



GODAN Local Farming Challenge 2017 – Encourage Geo-Innovation Solutions for Zero Hunger

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The initial ideas for Open Geospatial Science [1] were presented nearly a decade ago. They build upon the proposition of Open science which argues that scientific knowledge develops more rapidly and productively if openly shared (as early as is practical in the discovery process). The key ingredients that make Open Geospatial Science possible are enshrined in Open Principles, i.e. *opensourcegeospatialsoftware*, *opendata*, *openstandards*, *openeducationalresources*, and *openaccesstoresearchpublications*.

OpenCitySmart [2] is an initiative of Geo for All [3] that aims to develop a suite of tools for city-related infrastructure management (utilities, traffic, services, etc.). Its purpose will be to continually refine and add functions to spatial data like this. This will create opportunities for innovation both globally and locally.

As the population of cities grows, the concern of food security will shift from rural to urban areas. Currently, nearly 800 million people live in urban areas. The global urban population network was geospatial data.

Through the GODAN Europa Challenge we want to bring together researchers and students to work collaboratively on innovative and brightest solutions serving city needs.

With support from the NASA Europa Challenge [5], GODAN is launching a Local Farming Challenge. We welcome students to explore temporal aspects of local farming, tools for helping reducing waste (for example linking with local food banks), and any number of other innovative ideas.

1. [http://www.mdpi.com/journal/ijgi/special_issues/science – applications](http://www.mdpi.com/journal/ijgi/special_issues/science%20-%20applications)
2. <http://www.geoforall.org/>
3. <https://wiki.osgeo.org/wiki/OpenCitySmart>
4. <http://www.godan.info>
5. <http://eurochallenge.comopolimi.it>