Establishment and members of the MFTTT's working group WG4SDG

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To support the monitoring and reporting processes during implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the respective Hungarian National Framework Strategy for Sustainable Development programme (NFSSD), involvement of the Earth observation (EO) and Geospatial (GI) data infrastructure is required.

To activate the EO/GI infrastructure in February 2017, an awareness raising campaign was started at Hungarian national level by volunteers of the Hungarian Society of Surveying, Mapping and Remote Sensing (MFTTT). They become founding members of the WG4SDG as it follows:

- Szabolcs Mihály, ex-director of the former Institute of Geodesy, Cartography and Remote Sensing (the flagship of geospatial and Earth observation developments in Hungary to provide data, services and solutions in land, agriculture and environment domains that time), earlier Hungarian delegate to INSPIRE of European Commission and ex-president of MFTTT;
- Gábor Remetey-Fülöpp, national Group of Earth Observations (GEO) correspondent, former chief
 counsellor of Department of Land Administration at Ministry of Agriculture, former secretary
 general for the Hungarian Association for Geo-information, delegated by Global Spatial Data
 Infrastructure (GSDI), by Hungarian Space Office (HSO) to GEO plenaries and to Committee of
 Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS) Working Group on Information Systems and Services
 (WGISS);
- Tamás Palya, vice chair of the Quality Knowledge Expert Network at EuroGeographics and delegate to the INSPIRE Maintenance and Implementation Group;
- László Zentai, pro-rector of ELTE Eötvös Lóránd University, Budapest, having GI/EO educational
 practice and international cooperation as former secretary general and vice-president of
 International Cartographic Association (ICA).

Conforming to the long-term property of these tasks and to fulfil requirements of formalities in their activity at domestic and international level, the ad-hoc team status has been changed to a permanent one by the MFTTT Executive Committee resolution No. 16/2018.(XII.10.): a Working Group for the Sustainable Development (WG4SDG) of the MFTTT has been established, with leadership of Szabolcs Mihály and membership of Péter Hargitai, Gyula Iván, Tamás Palya, Gábor Remetey-Fülöpp and László Zentai. Later on Dániel Kristóf has been adopted.

As new members, P. Hargitai is the president of Cluster of Hungarian Space Industry (HUNSPACE); Gy. Iván is national delegate to the International Federation of Surveying (FIG) by MFTTT; D. Kristóf is leader of the Satellite Remote Sensing Department of Lechner Knowledge Centre, prime delegate to the ESA in Earth Observation and leading expert in the Earth Observation Information System created in Hungary.

Actions of the WG4SDG are embracing the domestic spatiotemporal tasks in implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the respective Hungarian National Framework Strategy for Sustainable Development programme (NFSSD). The targets 17.16 and 17.17 of the Resolution 70/1 of the UN General Assembly are in focus of the WG4SDG, namely to:

- 17.16 Enhance the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, complemented by multistakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in all countries, in particular developing countries;
- 17.17 Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships.