



INSPIRE Thematic Cluster on *Elevation, Orthoimagery, Reference systems and Geographical grids*

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A screenshot of the INSPIRE Thematic Clusters platform website. The header reads "INSPIRE Thematic Clusters". Below the header, there are sections for "About the INSPIRE Thematic Clusters Platform", "Top news", "INSPIRE on Twitter", and "Topics". The main content area shows a grid of nine images related to geospatial themes like elevation, orthoimagery, and reference systems. At the bottom, there are links for "Thematic Clusters names and themes", "Cross group discussions", and "Topics". A "Joint Research Centre" logo is visible at the bottom right.

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Introduction to Thematic cluster scope

Elevation, Orthoimagery, Reference systems and Geographical grids (49)

Main stakeholders: Mapping agencies, EU agencies and entities,
EU and global coordination bodies

European Environment Agency



Elevation

(7)



Orthoimagery

(10)



Coordinate reference systems

(5)

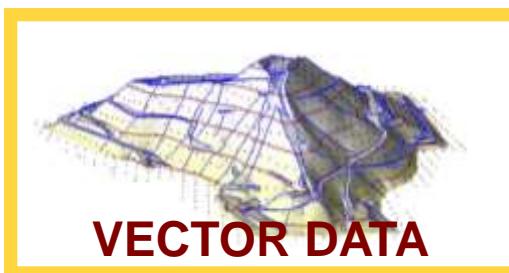
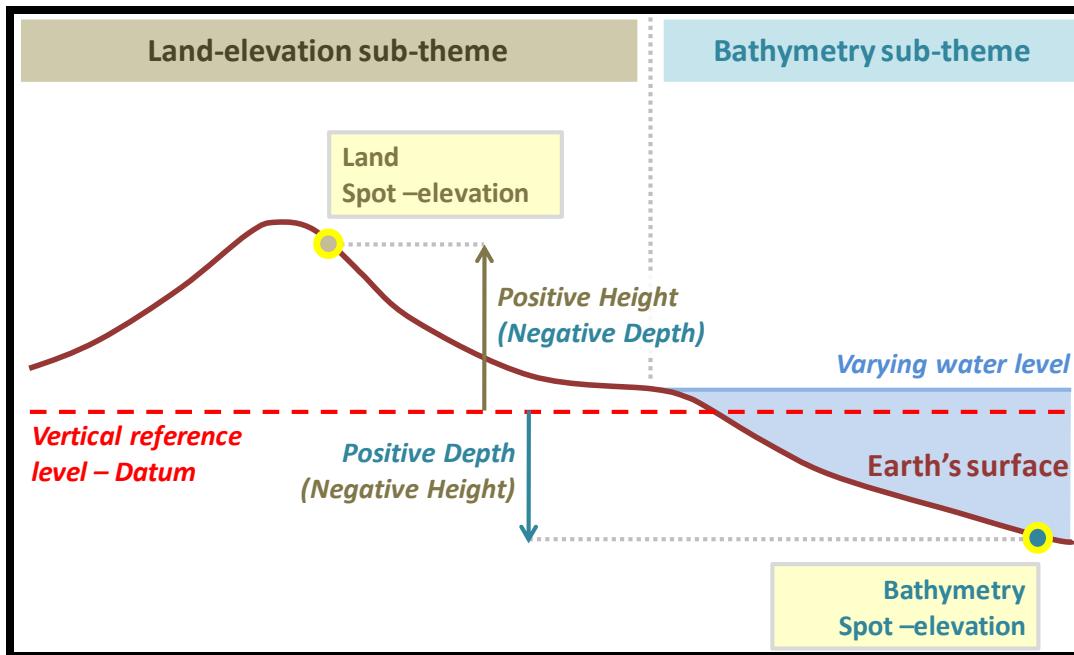


Geographical grid systems

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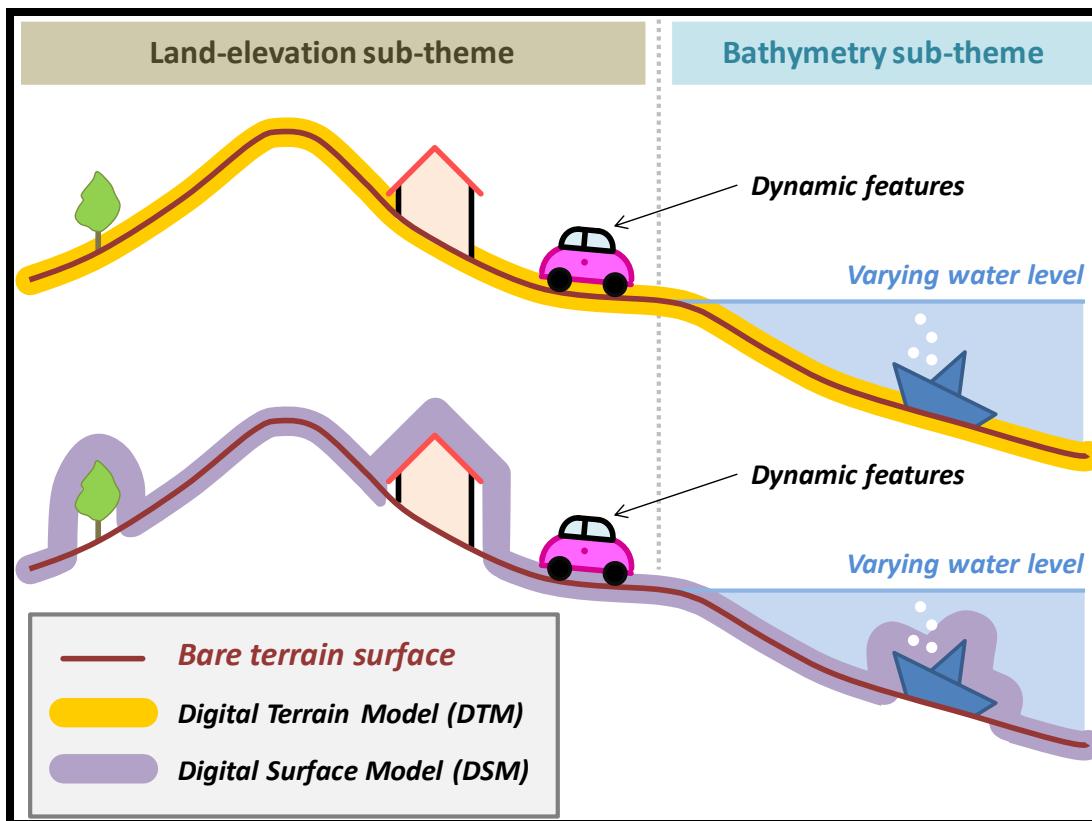
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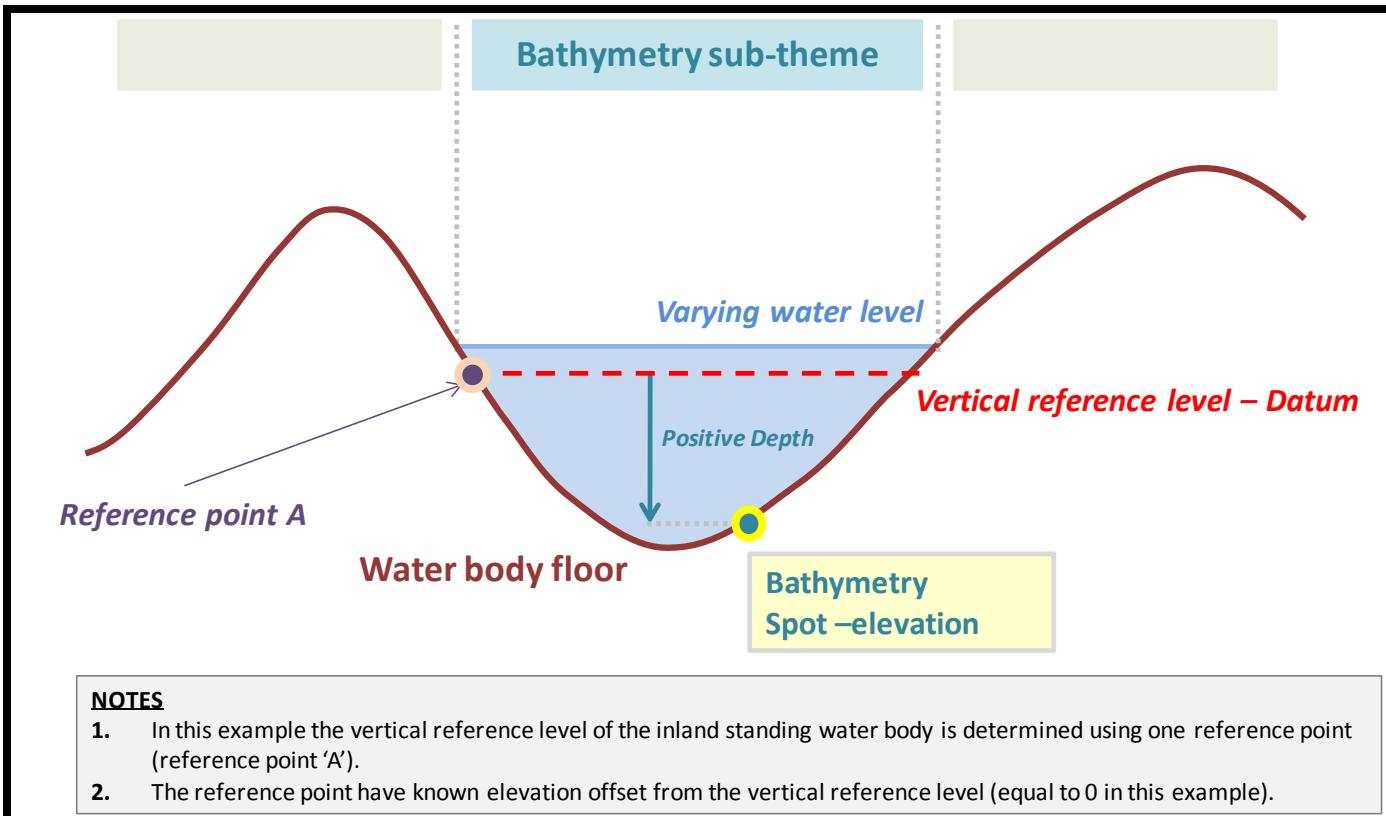
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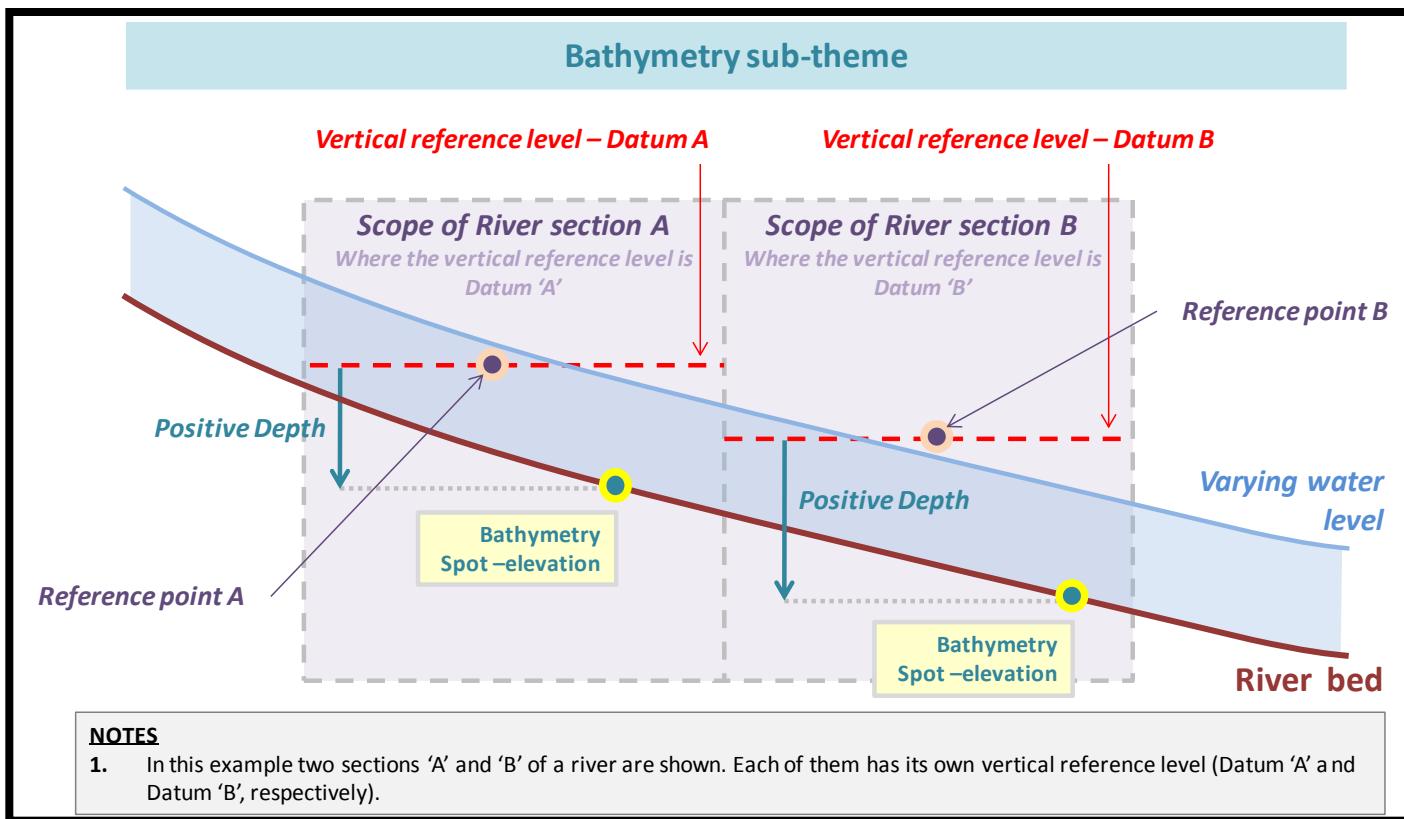
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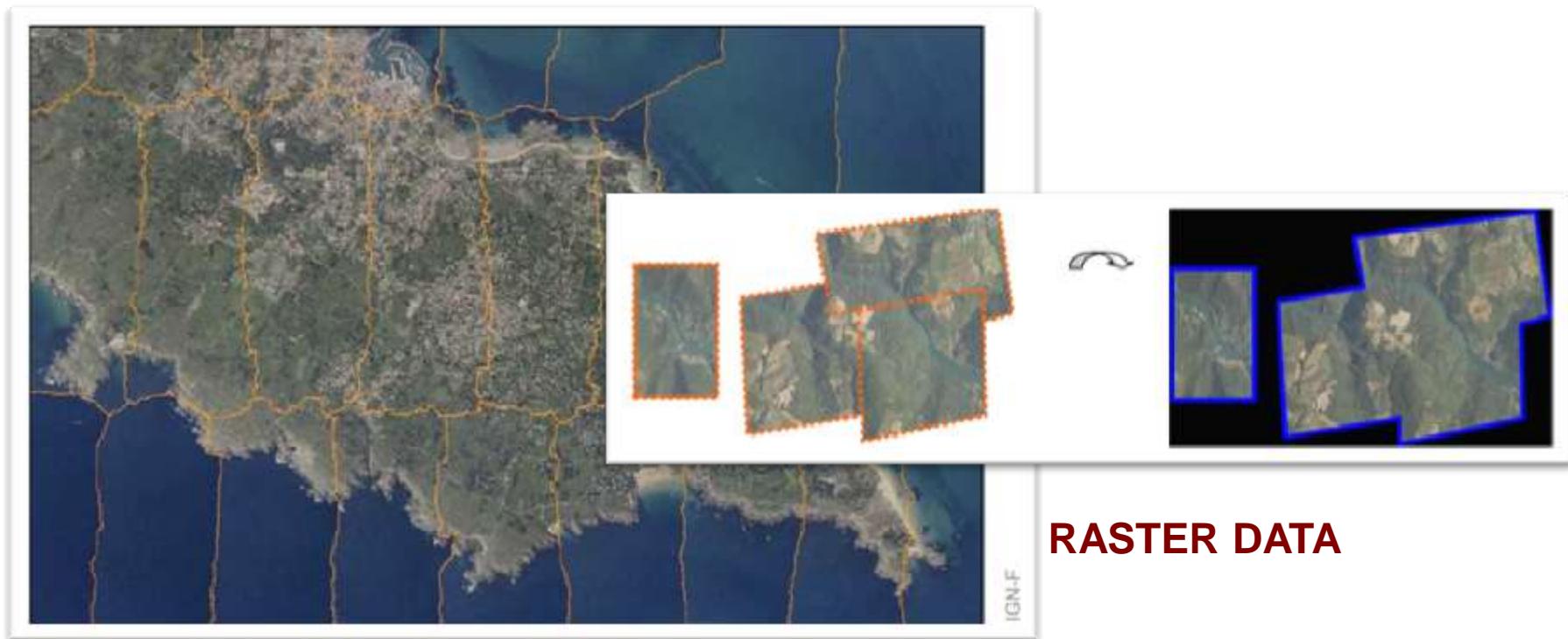
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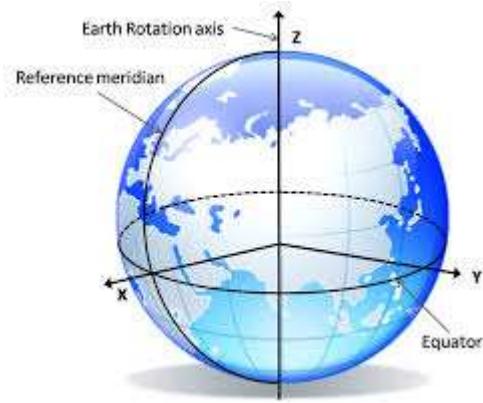
- Geo-referenced image data of the Earth's surface, from either satellite or airborne sensors.



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- Systems for uniquely referencing spatial information in space as a set of coordinates (x , y , z) and/or latitude and longitude and height, based on a geodetic horizontal and vertical datum.

NO DATA



ETRS89 – EVRS + Hydrographic references

ETRS89
Geodetic coordinates

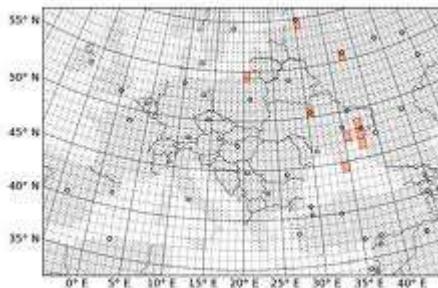
MAP PROJECTIONS

ETRS89
LCC / LAEA / TMzn

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- Harmonised multi-resolution grid with a common point of origin and standardised location and size of grid cells.

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GEOGRAPHICAL GRIDS

[Grid_ETRS89-LAEA \(Equal Area Grid\) / Grid_ETRS89-GRS80 \(Zoned Geographic Grid\)](#)



Thematic cluster/sub-group best practices

Best practices & Pan-European products

- EuroDEM
- EU-DEM
- PNOT (Spain):
PNOA (Ortho/DTM) / PNT (Remote sensing) / SIOSE (LC)
- EuroGeographics INSPIRE KEN



NMCAs strategy to implement INSPIRE specifications
Webinars on implementation issues, tools, etc.
Workshops on data transformation

Projects

- ELF
- CRS-EU
- ISO CRS Registry



Thematic cluster main group discussions

Categories

- Elevation, Orthoimagery, Reference Systems and Geographical Grids Cluster Categories
 - Thematic use case 10
 - Data model/scope 0
 - Common terminology 1
 - Encoding 5
 - Data quality 3
 - Evolution - Thematic extensions 0
 - Portrayal 0
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 - S/W tools 5
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 - Best Practice 3
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Common topics (Elevation, Orthoimagery)

Data model

- Management of PID and temporal aspects

Encoding / Delivery

- Issues encoding INSPIRE EL and OI coverages (GML COV) – cross-cluster issue
- Domain extent of (ISO 19123) INSPIRE coverages using `gml:boundedBy` - GML best practice
- WCS as an INSPIRE download service option

S/W tools

- Transformation of raster data using FME
- Experiences using other transformation software

Validation and testing

- Existing validation tools (e.g. Schematron, JAVA)



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Elevation

Thematic use cases / Interoperability

- Resolution needed for a pan-European DEM (e.g. EuroDEM, EU-DEM)
- EuroDEM and the ELF Project (migration to automatic interoperability)
- EU-DEM usability (INSPIRE conformance / Need for updating)
- Usefulness of (vector) contour lines transformed to EVRS from national EL RS

Encoding

- Use of the OGC SWE Quantity constraint



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Orthoimagery

Interoperability

- Misalignments between orthoimages produced by different data providers

Coordinate reference systems

Interoperability

- Order of coordinate axes in the Transverse Mercator projection (ETRS89-TMzn)
- Support to CRS transformation in Europe
- Need for an official CRS and geodetic parameters registry in Europe
- ISO CRS Registry



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Geographical grids

Thematic use cases / Interoperability

- Transformation of gridded reporting data from national grids to the INSPIRE 'Equal Area Grid'
- Use of the 'Equal Area Grid' (Grid_ETRS89-LAEA)
- Usability of the 'Zoned Geographic Grid' (Grid_ETRS89-GRS80)



Questions?

