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## **Why Novia needs to build its competence with spatial data**

In today's world, most of us, every day, use what we call (geo)spatial data without even knowing it.

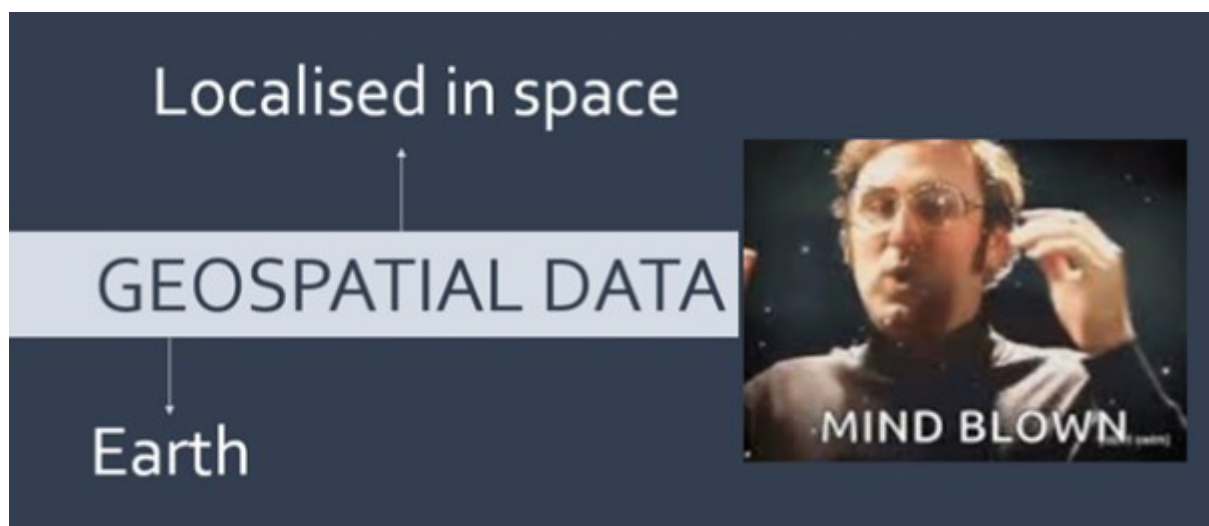
# DID YOU KNOW YOU USE SPATIAL DATA without knowing it

"How long  
before my  
Koti pizza is  
delivered?"

"How do I get  
to that cute  
vintage shop  
in Helsinki?"

"How is the  
weather in  
Alicante  
tomorrow?"

Geospatial data can tell you anything you want to know about any location you like; and that information is crucial to act efficiently, every day.



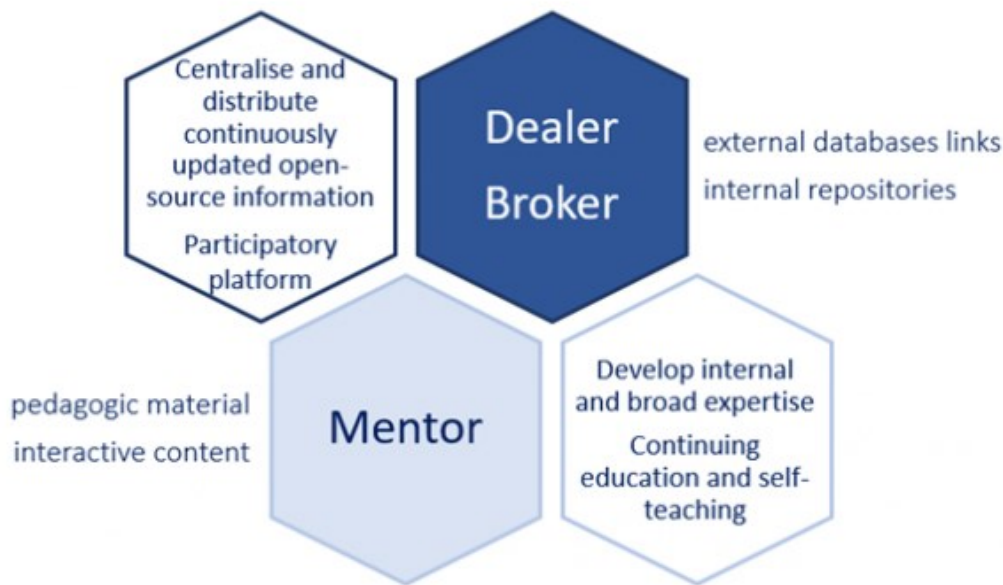
At Novia, we understand the importance of spatial data to make sound and sustainable decisions. And most of our faculties use or could use spatial data to implement further

integrated projects. That is why we are in the process of establishing a dedicated centre of expertise, potentially named Spatial competence centre.

## **Spatial competence centre**

**“Building a centre that contains all spatial information we need will help Novia and others to act in the most informed way possible making decisions that are integrated and sustainable”**

The centre would gather extensive cross-disciplinary information and would be accessible permanently to everyone within Novia. It would take the form of a data repository and a participatory platform. There, one would upload one's own data or find actual databases relevant to one's project, whether it is from a previous Novia's projects or from open-source databases. In addition, educational content such as tutorials and useful tools will be available. This would enhance our internal competences, combining Novia's vision to respond to continuous learning and aiming to reach one of Novia's strategic goals of digital learning and service.



In the coming months, you'll hear more about this centre and the reasons why you need it too (in English). At that point, we will also open the floor for you to give us your ideas and opinions. And you can already complete our assessment of what Novia is already doing, and what Novia wants and needs in terms of spatial data by filling in the [survey](#) (3-4 minutes max).

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