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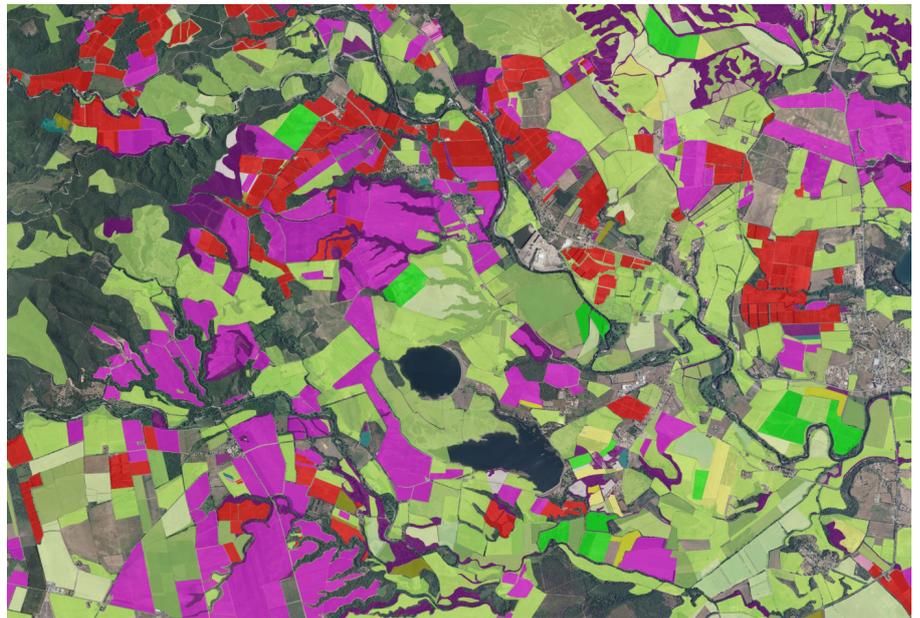
## Geoplatform: France's public space for geographic information

Together with its partners, the National Institute of Geographic and Forest Information (IGN-F) is building a Geoplatform as a public space for geographic information.

The aim is to provide officials and citizens with an open, collaborative and shared infrastructure that brings together communities and uses through geo-located data and services.

The Geoplatform is an opportunity to streamline existing infrastructures by avoiding duplication while enhancing the quality and efficiency of the production, processing and dissemination of geographic information. By improving the territorial approach of public policies, it meets the French government's strategy to build Government as a Platform, and has been awarded €3.6 million by the call for proposals from the Fund for Transforming Public Action.

The open governance of the Geoplatform promotes the emergence of standards and common specifications. By connecting with artificial intelligence or augmented reality, it will also enrich existing services,



design new ones and develop the uses of geo-located data. New services will be jointly created, shared with, or even led by partners, enabling them to better cross-reference and promote the value of their geographic data and associated API services.

To ensure that it focuses on the collective interest and use of geographic information to meet specific user needs, the Geoplatform is built on three essential pillars:

- An open and mutualised platform, consisting of a catalogue of data, processing tools, generic applications, learning databases and algorithms which will all be available online through APIs.
- An ecosystem of uses and communities, bringing together users

and producers of data and services that can be federated around themes, such as urban planning and tourism, or technical communities.

- Collaborative solutions (crowd and community sourcing) for maintaining and enriching authoritative geographic data. Based on a principle of shared databases between public institutions and within the civil sphere, this innovative mechanism of pooling enrichments and data updates enables savings in resources for both IGN-F and partners, as well as improved data quality.

IGN-F is encouraging any interested stakeholder to become a Geoplatform partner.