

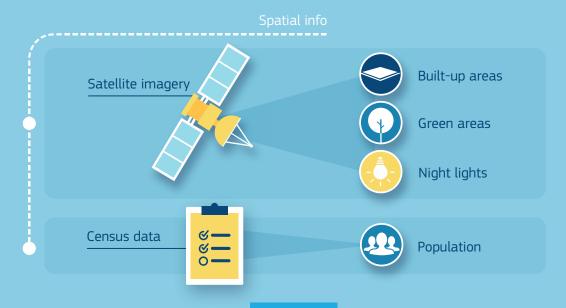
Mapping human presence on Earth

The Global Human Settlement Layer (GHSL)

Framework of data and tools to improve our collective knowledge about the human presence on Earth



The most complete, consistent, global, free and open dataset on human settlements – from the village to the megacity



Research Centre

What can it be used for?













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To know the characteristics of settlements



To measure the size of settlements

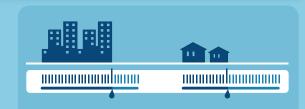




How green they are



How exposed to disasters they are





Monitoring the implementation of international frameworks



Key findings



There are many more settlements than we think

Built up has globally increased by 150% since 1975







Urban areas occupy an area equal to half the size of Europe 28



SUSTAINABLE GALS



United NationsFramework Convention on Climate Change













