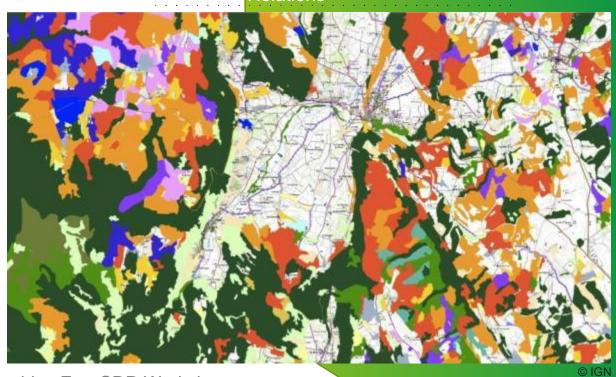
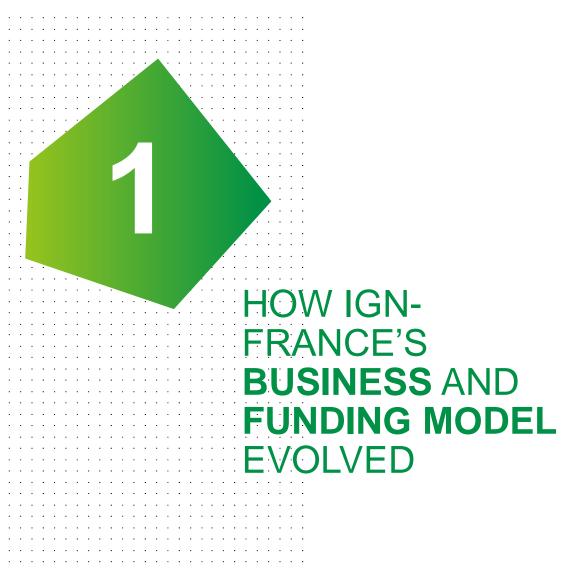


IGN-FRANCE'S STRATEGY FOR MAKING ITS FUNDING MODEL SUSTAINABLE IN TERMS OF OPEN DATA

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CORE BUSINESS OF IGN

Type of organisation of "Institut national de l'information géographique et forestière" (National Institute of Geographic and Forest Information - IGN)

A government agency

Tutelage of the ministry in charge of sustainable development and the ministry in charge of forest



Core business of IGN

Mission: maintain multi-thematic description of the national territory

Q Ensure all necessary representations (digital or paper)

Initial "value proposition": supply a reference description

- Authoritative
- Quality level standard



EVOLUTION OF IGN OVERALL DIRECTION

Before data opening

IGN required by government to do its best to carry out its mission



New context: data opening

Major change in 5-year time

- 2016: French law makes all IGN data free for public bodies
- 2019: PSI "Open Data" directive introduces notion of High Value Datasets
 Prime Minister decides all IGN's datasets shall be free from 2022 on
- 2021: Opening all IGN data for everyone



Immediate impact on IGN's overall direction

IGN's purpose is to meet the needs of public policies

- Must shift its focus further in that direction
- Separate Expected to work on core data productions
 - Require to be mastered by the public decision makers ("sovereign data")
 - Technically complex
- Must abandon competitive market



IMPACT ON IGN FUNDING MODEL

From a model driven by **grant** and sales...

"Grant for public service charge"

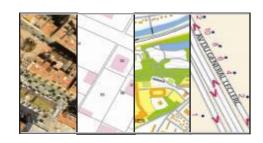
- not assigned to specific activities
- **Q** balancing the IGN budget
- completed with specific works fees and professional market incomes

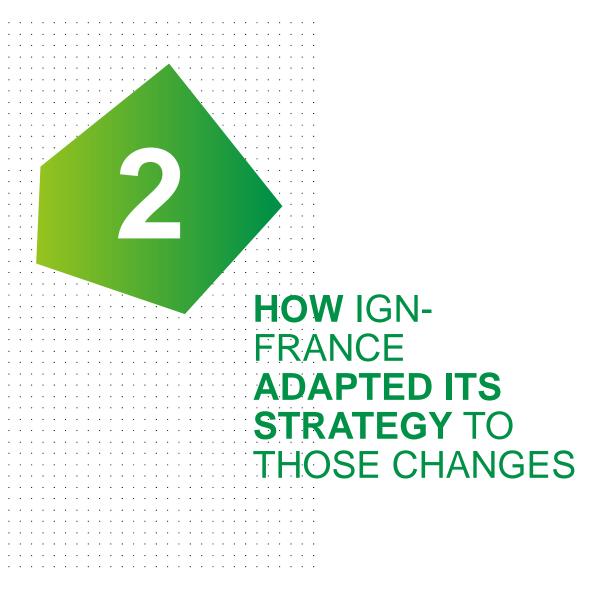
IGN Budget ~160 M€ including:	Basic financing model
Grant for public service charge: ~85 M€ (note: less than personnel costs: ~110 M€)	Public service for which government agrees to finance using <u>tax-payers</u> <u>money</u>
- Works for Ministry of Defence: ~35 M€ - Works for Min. of Agriculture (LPIS): ~12 M€ - Grants from other public bodies: ~8 M€	Public service for which government requires public bodies to finance
Professional market: ~10 M€ Including data licences: ~2.5 M€ Open data → gradual decrease	Services for which some <u>users</u> (public and/or private sector) <u>must pay</u>
General Public (mainly sales of paper maps): ~8 M€	Service for which the <u>public</u> are required to <u>pay</u>

...to a model driven by **project** funding

Grant assigned to core services only (geodesy production, training programme...)

- Pata opened since 2021
- Q Loss of royalty income, not compensated by the grant
- Obtaining specific funding for new projects beforehand





HOW IGN FUNDS NEW PROJECTS (1)

Obtaining **specific funding** beforehand

Project-based **fund-raising** and/or **financing** rounds

- At national level (ministries, local authorities...)
- At European level (consortiums to answer tenders)

Funding by one sponsor

Ministries funding specific IGN activities entirely

- **Q** Ministry of Defence (defence projects)
- Ministry of Agriculture (French LPIS)

Sponsors entirely funding a specific project meeting their needs

- **Ministry of Ecology**
- French Office for Biodiversity



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HOW IGN FUNDS NEW PROJECTS (2)

Funding cross-sectoral projects

Funding windows allow IGN to receive **specific grants** contributing to projects that meet many needs

Funding completed with financing rounds organised by IGN

- **Q** General Directorate for Risk Prevention
- **Ministry of Agriculture**
- National Forests Office,
- **Q** local authorities
- **9** ...



OCS GE (automatic production of a large-scale land cover product)

Q Lidar HD: about 40 M€

Q Géoplateforme

Being co-funded, these projects lead IGN to the issue of **shared governance**



















PROSPECTING NEW PARTNERSHIPS TO MAKE IGN-FRANCE'S FUNDING MODEL SUSTAINABLE



NEW PARTNERS: COMMUNITIES

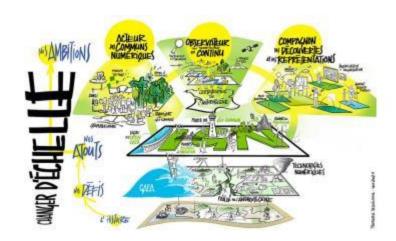
Geo-commons strategy

3 ambitions for IGN

- Observer
- Stakeholder
- **Q**cartographer

10 projects (including sharing places and programmes)

Objective: to gather IGN, **potential partners**, **users** around common (open) geospatial data and tools



Incubator "Fabrique des géocommuns"

Supporting the development of open-sourced software programs, open hardware and open datasets linked to geospatial information

Developing innovative public services intended to become digital commons.

- Occupance of a national address database
- Open alternative to Google street view (Panoramax).



NEW PARTNERS: START-UPS AND SMEs

Incubator "IGNfab"

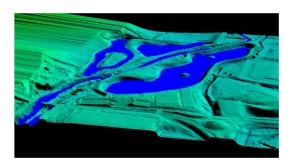
Since 2015, establishing partnerships with **start-ups** and **SMEs**

Objectives:

- Qurging on the development of services based on IGN data
- **Q** accompanying news partners









NEW PARTNERS: PRIVATE COMPAGNIES

Datalliance strategy...

Objective:

- to implement IGN response to sponsors' needs, more quickly and with greater innovation
- to remove technological or capacity barriers
- by teaming up with compagnies that have already developed technologies we currently miss



Exchange group with companies selected

- of their capacity to innovate
- with scale-up issues

...to focus on **specific projects**

To meet a sponsor's need (e.g.: a ministry)

- Sovereignty of the solution ensured by IGN
- Obligation of means (transparency, sovereignty) and results























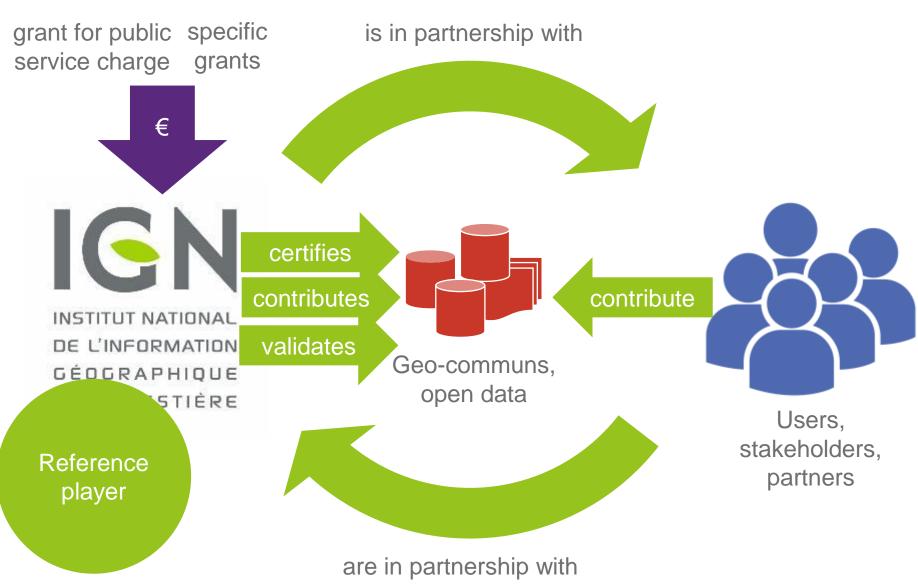


CONCLUSION: FROM IGN'S PREVIOUS STRATEGY...

grant for public service charge € have produces access INSTITUT NATIONAL DE L'INFORMATION **Authoritative** GÉOGRAPHIQUE national data ET FORESTIÈRE Users € pay (fees...)



CONCLUSION: ...TO IGN'S NEW STRATEGY



CONCLUSION

Evolution of IGN's model

Supply not only useful data, but also indispensable data

Open data favouring the **partnerships** necessary for our economic balance

Thank you for your attention



















