

# Bathymetric database of the Baltic



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## **EU Project: Subactivity 3.2:**

### **Baltic Sea harmonised depth model**

The Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission (regional IHO organ) has recognized the need to establish a common database of bathymetric data for the Baltic Sea Area.

Below mentioned actions will bring cooperation between Baltic Sea Countries in this direction.

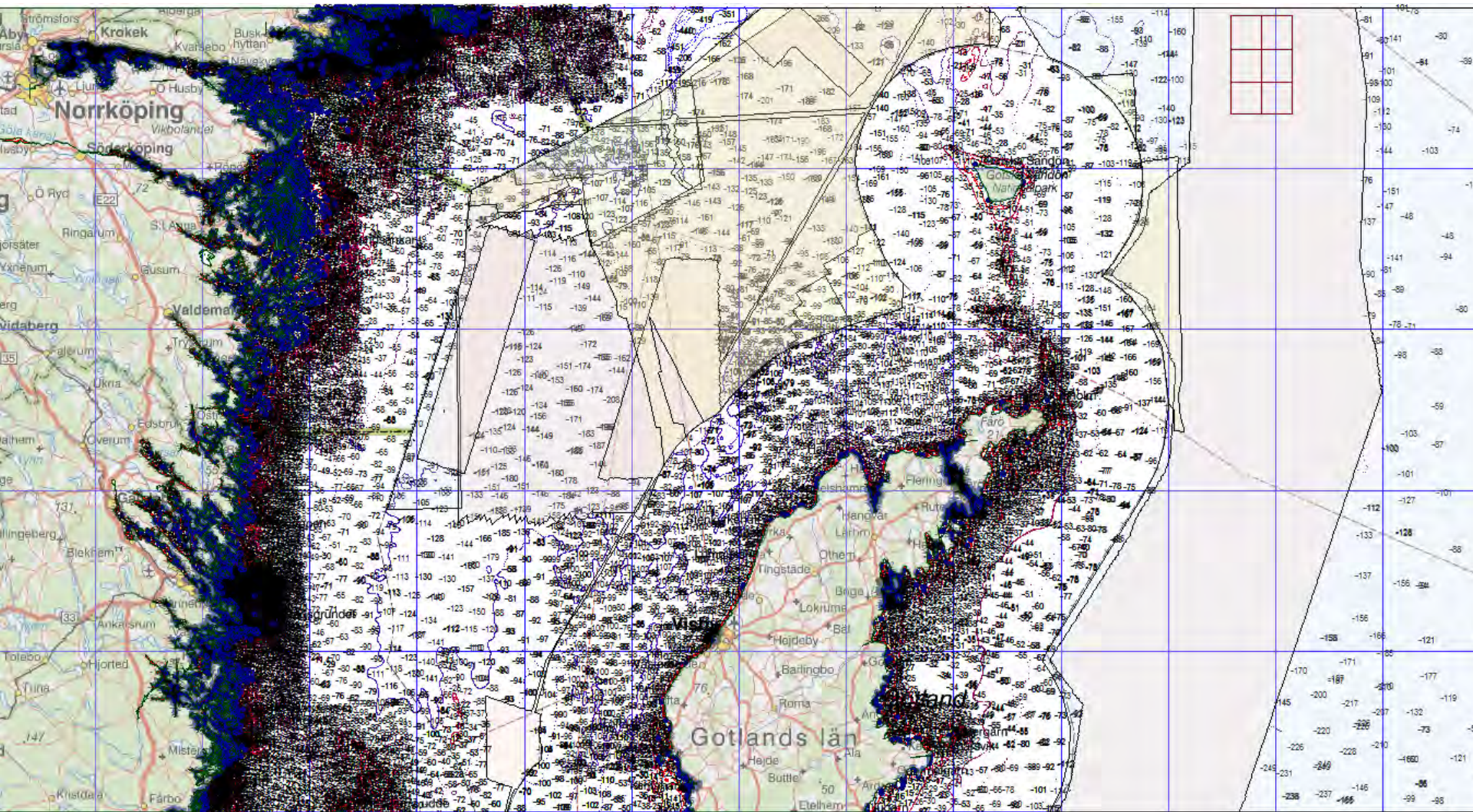
- Study and develop a system for exchange of high density bathymetric .....
- Identify existing regulations concerning depth data in the Baltic Sea States.



- Develop specification of common harmonized datasets including a common application schema for bathymetry, as part of Geospatial information
- Develop proposals concerning storage, maintenance, exchange and distribution of the bathymetric data. A concept of a “virtual” database and distribution by metadata, view and download services in line with the Inspire directive should be studied.



# Challenges with modelling

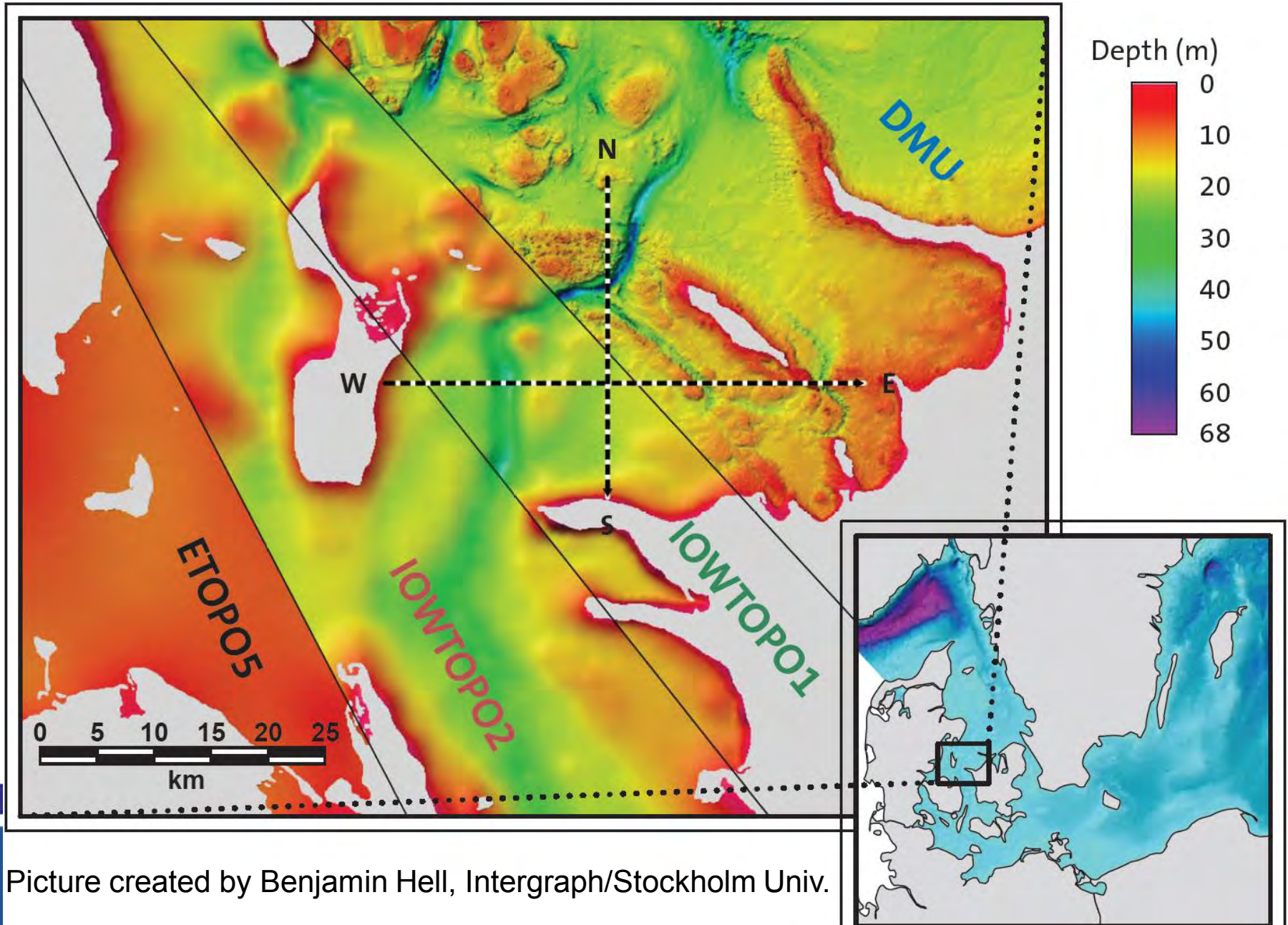


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Grey areas covered by Multibeam

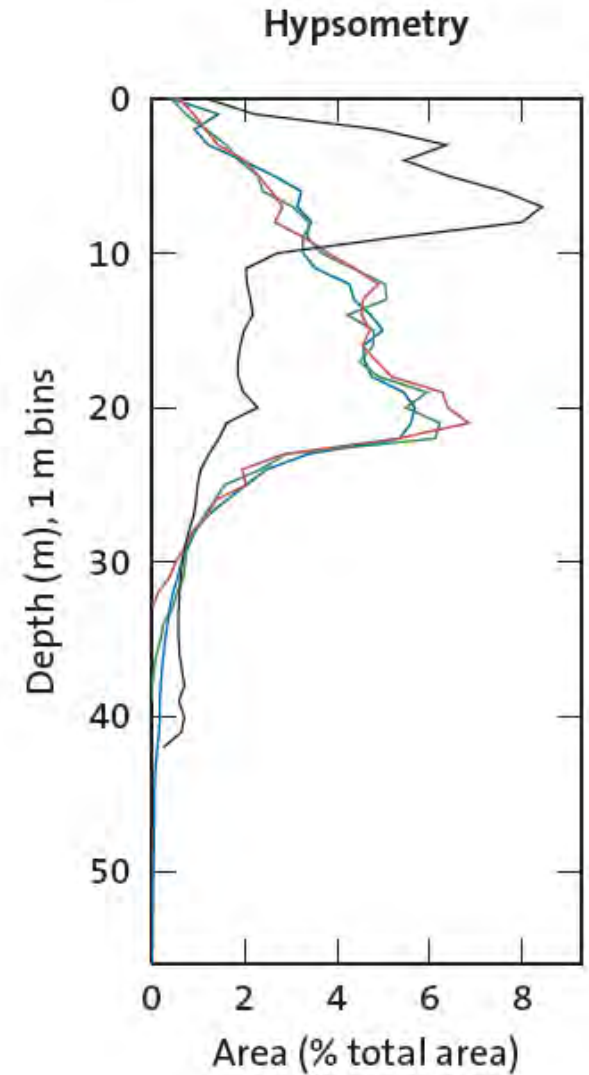
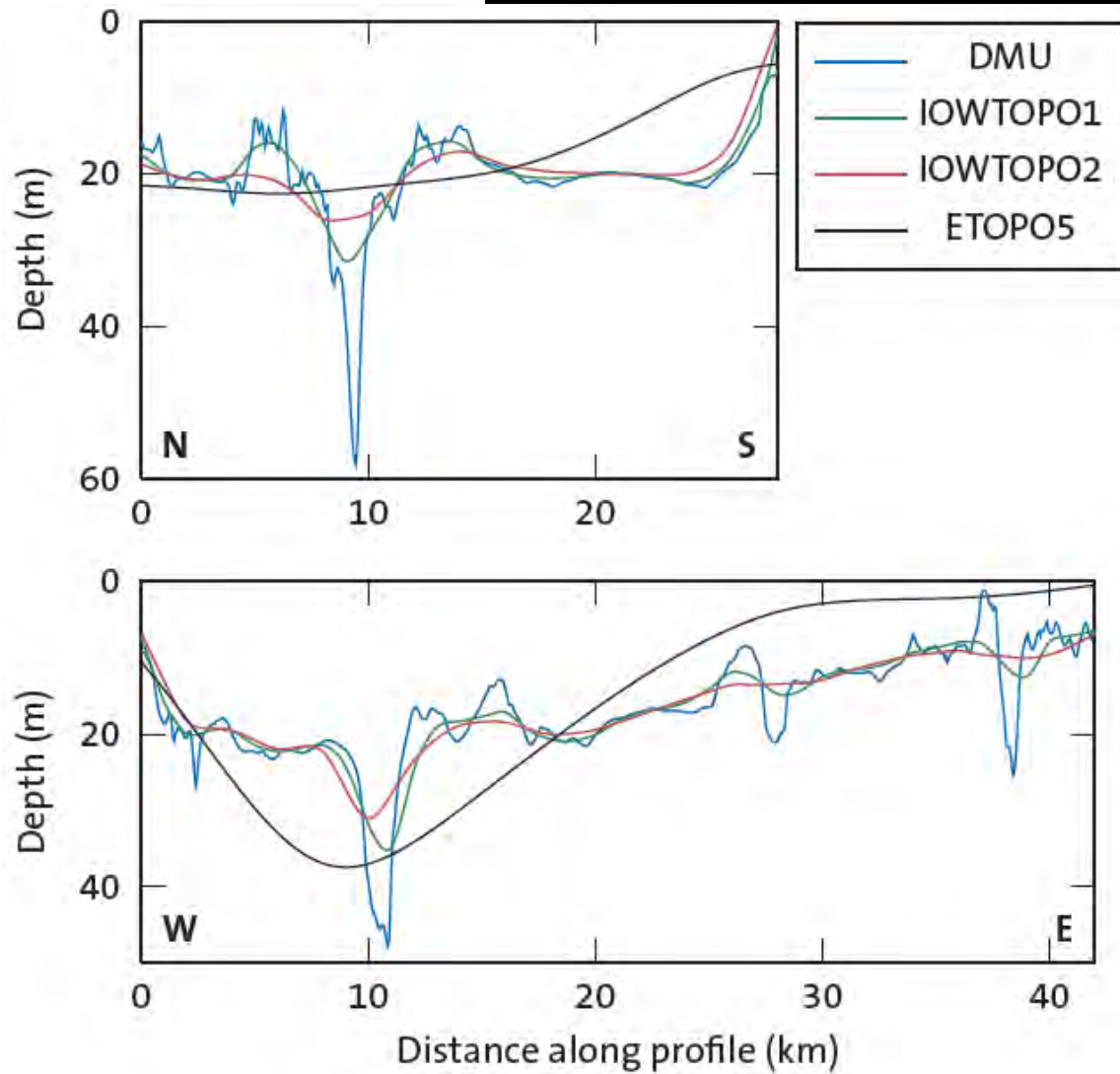


# Existing Models



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# Enhancement by resolution



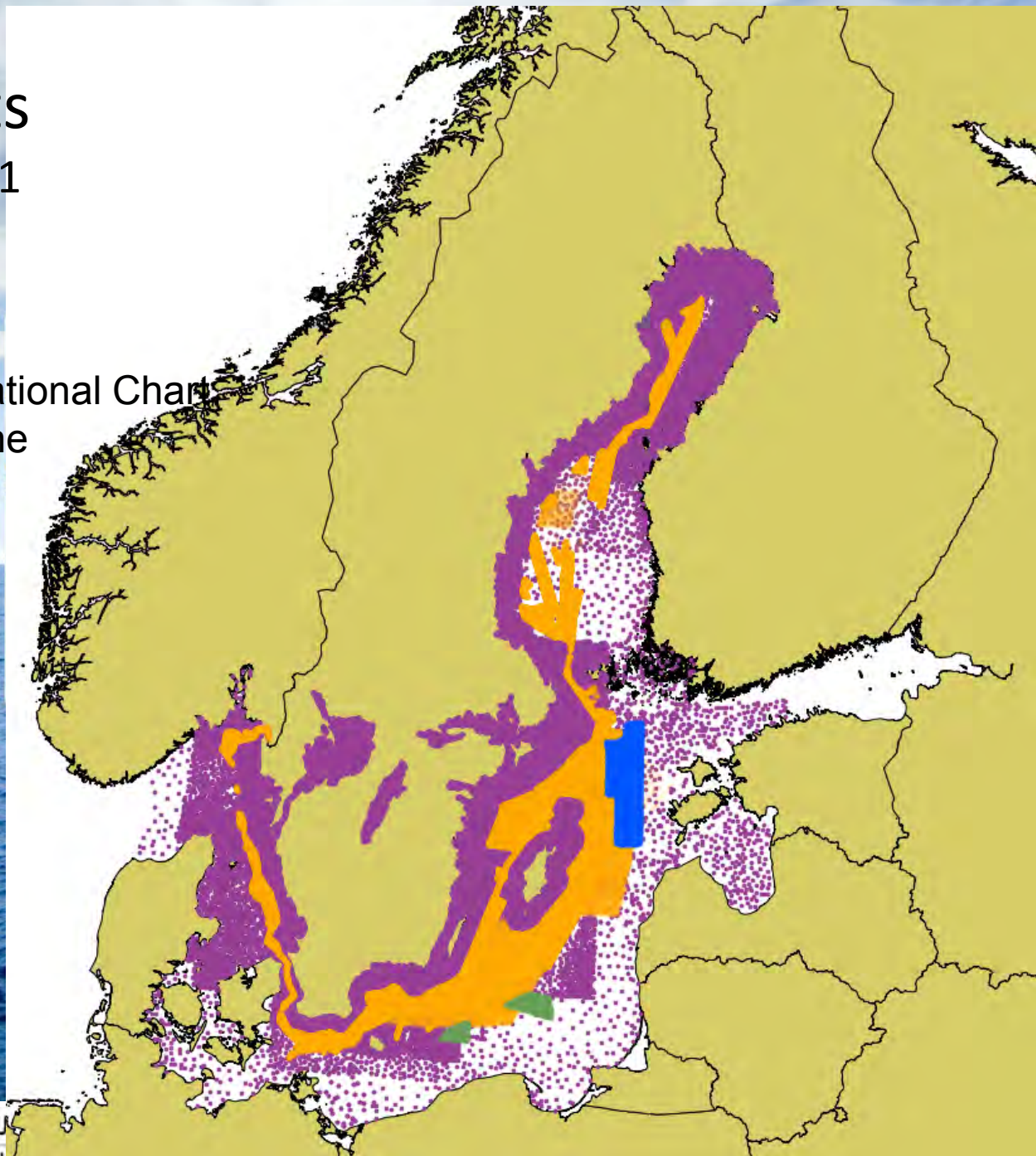
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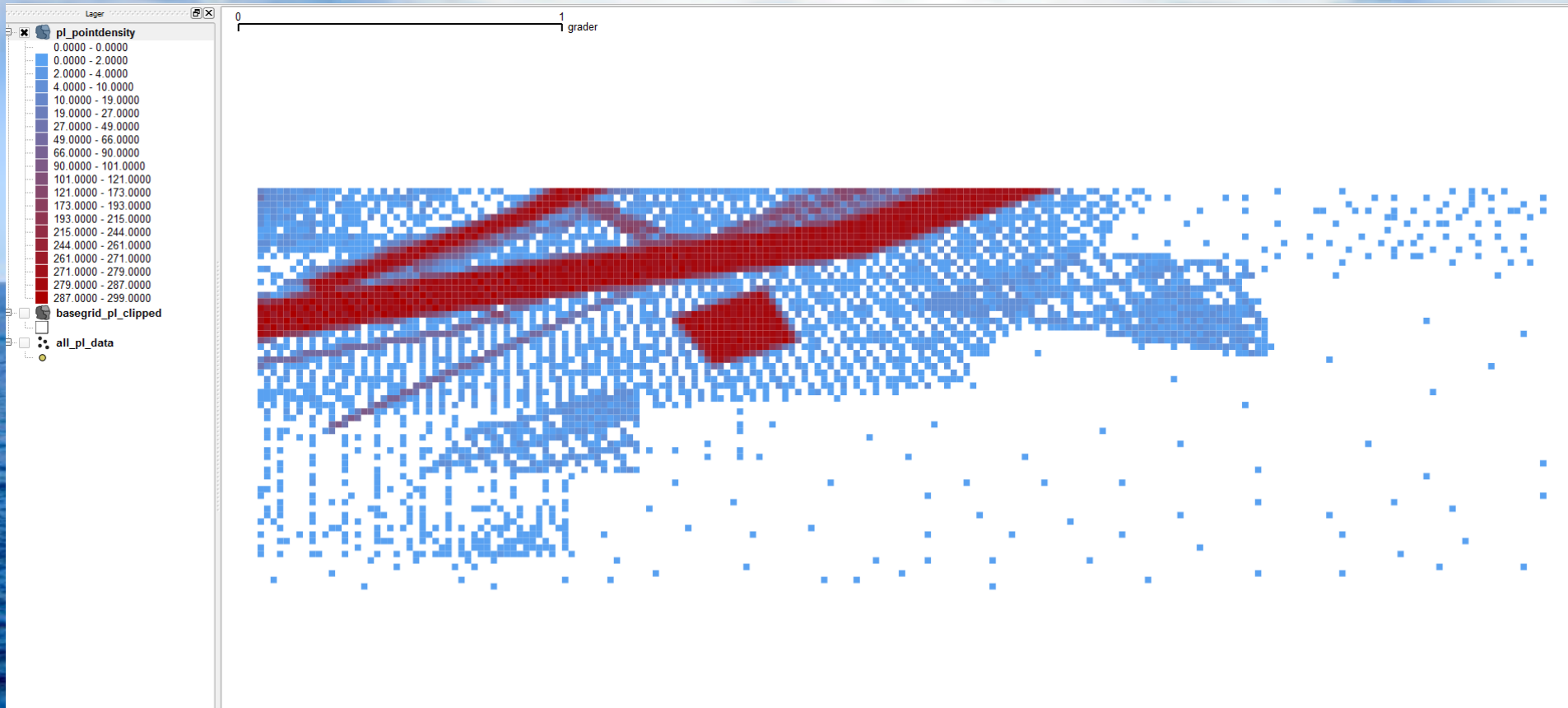
# Datasets

2012-05-31

- Data from Swedish Navigational Chart
- Data from Economical Zone
- Estonian test data set
- Polish test data sets



# Point density



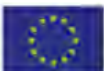


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# Data Coverage #1



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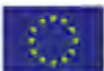
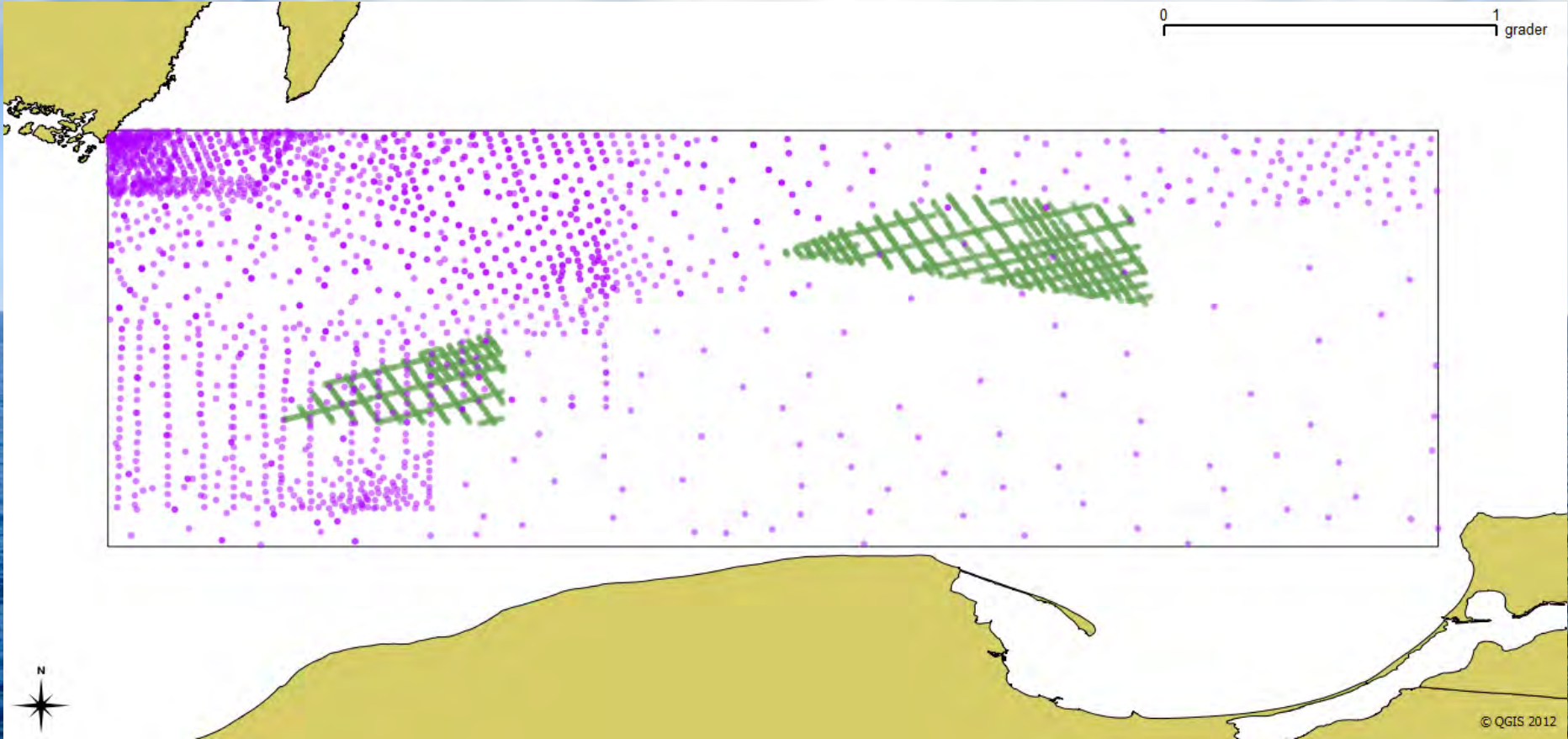


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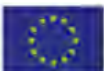
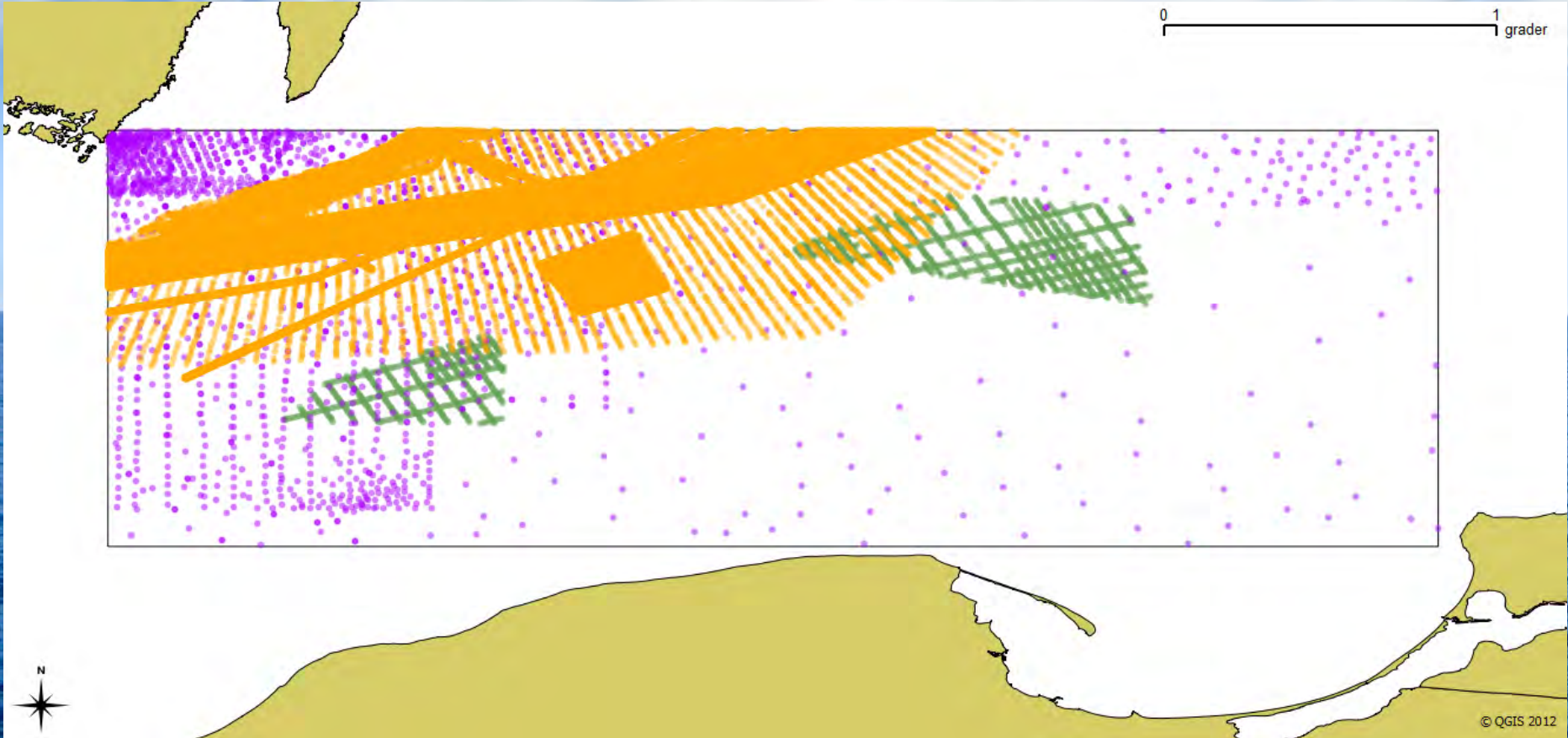
■ Polish test data sets

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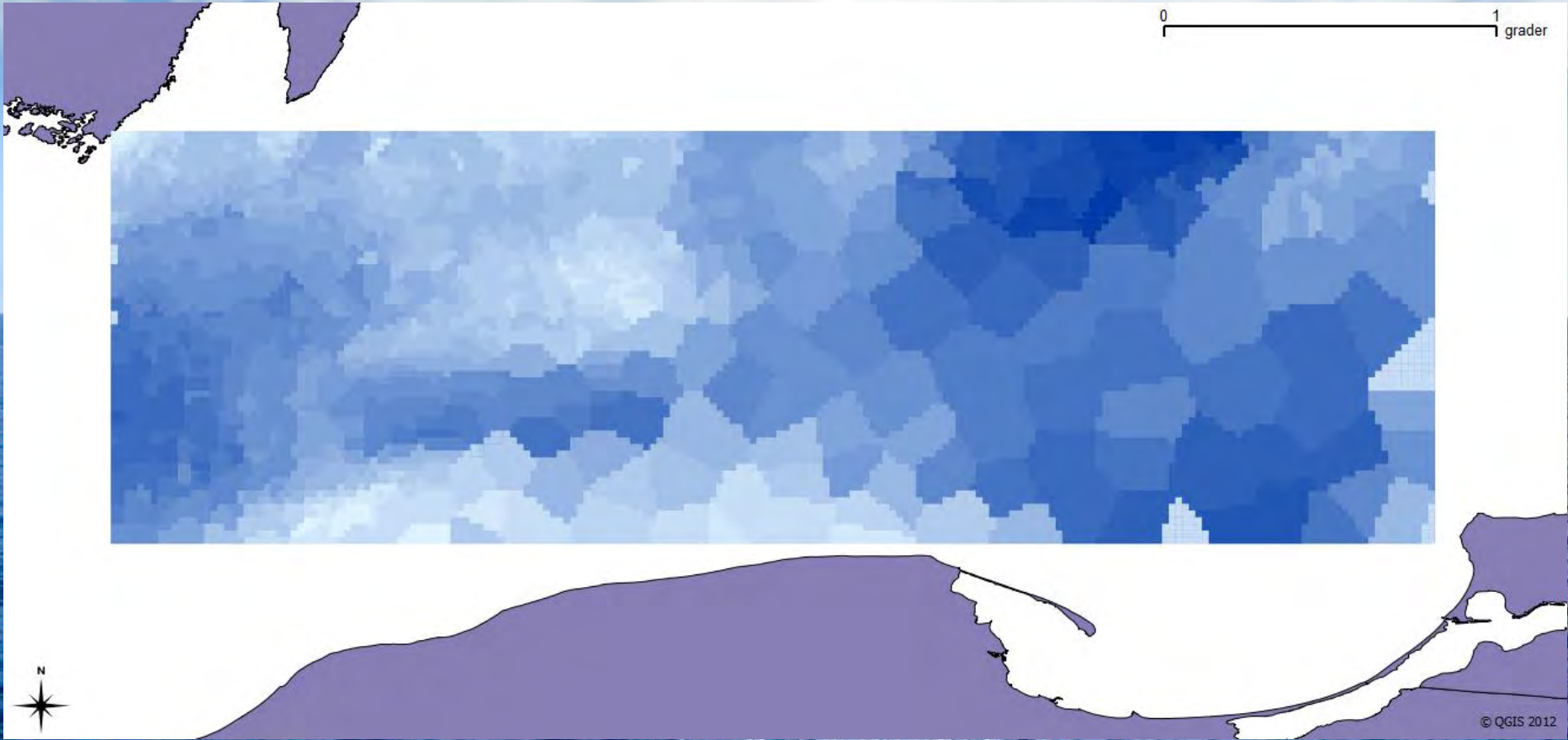
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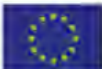


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# Grid Result #1



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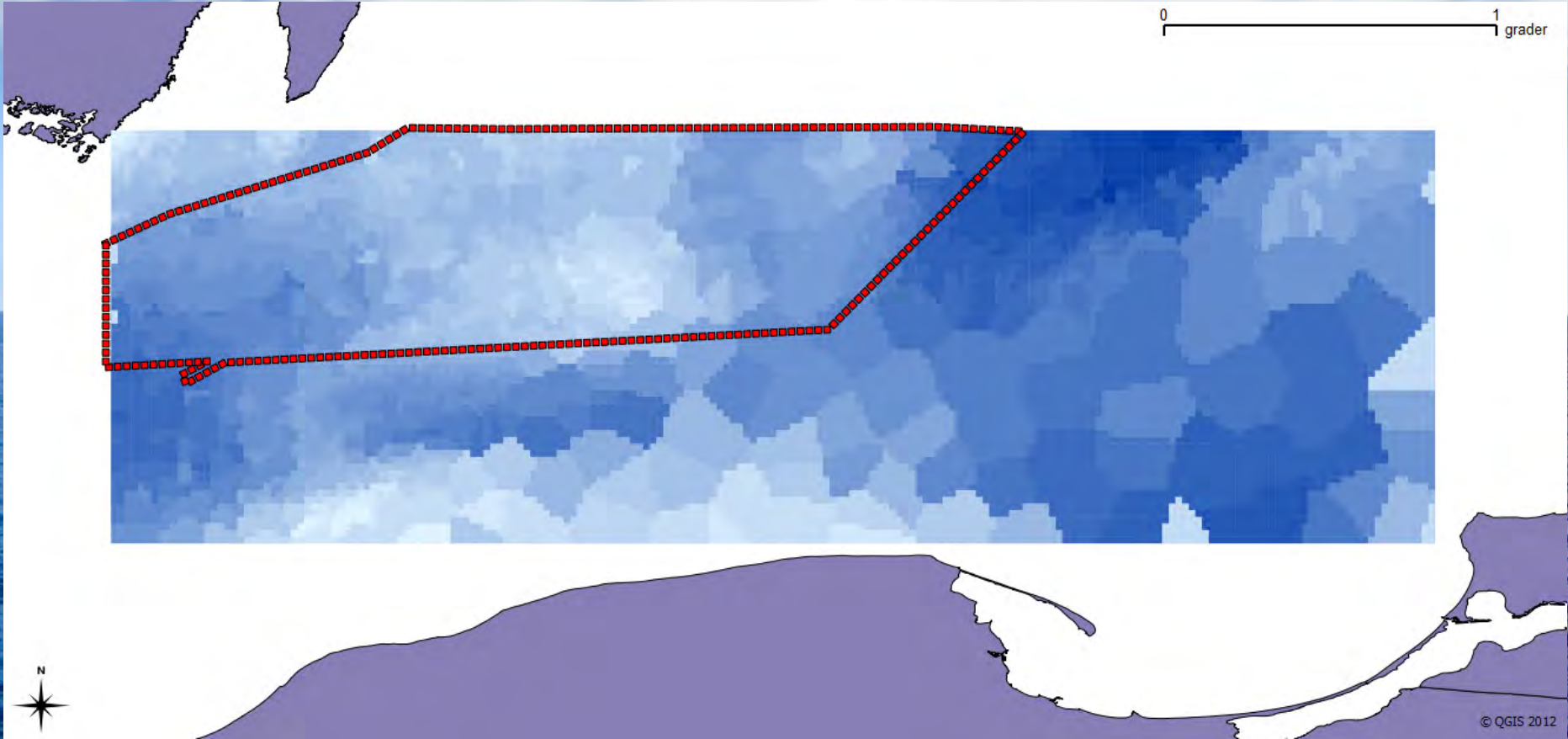


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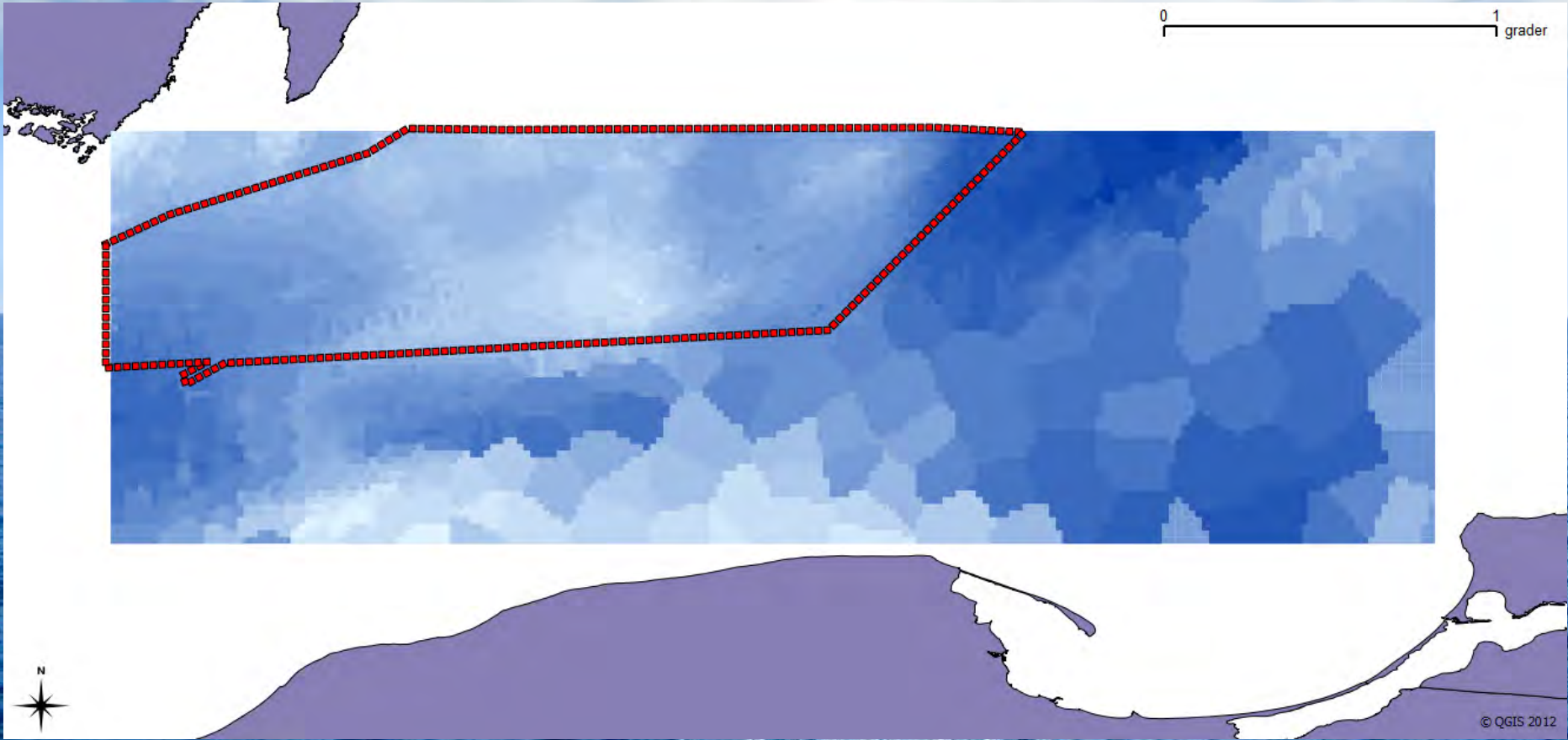
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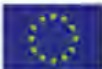


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# Grid Result #3



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# Conceptual Design

## Participating countries

Sweden

Finland

Germany

Russia

Estonia

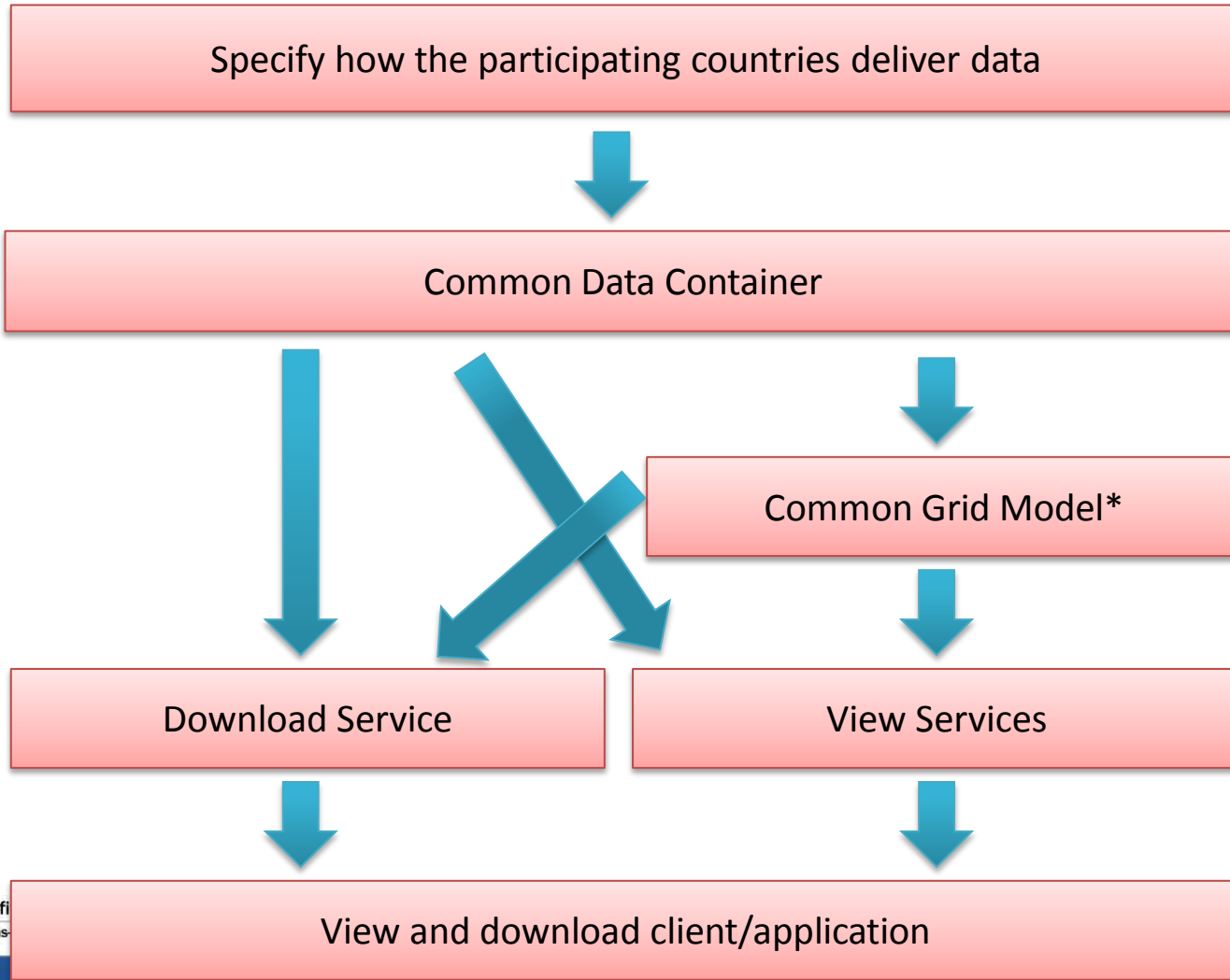
Poland

Latvia

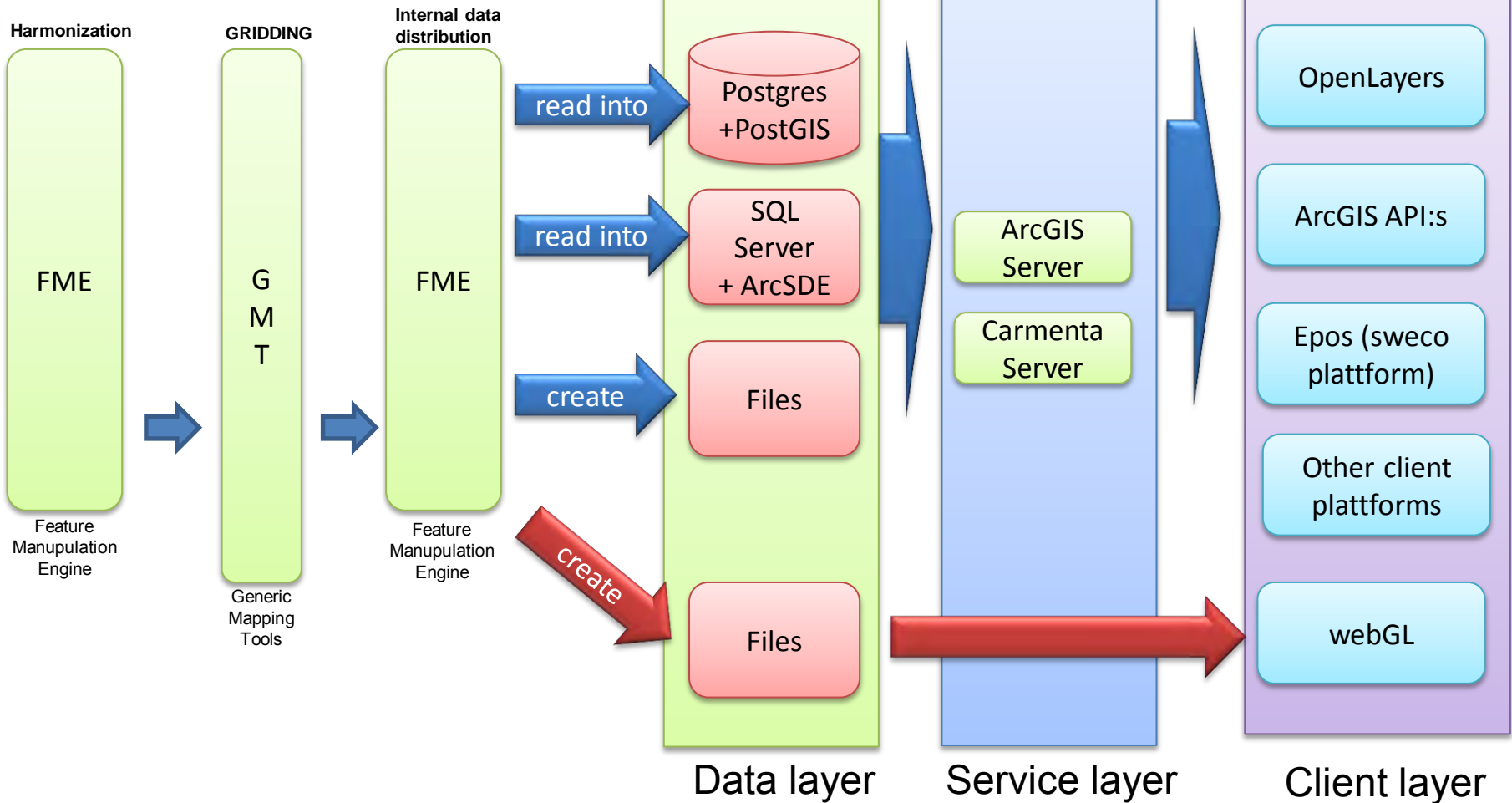
Denmark

Lithuania

Norway?



# Possible architectural design tracks (based on IT-environment at SMA)



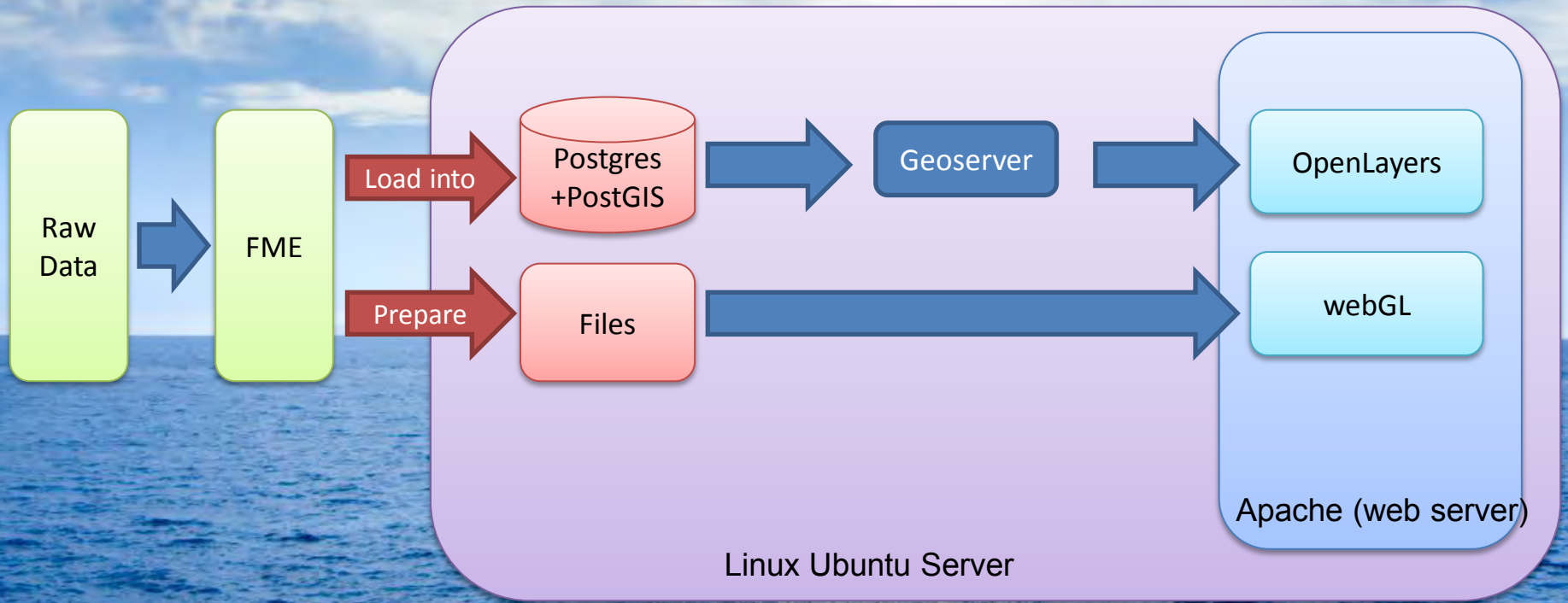
Products, possible to deliver this way:

- Depth countours (GML/shape/pdf, 3D-pdf/images)
- Raw data (grid or ascii)
- Interactive 3D-viewing via WebGL

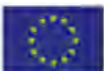




# Architecture of the Prototype for publishing, view and download bathymetric data

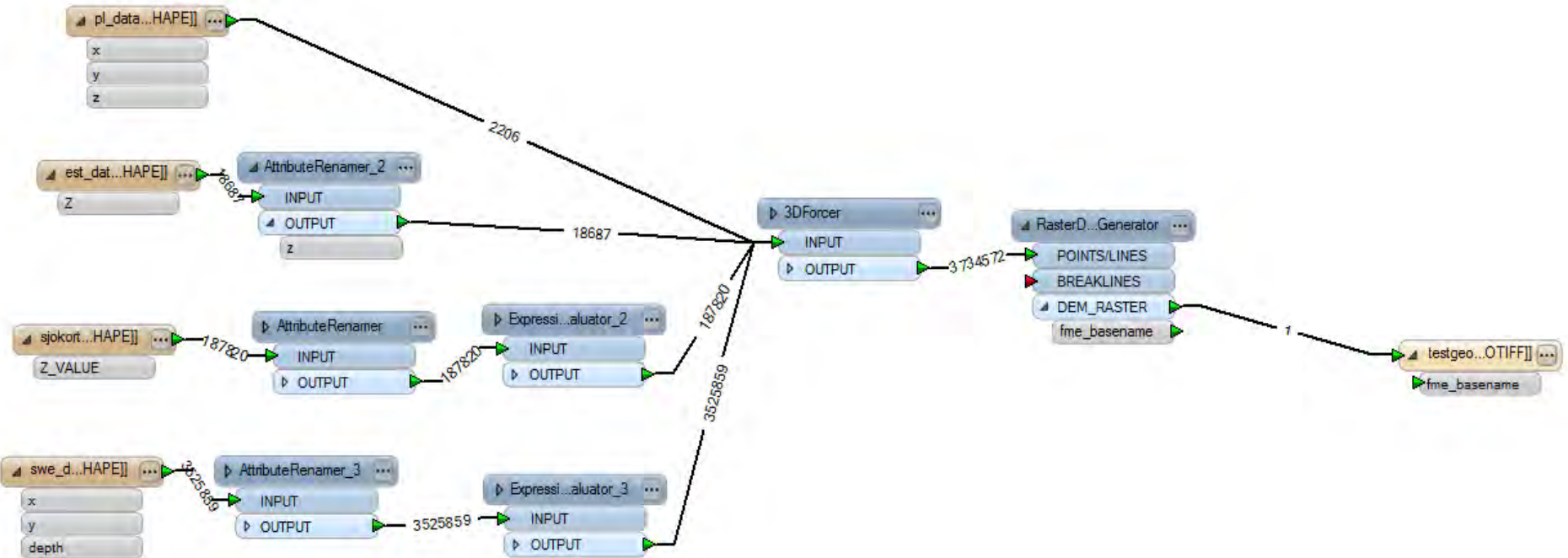


- Data download (ascii or shape)
- 3D-viewing via webGL-client



# Demodata

Created by FME and the tool RasterDEMGenerator.



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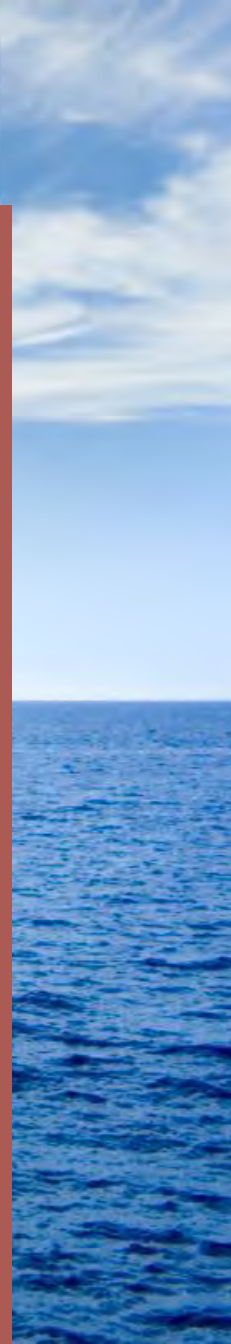
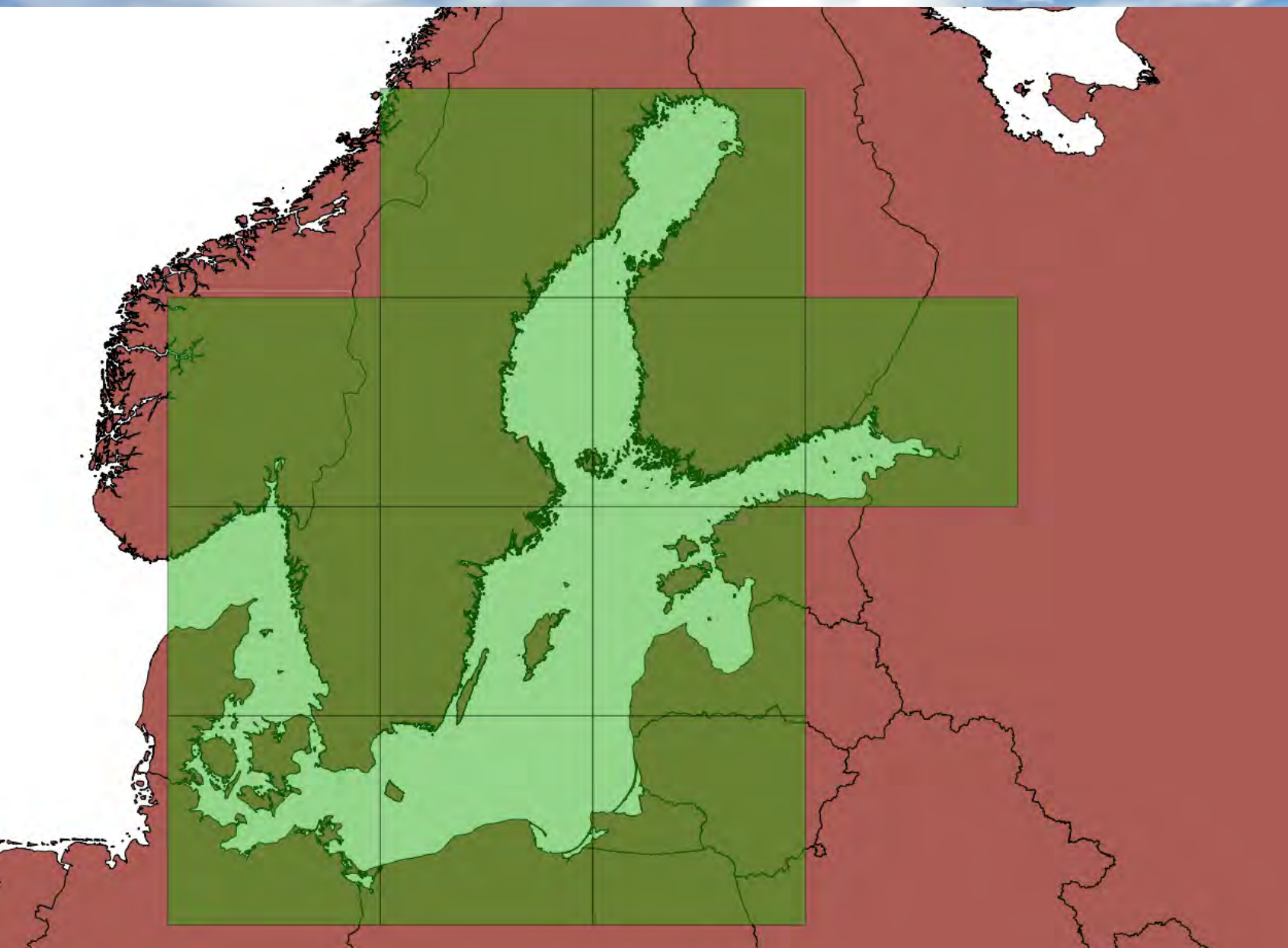
(Run on an old slow Laptop)



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Suggested coverage E 9-31 deg N 53-66 deg



# Neighbouring EU projects

MonaLisa 3.2

Ten-T + Regeringen

Sweden + EU  
all BSCH members

EMODNet

Maritime and Fisheries

Private company  
develops services after  
tendering. At present  
date MARIS from  
Holland have the  
contract.

Baltic Sea

Region /

Baltic Master

III European Regional  
Development Fund

Maritime Institute Gdansk  
EuroGOOS / BOOS/  
HIROMB

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<http://eu.baltic.net/>

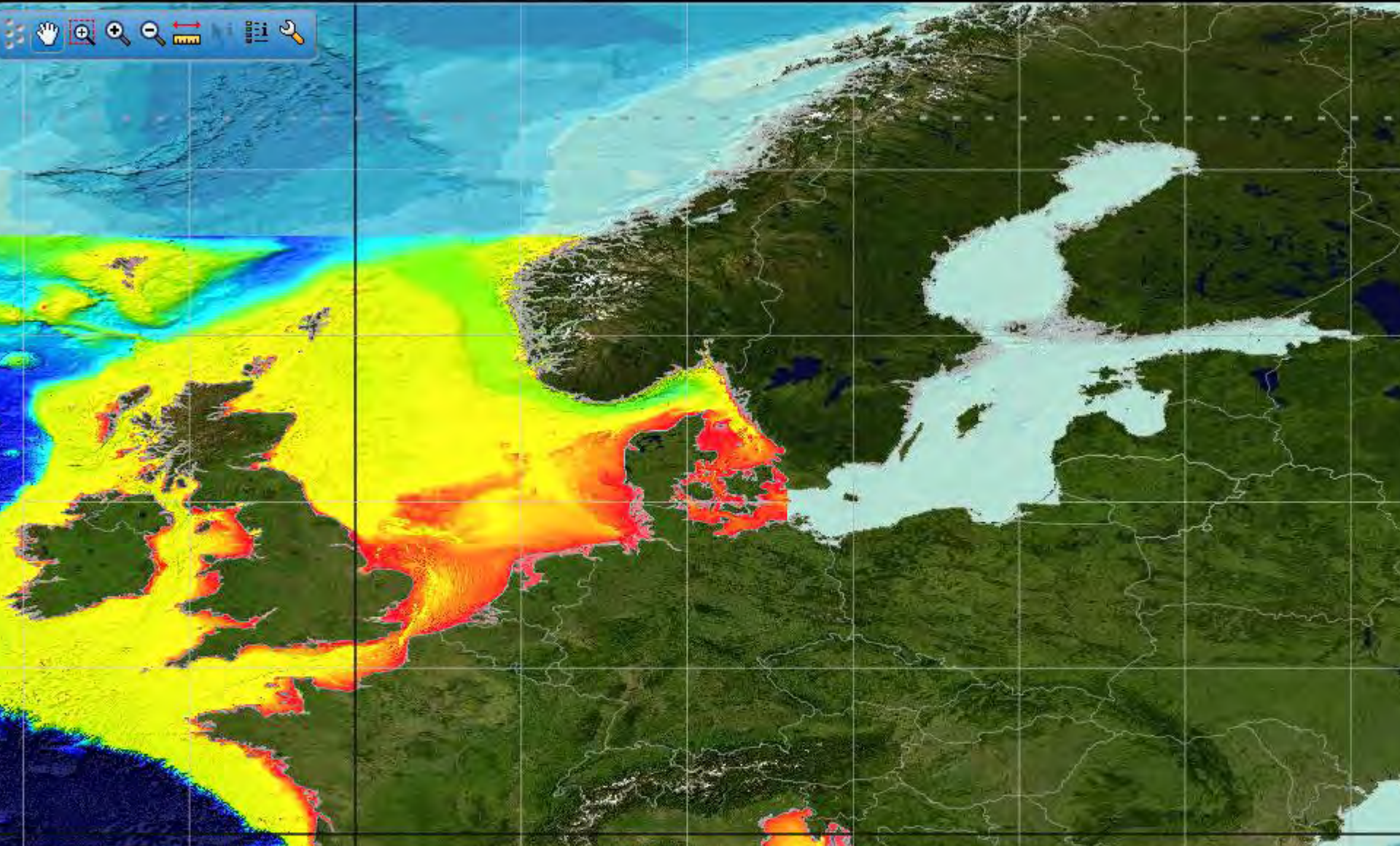


# EMODnet Pilot portal for Hydrography



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Retrieve depth Depth profile



# Problems ?

- BSHC - HO needs to provide data to several parties.
- The right to use the data is signed to private companies, leads to minimized competition in the procurements for EMODNet.  
Hard demands that a new contractor shall have services up and running already three months after contract.
- No regular updates of the models..
- A BSHC portal gives the countries HO more control over what happens to the data.  
Only official HO data is used in the modelling. In other models all available data is used as input to the model, like OLEX and other private actors.
- Irrelevant demand on 200m (1/8 NM) resolution from EU (for EMODNET).  
Within BSBDWG we aim at a common model of 500m as a first step.

# Present workplan.

- Test the latest enhanced gridding method from Stockholm University. (used also by GEBCO and IBCAO)
- Participate and present our work at the coming GEBCO conference 1-4 of October.
- Purchase and Install a reliable storage server capable of handling heavy load.
- Collect data, metadata and the right to use it for public access in a BSHC bathymetry model and if allowed also distribution of the provided raw data. Links to Inspire driven WMS services can also be handled.
- Continue with testing and creation of a first homogenous bathymetric model in 500m resolution for beta testing. *(We aim to have a first BETA model available in a portal at the end of 2012 or latest beginning of 2013)*

# The BSHC17<sup>th</sup> Conference.

**The BSHC 17th Conference did consented to:**

1. A BSHC Bathymetrical portal will be localized at SMA in Norrköping, Sweden.
2. Data provided from each country is stored by SMA and used for computation of a homogenous Baltic bathymetry model.
3. The creation of a homogenous bathymetrical model with 500m resolution for public use.