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## GMES Land Portal [www.land.eu](http://www.land.eu)

- New Land Portal to be main entry point for land related GMES services
- GMES stakeholder team across Europe to provide easy access to services

In time for the GMES Forum 2008 “Together, take better care of the Planet” held in Lille on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008, the Land Information Stakeholder Community has established a common data portal at **[www.land.eu](http://www.land.eu)**.

This comprehensive and easy-to-use online portal is designed to be the main entry point for all land related services from operational programmes and dedicated GMES projects.

Users can directly view and analyse geo-information and Earth Observation data on a web-map server that links results from all over Europe. Land cover information, the assessment of water quality and the monitoring of the rapidly growing cities in Europe are among the topics covered.

The portal provides an overview of datasets available in a large variety of data repositories across Europe (e.g. on servers supplied by legally mandated public bodies such as the European Environment Agency (EEA), the Joint Research Centre (JRC), or numerous project-related websites).

The easy-to-use web-map server provides previews of existing datasets ranging from local urban information to global datasets. The intuitive navigation enables the user to view and compare datasets from different sources and projects in the fields of land cover/ land use, water quality, forest monitoring and spatial planning. Related meta-data and details regarding access options and conditions of use are also given. Data can be ordered directly from the original data holders.

The easy data accessibility and user-friendly evaluation possibilities provided by this portal will make a considerable contribution to an increased adoption of land related products and services by users across Europe, supporting the implementation of a broad range of European monitoring, reporting and management requirements, such as those driven by the Water Framework Directive of European regional policies.

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