



Project:  
**GEOCARBON**

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## **1. Introduction**

### *1.1 Short summary*

The GEO-Carbon-Office (GCO) is fully operational. It was launched in April 2012, in line with the project proposal, and the public announcement was given in May 2012, at the GEO Work Plan Symposium, in Geneva. The office work aims at:

- interfacing with EC;
- liaising with GEO Secretariat and the GEO community, including the GEO initiatives and tasks related to forestry, like the FCT, GFOI and the Task SB-03;
- strengthening the effectiveness of the global carbon community participation in the GEO system;
- enhancing the communication flow among the different communities;
- supporting the Carbon Community of Practice;
- mediating between science and policy.

Moreover the GEO-Carbon-Office leads the activities for the dissemination and the exploitation of the GEOCARBON results, and support the project coordination office.

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### *1.2 Rationale for this deliverable*

The establishment of the GEO-Carbon-Office is needed to overcome the current poor integration among the different communities working in the different domains of the global carbon cycle by providing a cross-cutting coordination and enhancing the communication flow. Special attention is addressed to the GEO CL-02 Task activities.

The office is conceived with a global and not European-only perspective. Indeed, the ambition is to engage a wider community and become an international coordinating office sustained by an international organization or partnership, after the project's end (from 2015 onwards).

### *1.3 Problems encountered and envisaged solutions*

No problems have been encountered.