Restructuration of topographic Finnish data, LC/LU

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EursoSDR, Land use/land cover products:

challenges and opportunities

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Finnish topographic database today

- The most detailed and up-to-date nation wide general topographic information of Finland.
- First version of the *database* was generated by digitizing paper maps in 1990.
- Maintenance processes today are
- 1) Periodical updating
 - Based on aerial photography and stereo collision
 - Intervals 5-10 years
- 2) Continuous updating
 - Transportation networks and buildings only.
 - Mainly based on official information and clues from various sources from other authorities.

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LU/LC in topographic database

- Land use and land cover feature classes are part of the content and maintained by periodical updating process.
- Majority of these classes represent land cover.
- Land use classes are surveyed for two reasons
 - 1) Generalization, example *park* or *cemetery*.
 - 2) Land use prohibits land cover to be seen, example *dump*.
- LU/LC classes are utilized among other data sources by Finnish Environment Institute in order to provide *Corine land cover* data of Finland.
- Together, land use and cover polygons cover less than 50 % of the area.





Future user requirements

- A User study in 2015
 - GIS expert interviews
 - Webropol study for customers
- Serie of workshops 2016-2017
 - Buildings and other constructions, 2 events
 - Traffic network, 2 events
 - Terrain (including LC/LU), 2 events
 - Security sector
- Serie of meetings with Finnish Environment Institute and Finnish Forest centre.



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Results

- Customers would like to have 100 % LC/LU cover. No priority, which classification.
 - Forest is needed as polygon feature.
- Finnish Environment Institute would like to have as detailed and updated data as possible for production of Corine land cover and other data products.
- Subclasses were suggested for several LU and LC classes; grass lands, storage areas, traffic areas, sport- and leisure areas.
- Version control and detailed metadata.
- Digital surcafe model (grid)



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Challenges

Modelling

- Wetlands classicifation ≠ Corine
 - Tidal phenomena not strong in Baltic sea.
 - Post-glacial rebound is ongoing process.
- Process
 - Data is generated by several methods using several sources.
 - Nationwide field survey is no more option.
 - Marsh land <> Paludified area. Definition is based on thickness of the peat layer.

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