperspectral imagery
- LIDAR and orthophoto
- Satellite imagery
- Image processing and GIS





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Satellite Remote Sensing at **University of Szeged**, Department of Physical Geography and Geoinformatics

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Since 1995:
- Education
- Multidisciplinary research
- Projects

Applications:
- Drought
- Inland Excess Water
- Flood
- Vegetation monitoring
- Urban environment

Researcher staff:
- Henits László
- Kovács Ferenc
- Ladányi Zsuzsanna
- Mucsi László
- Szatmári József
- Tobak Zalán
- Van Leeuwen Boudewijn

+ other collegues, PhD and MSc students

Features

Education

Multidisciplinary research

Projects

Applications:

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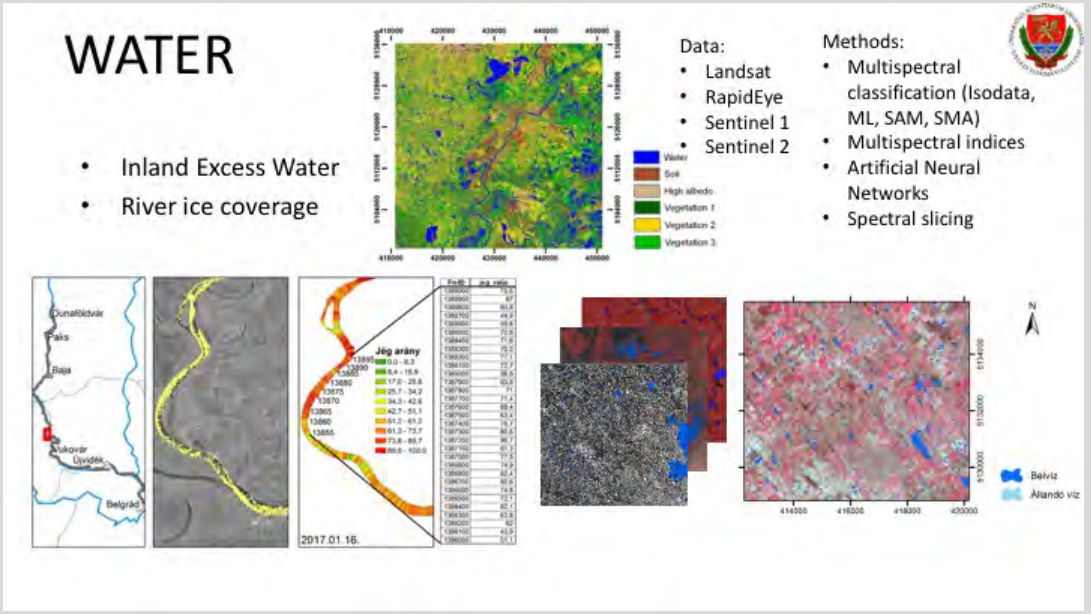
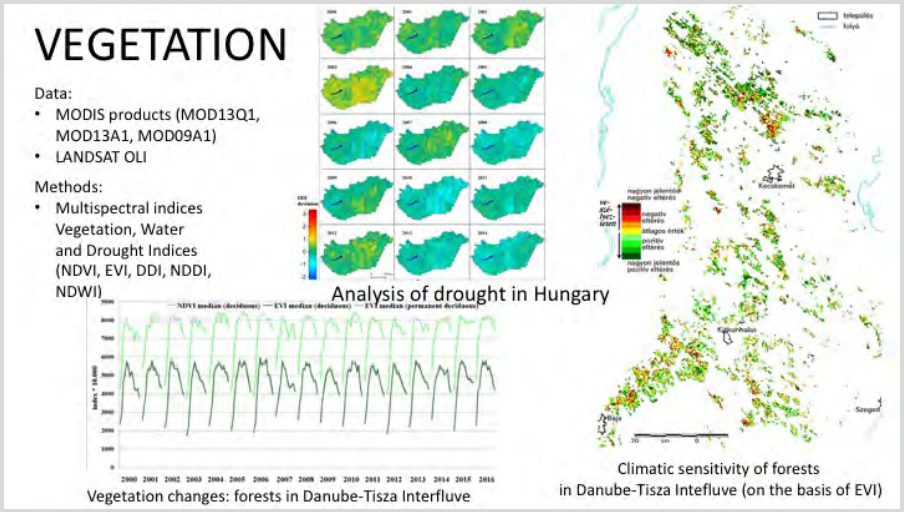
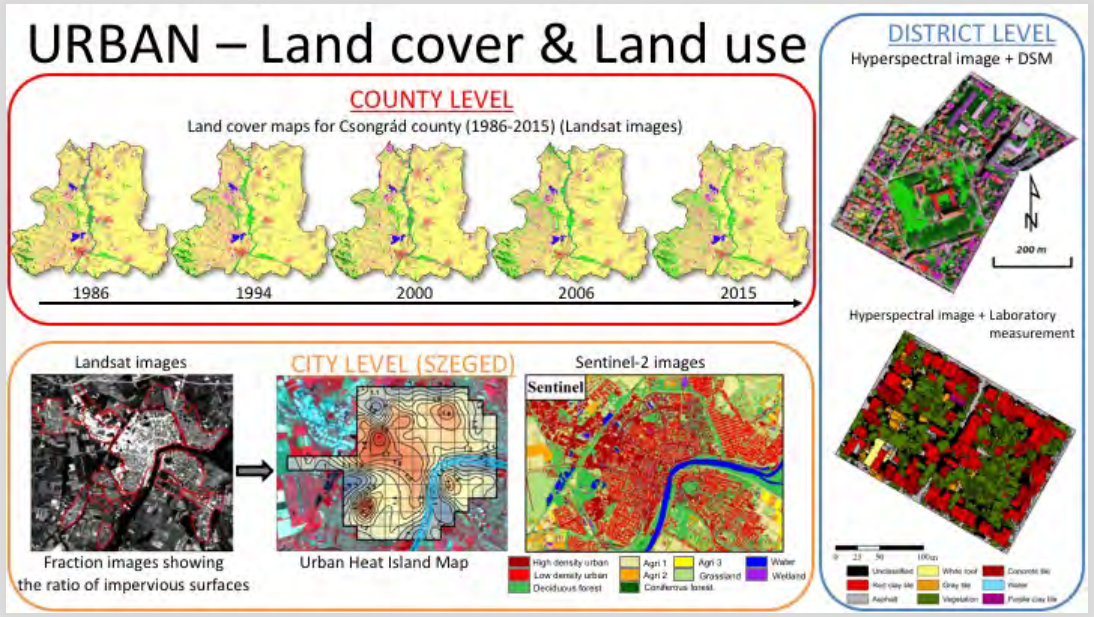
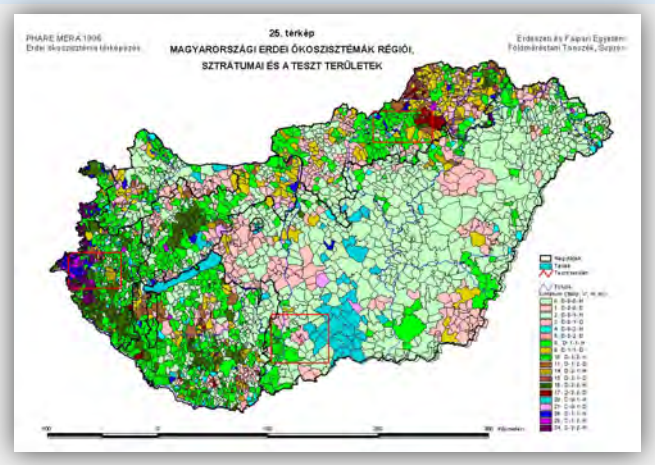


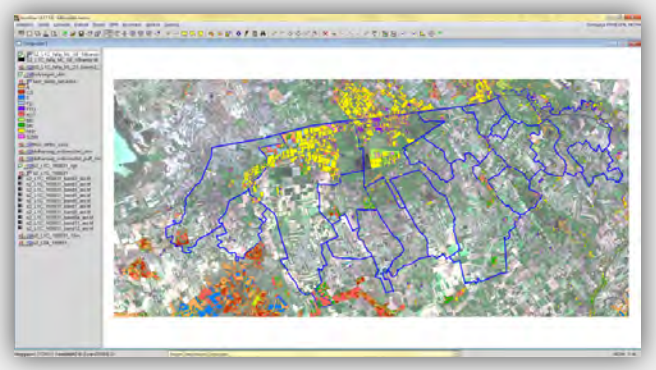




Some key players in EO in Hungary

University of Sopron Faculty of Forestry, Department of Surveying and Remote Sensing





Improve temporal and spatial resolution of forest inventory with Sentinel-2 products using highly automated methods

Features

- Forest ecosystem mapping
- Participation in the development of TopoLynx / DigiTerra software (GIS and image processing)
- Development of new image classification methods
- Object-based image analysis / eCognition trainings
- Participation in the preparation of the Hungarian Earth Observation Information System (FIR) – Forestry module

Óbuda University (1) Alba Regia Technical Faculty, Székesfehérvár

Features

- Remote sensing in agriculture
- Research related to soil quality protection
- Land cover and land use mapping, change detection
- Accuracy and application opportunities of DEM
- Remote Sensing of Urban Ecology
- Development of classification methods
- Hungarian-Chinese Intergov Coop Programme (TéT)
- WAREMA (LC, LU)
- Education

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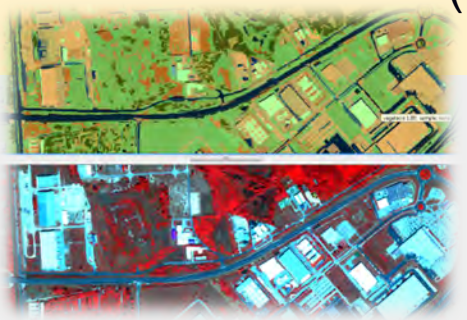

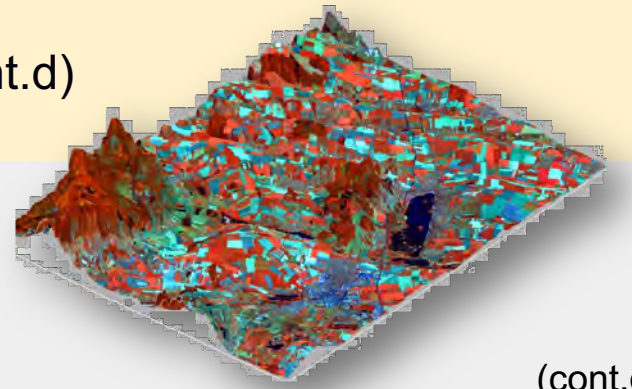

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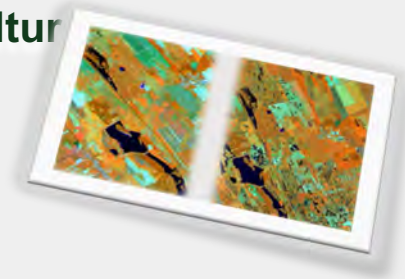
Alba Regia Technical Faculty, Székesfehérvár

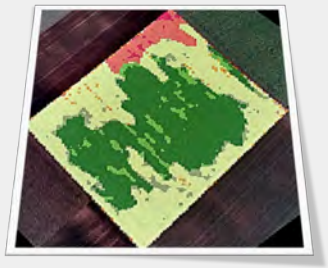
R+D activities

Remote Sensing applications in agricultur



- Agri-environmental problems
- Soil erosion
- Extreme water balance situations
- Precision agriculture

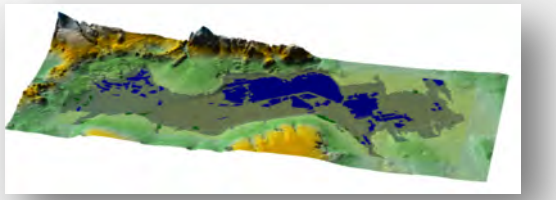
Precision agriculture



- Effects of irrigation systems
- Vegetation monitoring
- Management zone mapping

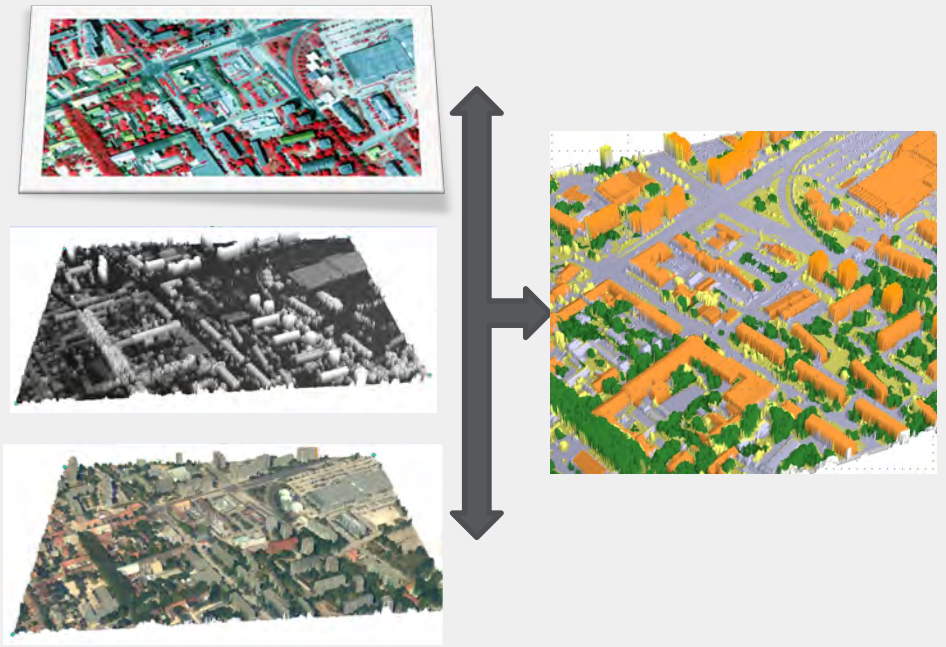
Protection of soil quality

- Land cover/land use mapping
- Soil erosion, and phosphorous load
- observation on agricultural land
- Soil erosion assessment
- **Mapping land cover and**
- **its long-term changes**



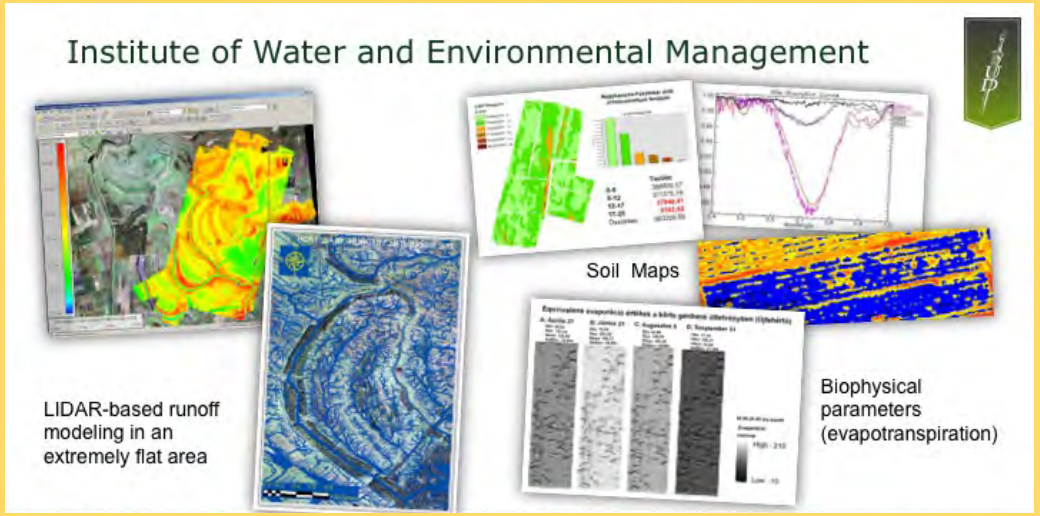
Remote Sensing in Urban Ecology

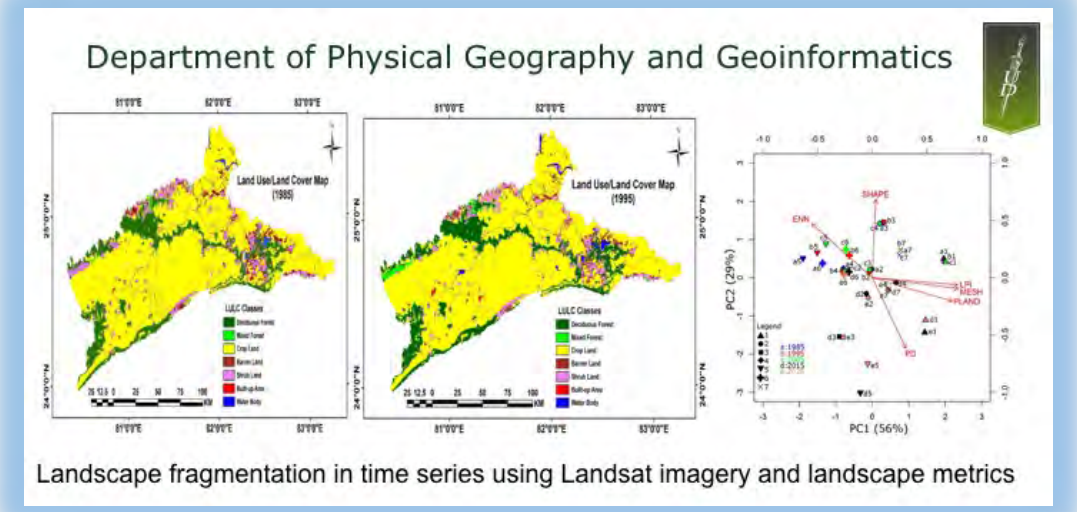
- Land cover mapping
- Building extraction (LIDAR)
- Mapping impervious surfaces within parcels
- Use of high spatial resolution imagery and GIS techniques
- Investigating urban sprawl through integrating remote sensing and other thematic maps



Some key players in EO in Hungary

University Debrecen





Institute of Water and Environmental Management

RS staff: 7

RS as obligatory subject from 1997

Main topics:

- Applied GIS-GNSS
- DEM
- Remote sensing
- Hyperspectral Image Spectroscopy
- LIDAR
- MobilGIS- Near field RS

Projects

- Soil remediation
- Precision agriculture
- Integrated watershed management
- Environmental impact assessment

Dept. of Physical Geography and Geoinformatics

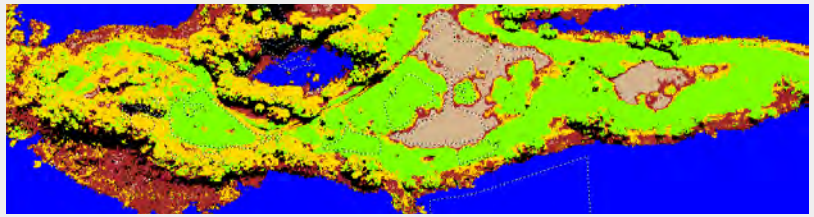
- Land Use / Land Cover classification, modeling and dynamics
- Landscape metrics
- Extraction of water-related
- features

Some key players in EO in Hungary

Dennis Gabor College

Features

- Development of image processing algorithms
- Mapping invasive plants (in cooperation with the University of Pannonia)
- Multispectral detection of plant stress
- Disaster management (red mud RS team lead)



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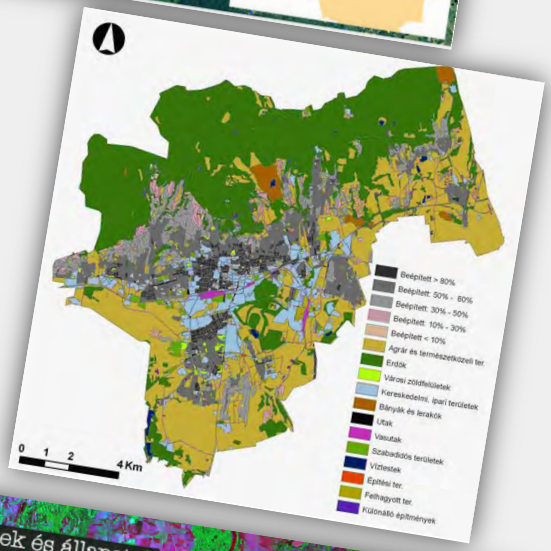
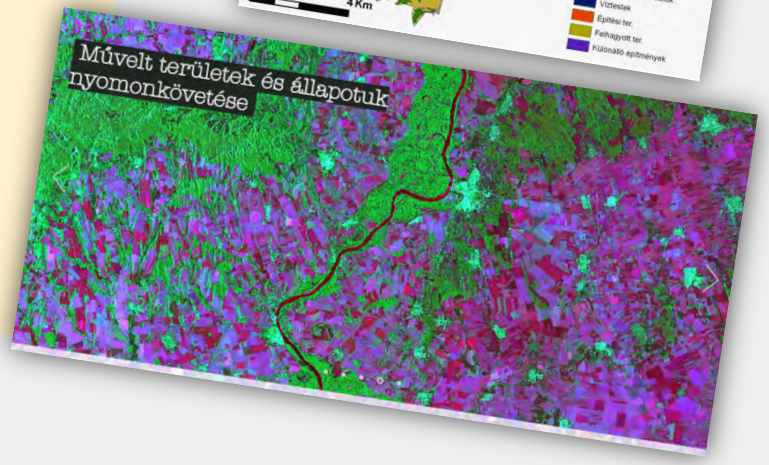
Features

- Environmental change
- Water management
- Image processing
- Object-based Image Analysis
- Urban applications
- GIS

- SAR processing / Sentinel-1
- Agricultural applications
- Surface deformations
- Inland excess water
- Disaster management
- Supercomputer
- International cooperation





Some key players in EO in Hungary

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Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

- **Institute of Botany and Ecophysiology:** Mesasurement and modelling of evapotranspiration and green house gas fluxes in vegetation by proximal and remote sensing
- **Institute of Environmental Science:** RS applied to water resources
- **Institute of Nature Conservation and Landscape Ecology:** Environmental monitoring, Land use analysis, Landscape metrics, GIS

Faculty of Landscape Architecture

- **Dept. of Landscape Planning and Regional Development:** Land cover / land use, Landscape metrics, GIS

Faculty of Horticultural Sciences

- **Technical Department:** Precision horticulture, Agricultural geoinformatics, Imaging and field spectroscopy, High-resolution sensing

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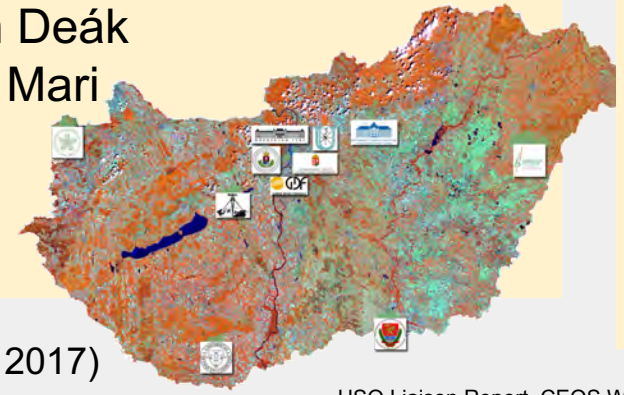

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Promoting the potentials and challenges related to the use of Geospatial Data and Earth Observation for support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals

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The context

On 25 September 2015 world leaders in the UN General Assembly agreed to a definitive plan called the UN 2030 Agenda by adopting 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

"For the SDGs to be achieved, everyone needs to take Action"

In Hungary, an Ad-hoc Team of the Hungarian Society of Surveying, Mapping and Remote Sensing MFTTT has been mandated to promote the potentials and challenges related to the use of Geospatial Data and Earth Observation for support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals

The early achievements have been reported to the UN SDG Action Campaign, the Global Day of Action on 25 September 2018

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
ACTION CAMPAIGN

MFTTT

MFTTT GI/EO4SDG - Who we are?

Members of the Hungarian Society of Surveying, Mapping and Remote Sensing (MFTTT) formed an ad-hoc team to raise awareness on the opportunities and challenges in access and use the EO/geospatial data for Sustainable Development Goals and to strengthen the engagement of stakeholders

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Awareness raising - Reasoning

2015

BACKGROUND: The Multi-stakeholder partnerships are part of the Sustainable Development Goal 17. The Resolution 70/1 of the UN General Assembly describes the related tasks:

„17.16 **Enhance the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships** that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, **to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in all countries**, in particular developing countries

17.17 **Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships**"

"On the first place: raising the global public's awareness of the critical importance of SDG implementation.

Now, the best start is to begin it with awareness raising to engage the stakeholders"

(Commitment of the President of the 71th Session of UN Mr. Thomson on 13 September 2016)

SELECTED ACTION: **Accomplishment of the 'Engagement of Stakeholders' Campaign in Hungary**

2016-18

After 4 months of preparation, in March 2017 an awareness raising campaign was launched by volunteers of an ad-hoc team of MFTTT in line with the priorities of the 71th Session of UN, where to start to strengthen the momentum for SDGs implementation

Awareness raising - Aims

Increasing the engagement of stakeholders of the EO/Geospatial community for the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda in Hungary

Delivering presentations related to EO/GI4SDGs at the GI/EO community and interdisciplinary fora

Promoting the access and use of EO/Geospatial information and Spatial Data Infrastructure for the accomplishment of Sustainable Development Goals

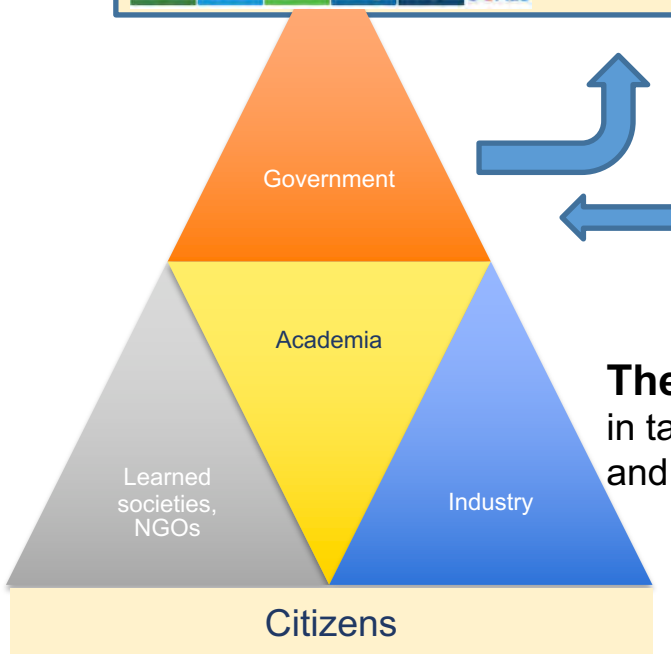
Promoting the potentials of use of GI/EO in informed decisions in other global agreements and frameworks

Forging links with initiatives, organisations and agencies in the context (UN GGIM, GEO EO4SDG, CEOS)

Sharing and exchange of experiences of the actions

UN 2030 Agenda
Sustainable Development Goals

UN Statistics Division



GEO EO4SDG
CEOS EO4SDG
FIG GI4SDG
…

Guidelines

The stakeholder's triangle
in target and indicator monitoring and national reporting

Land Water Urban Vegetation Forestry etc

Enabling interoperable infrastructures:
EO Information system and services
National Spatial Data Infrastructure
Official statistical information System
Related capabilities: in data acquisition, processing, analysis, data discovery and access, visualization, preservation and stewardship innovative technology exploration & exploitation

Needs:
Partnership
Cooperation
Data integration
Legislative Framework
Data policy
Capacity building
Financing

Actions on Domestic and Cross-border events

Day of the European Surveyors and Geoinformation
Budapest, 22 March 2017/ (Mihály et al, 2017a)
Surveyors, GI experts policy makers, market players, professors, students, members of civil societies **180 pers.**

GIS Open 2017
Székesfehérvár, 11-13 April 2017/ (Mihály et al, 2017b)
Land Administration, experts in surveying, mapping, remote sensing, geoinformatics; professors, students, researchers **150 pers.**

18th Meeting of Transylvanian Surveyors, EMT
Tusnádfürdő, 18-21 May 2017/ (Mihály et al, 2017c)
A cross-border event. Geodesists, surveyors, experts in cadastre and geoinformatics, private sector of Transylvania and Hungary **140 pers.**

7th GIS Conference and Exhibition
Debrecen, 25-26 May 2017/ (Palya et al, 2017)
Experts in geoinformatics and remote sensing, professionals of higher education, policy makers, civil servants **150 pers.**

31st Bi-annual Roving Conference of MFTTT
Szekszárd, 6-8 July 2017/ (Mihály et al, 2017d)
Experts in land administration, surveying, mapping, remote sensing, geoinformatics; Policy makers, civil societies' members **192 pers.**

Mini Conference, 70th Anniversary of Prof. B. Márkus
Székesfehérvár, 11 July 2017/ (Mihály, 2017)
Experts in geoinformatics from universities, students, private sector, governmental agencies and civil professionals **35 pers.**

Fény-Tér-Kép (Light-Space-Image) Conference
Gárdony, 12-13 October 2017/ (Mihály et al, 2017e)
Experts in photogrammetry, remote sensing, Earth Observation, image processing and geoinformatics/ **100 pers.**

Meeting with SD representatives of the National University of Public Service
Budapest, 7 November 2017/ (Mihály et al, 2017f)
Experts in Good State/Governance, efficiency indicators, **4 pers.**

Actions: on Domestic and Cross-border events

Day of the European Surveyors and Geoinformation
Budapest, 21 March 2018
(Mihály et al 2018a)
Surveyors, experts in EO and geoinformatics; market actors, students, professors, students, members of civil societies **130 pers.**

Szabolcs Mihály lead of the MFTTT GI/EO4SDG Team

7th Conference of the Zielinski Szilárd Civil Engineering College
Budapest, 4 May 2018/ (Palya, 2018)
Students of Civil Engineering Faculty, Budapest University of Technology and Economics
Higher education faculty professionals, students **30 pers.**

Tamás Palya, member of the MFTTT GI/EO4SDG Team

Sharing, exchange and outreach

GIM International Magazine's Insider's View/ September 2017/ ((Remetey-Fülöpp, 2017)
Wider international community of geospatial information management

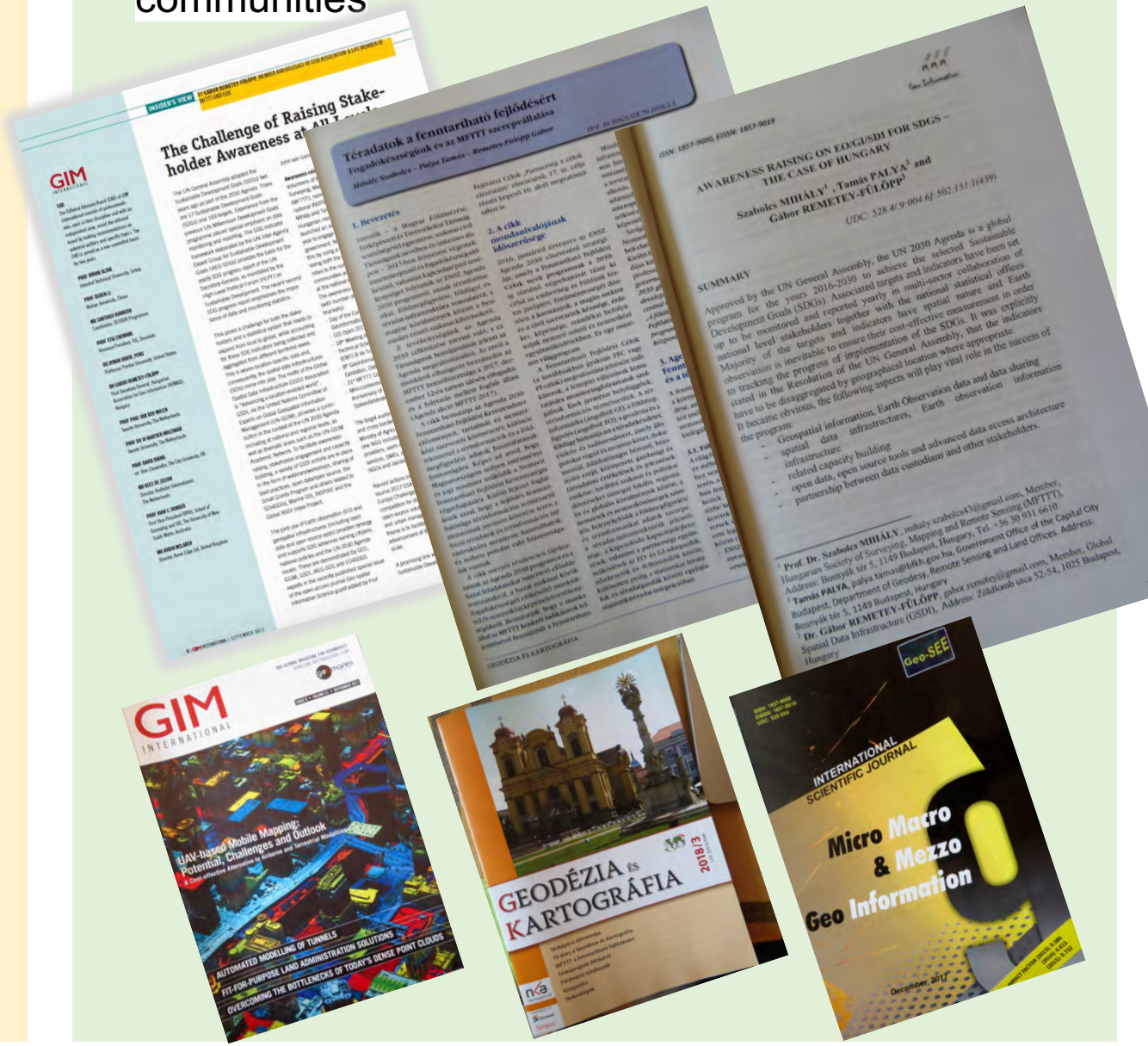
Paper in **International Scientific Journal MMM-GI** December 2017/ (Mihály et al 2017h)
Experts and stakeholder representatives of EO/geospatial data and technologies

Geodézia és Kartográfia/ 2018/3 / (Mihály et al 2018b)
Hungarian community in surveying, mapping, geo-informatics, remote sensing and land management
Circulation: 1000

https://hunagi8.blogspot.com (xxx spots on SDG so far)

https://www.mfttt.hu/mftttportal

Publications in magazines/scientific journals, on websites and social media platforms, targeted communities



Sharing and outreach

At Int'l Conferences, Workshops and Working Group Meetings

7th International Conference on Cartography & GIS, Sozopol, Bulgaria 18-23 June 2018/ (Zentai et al 2018)/ International experts of Cartography and GIS/ 196 pers.

Contribution to the **2nd Nexus Conference on Climate-Water-Food-Energy**/ Chapel Hill 16- 18 April 2018 as well as interventions at the **InterCarto-InterGIS Interdisciplinary Conference on Geo-information and Sustainable Development** /Bonn, 24-28 July 2018.

Hungarian GIS data for Sustainable Development Goals. Presented at the European Forum on Geography and Statistics (Palya et al 2018) Helsinki 16-18 Oct 2018

SDI Days, 14th International Conference on Geo-information and Cartography Zagreb, 27 September 2018. In the Welcome address given by L. Zentai, Secretary-general of ICA, the MFTTT's activities were mentioned

SDG Day. Source: ELTE TFT

SDG Day. Source: ELTE TFT

PT talks at the EFGS

Bi-annual Hellenic Cartographic Conference. Prof. L. Zentai will introduce the MFTTT's SDI-related actions in his opening speech. Thessaloniki, 31 October – 2 November 2018

Sharing and outreach at Workshops and Working Group Meetings

Hungarian efforts promoting the EO/SDI for SDGs by MFTTT were mentioned in the **GSDI's Liaison Reports** and presented for the **CEOS WGISS-44** and **WGISS-45** plenaries hosted by NASA and RADI respectively (GSDI, 2017a and GSDI, 2017b) and reported as contribution for **GEO EO4SDG Initiative** in August 2017 and August 2018

GEO EO4SDG Initiative' progress report prepared for *GEO Highlights* mentioned the Hungarian activities in September 2018

MFTTT's actions were reported on the 3rd Anniversary **Day of Action** (25 September 2018) to Act4SDGs.org in frame of the **UN SDG Action Campaign**

GR at WGISS-41 hosted by GA

Source: EO4SDG Progress Report 2018

GEO GROUP ON EARTH OBSERVATIONS

its Volunteer National Review report, this year; this included references to Digital Earth Australia (DEA) and Open Data Cube (ODC) projects using and promoting satellite data. To complement its efforts, the Australian Government organized a special side-event around EO and SDGs. The side meeting, followed by two hands-on workshops, was designed to consult with, and inspire, more governments and organizations to take action on using EO with the SDGs, while providing necessary knowledge on how and where to begin with.

Country representatives from Australia, Greece, Vietnam, Namibia, Switzerland, and Vietnam present their perspectives on EO uses for the SDGs during the Australia-led side meeting as part of the 2018 HLPF. Credit: EO4SDG

Hungary was another country that submitted its Volunteer National Review report at the 2018 HLPF. Efforts aiming to emphasize opportunities and challenges for geospatial data stakeholders in the SDG context in Hungary include activities by a committed team of volunteers mandated by the Hungarian Society of Surveying, Mapping and Remote Sensing (MFTTT) to contribute to the implementation of the SDGs by identifying and promoting the use of geospatial and EO data. These efforts, inspired partly by EO4SDG and the Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Association, have focused on enhancing multi-stakeholder partnerships – for instance, between the MFTTT, the Hungarian Space Office, and the Hungarian Central Statistical Office, in support of geospatial/EO integration in national SDG monitoring and implementation.

As part of UN-GGIM 8, EO4SDG worked with UN-GGIM

How to reach us?

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The project on Earth Observation Information System (FIR)

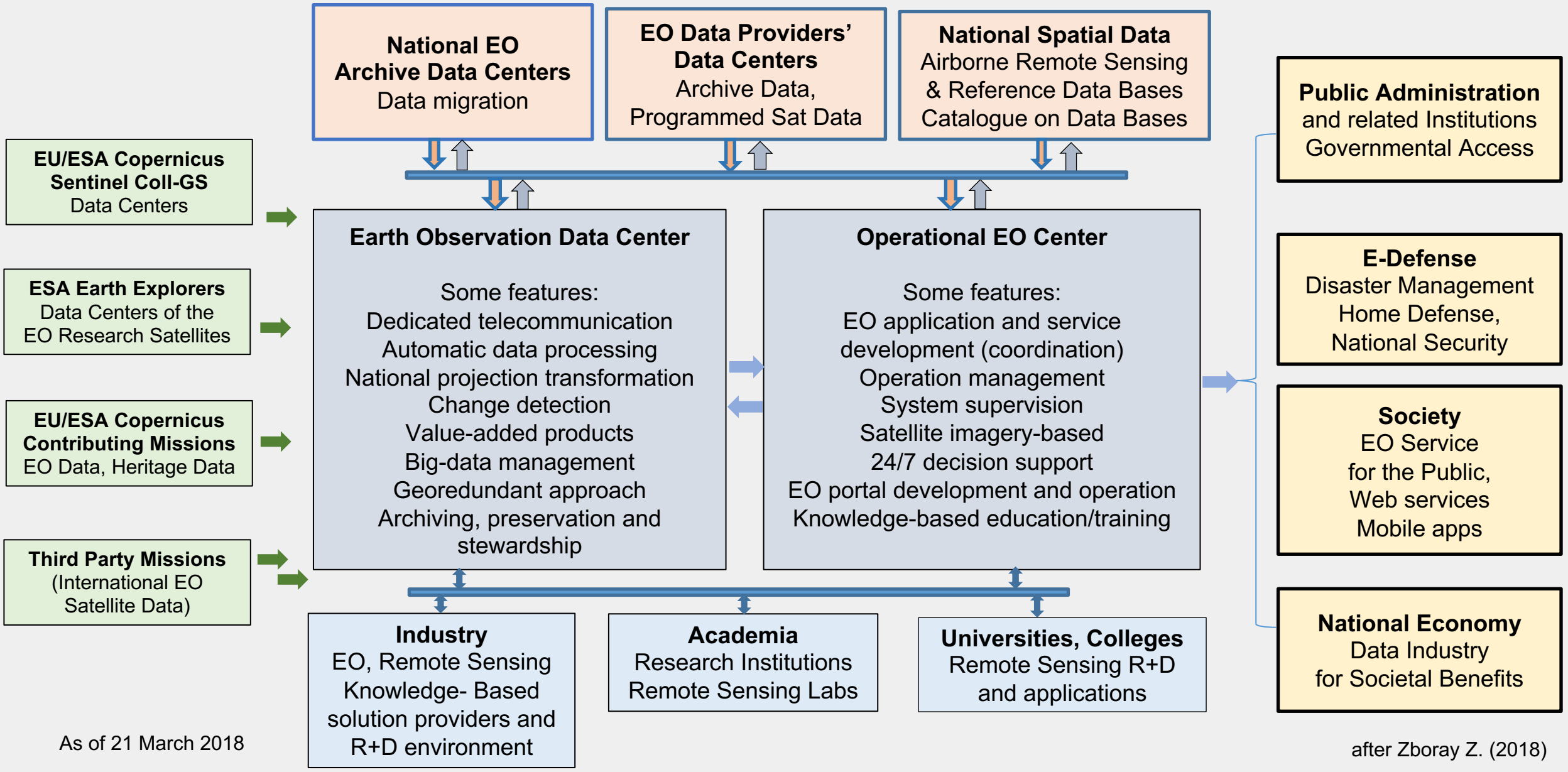
Aim of the project is to establish a comprehensive governmental capability to provide detailed, eaily accessible and up-to date
EO information for the public administration, governmental institutions, private sector and the whole society. The “Earth Observation Information System” (FIR) using freely accessible and commercial EO data, will provide a unified, integrated and value-added information service for the society upon the central infrastructure, applying e-service.
Project ID: KÖFOP-1.0.0-VEKOP-15-2017-00050
Managed by a consortium lead by KIFÜ, the Governmental Info Tech Development Agency
Beneficiaries: : **KIFÜ**, National Infocommunications Service **(NISZ),** Budapest Capital Governmental Office (**BFKH**)
Planned deadline: 31 October 2019
Budget: 7,000,000,000 HUF

Targets Enabling / providing /creating / developing

- **EO Services for the Public Administration**
- **e-Earth platform** on visual data of Copernicus program
- Establishment of the **EO Data Center**
- Establishment of the **EO Operation Center**
- **Nationwide Operative Monitoring System**
- Increasing the efficiency of the acccess and use of satellite data by **process- and service development**
- **Special content provision for state-owned companies**
- EO data processing environment **for Hungarian SMEs**
- **Change monitoring services** for the private sector as well as the whole society
- Environment for **application- and service development by informatics**
- **Standard access nodes and interfaces for FIR**
- **Efficient link to access Copernicus data for Hungary**
- **Legislative framework**

Source: http://kifu.gov.hu/kofop_fir (last visited on 21.10.2018)

Earth Observation Information System (FIR) - Overview



As of 21 March 2018

after Zboray Z. (2018)

Expected impact of the awareness actions

Empowering and motivating students, start-ups, young professionals with information on the challenges and opportunities of EO/GIS/SDI as well as related technologies, services and apps to support the achievement of the UN SDGs.

Engagement of stakeholders and forged co-operations between players from academia, government, industry and learned societies with emphasis on the EO/geospatial data custodians, SDI service providers and national statistics of the Central Statistical Office.

Increasing number of interdisciplinary (Nexus) approaches to reach multi-goals accomplishment by joint actions of multi-sector stakeholders (e.g. land, water, urban, climate, food)

GI/EO4SDG issues embedded in the higher education curricula

Improved links between the statistical and geospatial communities, with the aim of increasing the interoperability of statistical and geospatial data.

More effective development and use of EO/GI in the UN SDG target and indicator monitoring and yearly national reporting context based on the integrated geospatial and official statistic information and use of the announced State Earth Observation Information System capabilities (Zboray, Fekete 2018),

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Thank you for your attention!