

The Data Space for a Sustainable Green Europe



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Summer is here, but the SAGE project does not go on holidays. Instead, we enter one of our most exciting phases yet. SAGE is moving from testing to production, with its **10 funded use cases** now bringing their applications to life in the GDDS Proof of Concept environment. This is the moment of truth: proving that the data space can genuinely improve outcomes for each use case, while their feedback shapes the platform's next phase of development.



SAGE partners at the General Assembly, held at SINTEF's headquarters in Oslo, Norway, on 6-7 May 2026. SINTEF is one of the consortium's R&D partners

HIGHLIGHT

The business case for circular soils: what a new cost-benefit analysis tells us



By Michel Grothe (Geonovum)

Every year, construction and infrastructure projects in the Netherlands move approximately **140 million tonnes of soil, of which an estimated 115 million tonnes has circular reuse potential**. Yet fragmented data, lack of standardisation, and poor supply-demand matching mean much of this material ends up being transported unnecessarily or disposed of, driving up costs, CO₂ emissions, and logistical burdens.

A new Social Cost-Benefit Analysis (SCBA) commissioned by the Dutch Ministry of Housing and Spatial Planning and Geonovum makes a compelling economic argument for investing in a national data space for circular soil management, and the numbers are hard to ignore.

[Learn more](#)

USE CASES

SOIL CIRCULARITY

A new life for soil, wherever it's needed



By Stefan de Graaf (Sogelink)

Within the Green Deal Data Space Proof of Concept, the **soil circularity** use case is testing a custom-built soil registration platform as its main application. The platform allows organizations that manage, supply, or need soil to **register and request available soil batches**, making it possible to identify potential matches. Until recently, cross-organizational soil data exchange simply wasn't possible. Now, it is a reality.

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TEXTILE CIRCULARITY

Interactive session on the Green Deal Data Space and circular textiles in the Netherlands



By Hanna Gavrylova (TEXroad)

In June, the SAGE **Textile Circularity** cluster brought together consortium partners, public sector organisations, and knowledge institutions in the Netherlands, along with several Italian organisations and EU representatives, for an **interactive session** on the Green Deal Data Space and circular textiles.

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"Working on **governance** in SAGE has taught me that a data space runs on more than rules and compliance; it creates **shared understanding and trust** between everyone involved. With the GDDS Rulebook and governance framework, we are trying to build exactly that: a common foundation across the business, governance, legal and technical layers that the ecosystem can carry forward long after the project phase ends, and the Data Space is live."

Boróka Péter, Governance Framework Lead at SAGE;
Strategic Projects Associate at iSHARE.

TECHIE CORNER

Not all location data can become open data



Data on critical infrastructure, protected species, personal information, proprietary business data, and many other categories needs to **remain access and usage controlled**. In this article, Thorsten Reitz, CEO of wetransform, walks us through the methods that will enable stakeholders to securely work with highly sensitive data, thereby increasing the value of said data massively.

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EVENTS ON THE RADAR



Thursday, 3 September 2026

Danish Data Space Forum

SAGE partner IDC Nordics will present the Green Deal Data Space Business Models and Sustainability to research infrastructures, e-infrastructures, data space providers and industry

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Monday 5 - Tuesday 6 October 2026

Citizen Science and Remote Sensing Data Integrated in the European Data Spaces Codesprint

SAGE partner CREAM hosts an open codesprint focused on integrating all types of data into the GDDS, together with OEMC, CitiObs and more4nature projects.

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NEWS & UPDATES

DEPLOYTOUR Beyond Borders: Tourism, Data & Green Deal



This webinar explored the collaborative opportunities between DEPLOYTOUR and SAGE's Green Deal Data Space.

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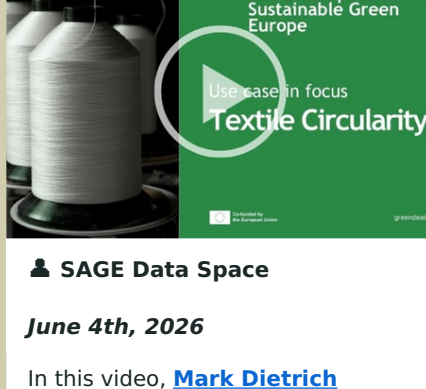
SAGE takes open and restricted data to EGU General Assembly 2026



CREAF and PCSS highlighted the question: "How open and restricted data can coexist in a Data Space?"

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SPOTTED ONLINE



SAGE Data Space

June 4th, 2026

In this video, [Mark Dietrich](#) (Bloodstone Consulting), [Henk-Jan Timmerman](#) (GS1 in Europe), and [Kamila Kocia](#) (atma.io by Avery Dennison) explain what the Textile Circularity use case group in SAGE is working on: connecting private and public data across the textile value chain to make it visible, trusted, and reusable for different stakeholders such as brands, Digital Product Passport providers, Producer Responsibility Organisations (PROs), public authorities, and technology providers alike.

[Watch the video](#)



TEXroad

June 10th, 2026

Data was a running thread through this year's **Textile ETP Annual Conference**, and data spaces got multiple mentions among the various topics and presentations.

Together with [SAGE Data Space](#) project partners [Erion](#), [GS1 in Europe](#), and [atma.io](#) by [Avery Dennison](#), we ran a session to share our approach to bringing textiles into the GDDS and to hear directly from participants about data challenges, how they're using data, and possibilities for using data spaces in the textile sector.

[Read the full story](#)