



Workflow For Mapping Integrated Above- And Below-Ground Geothermal Favourability In Central Europe

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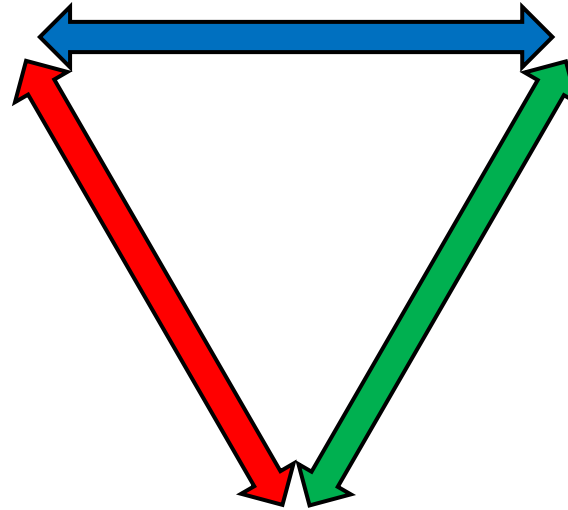
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Subsurface Resource



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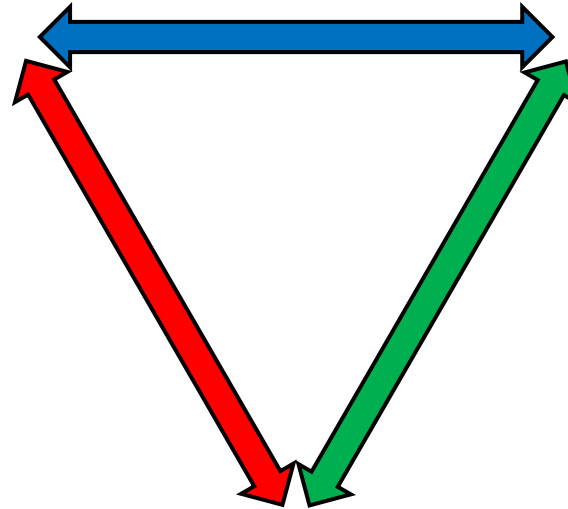
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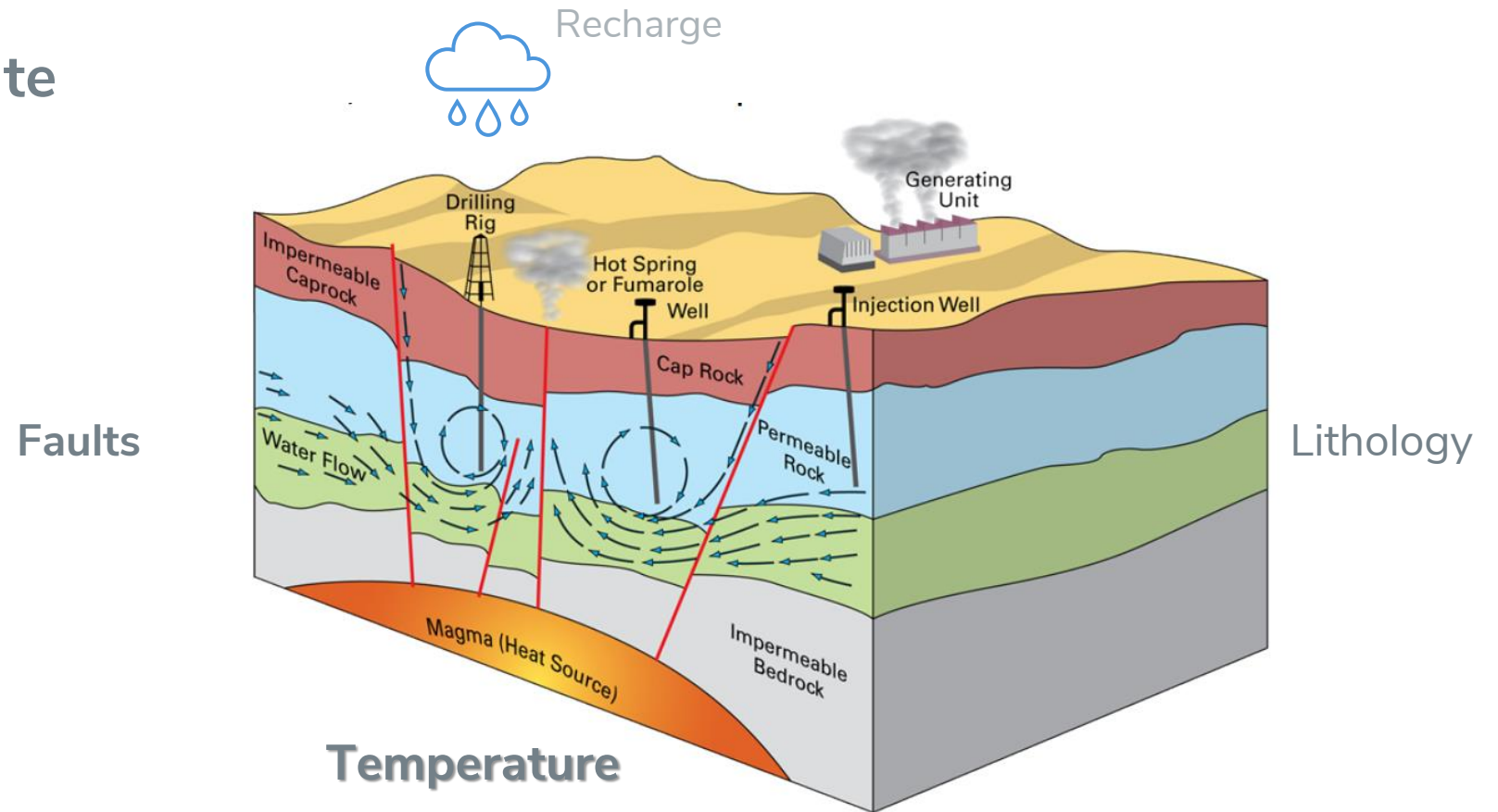
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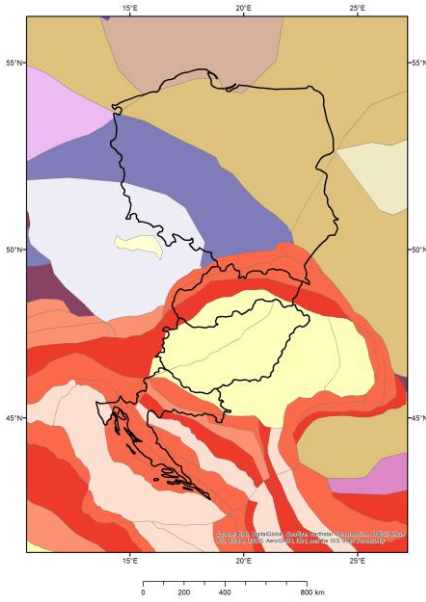
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Subsurface Resource – A Hierarchy of Controls

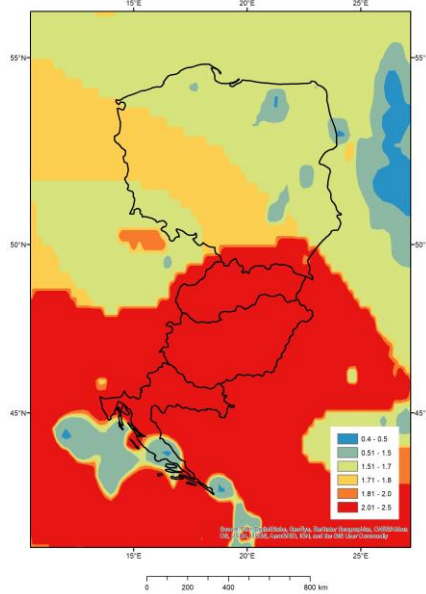
- **Temperature**
- **Faults and stress state**
- **Lithology**
- **Recharge**



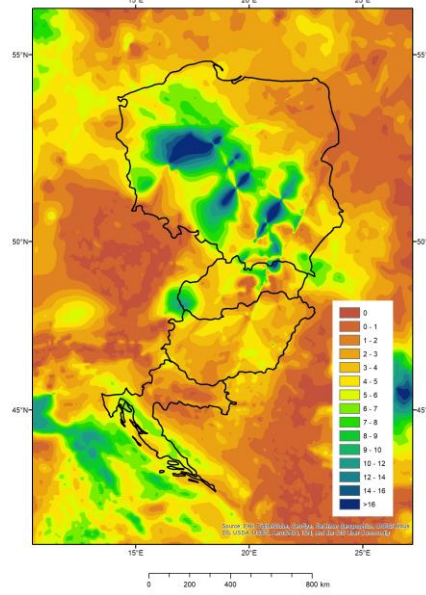
Subsurface Resource – Temperature



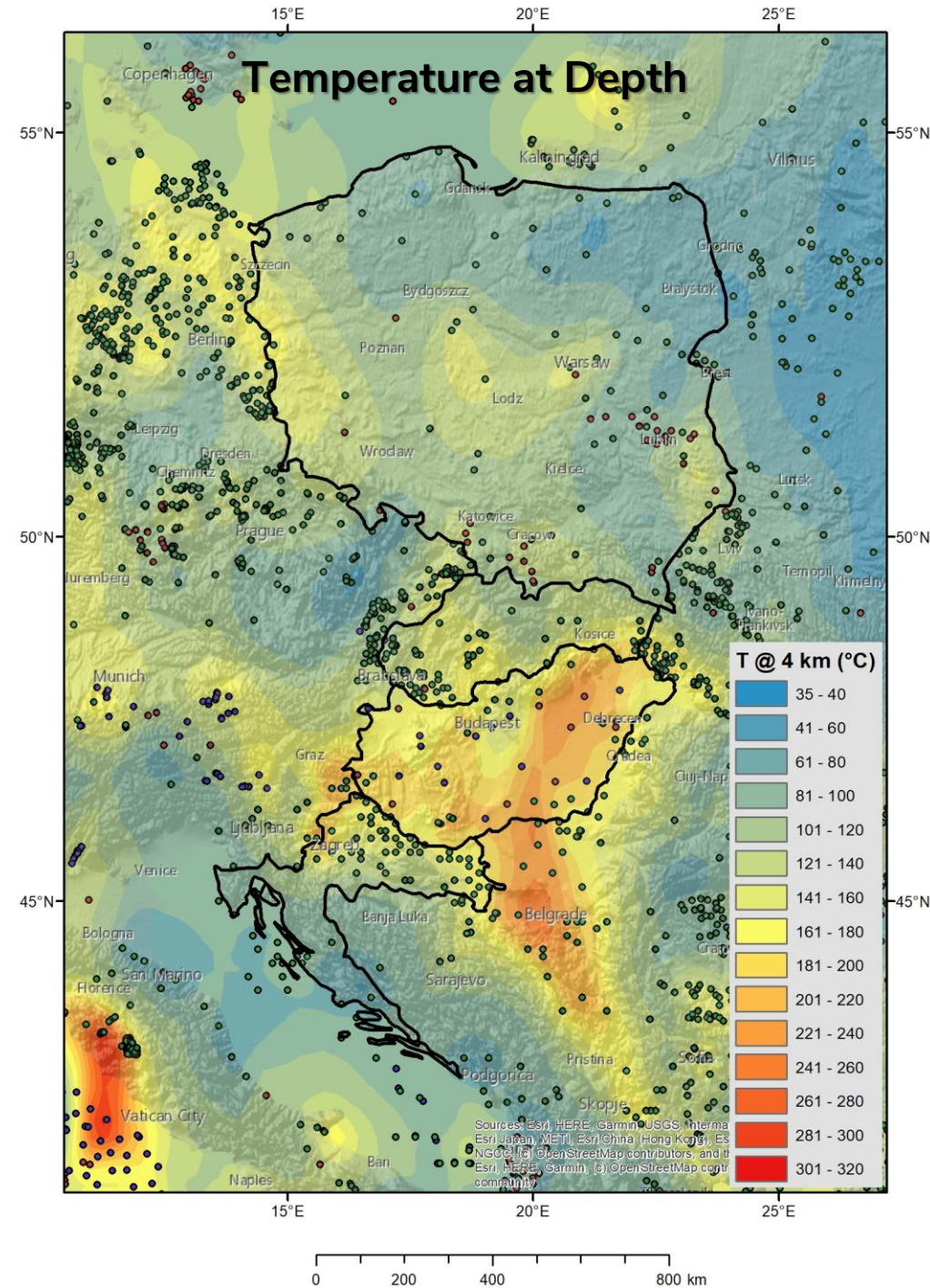
Crustal Architecture



Radiogenic Heat Production

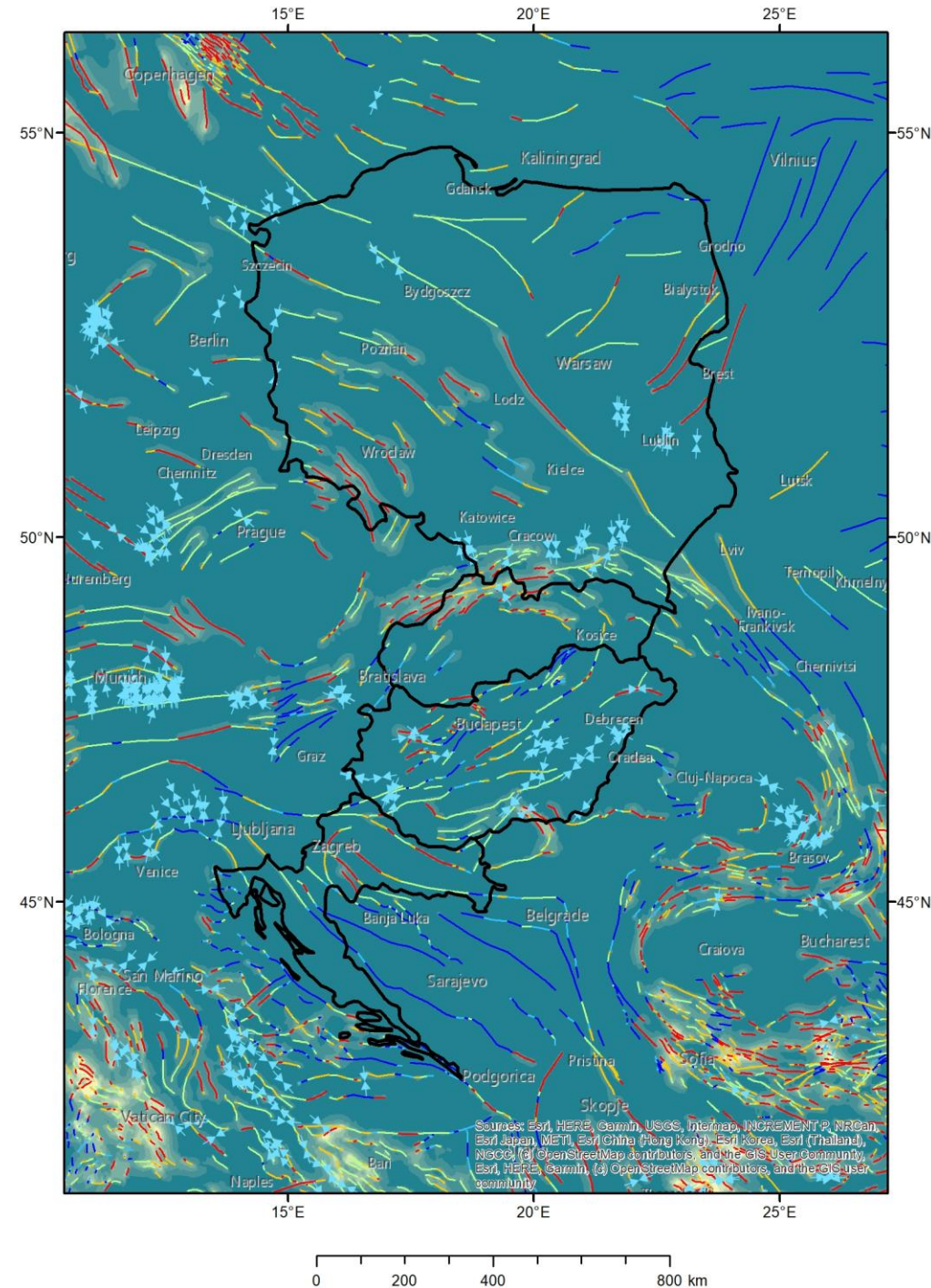


Sedimentary Cover



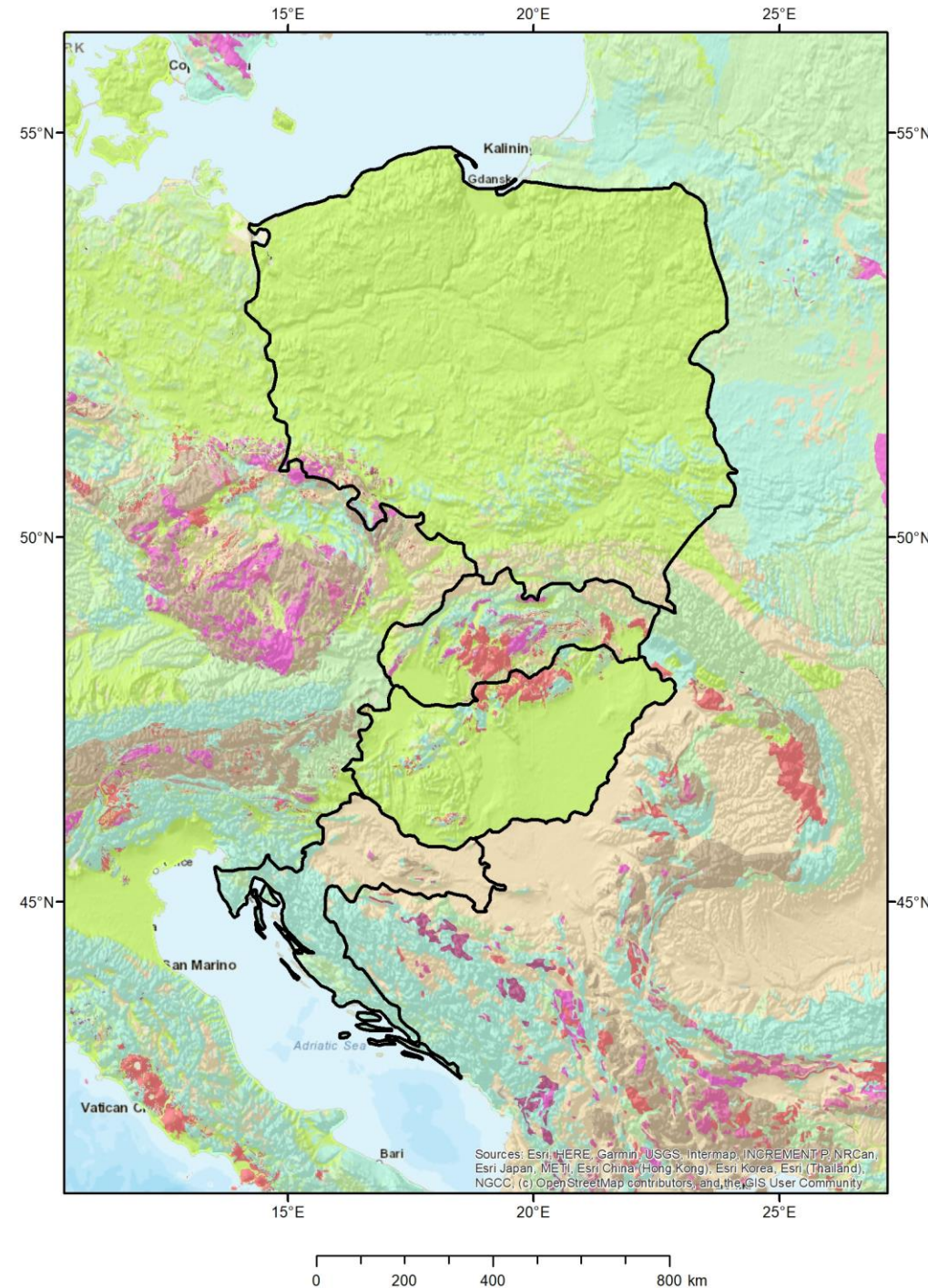
Subsurface Resource – Faults

- Faults provide pathways for fluids to carry heat (map shows major faults at scale 1:1M)
- Orientation with respect to S_{Hmax} (maximum horizontal stress) determines if the fault is **open** or **closed** to fluid flow.



Subsurface Resource – Lithology

- Different technologies are adapted to different lithologies
- Traditional doublets prefer high permeability rocks (fractures, karst, coarse clastic, ...)
- Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS) prefer frackable rocks (suitable Young's Modulus, Poisson's Ratio, S_{Hmax} orientation)
- Advanced Geothermal Systems (AGS) prefer low permeability rocks

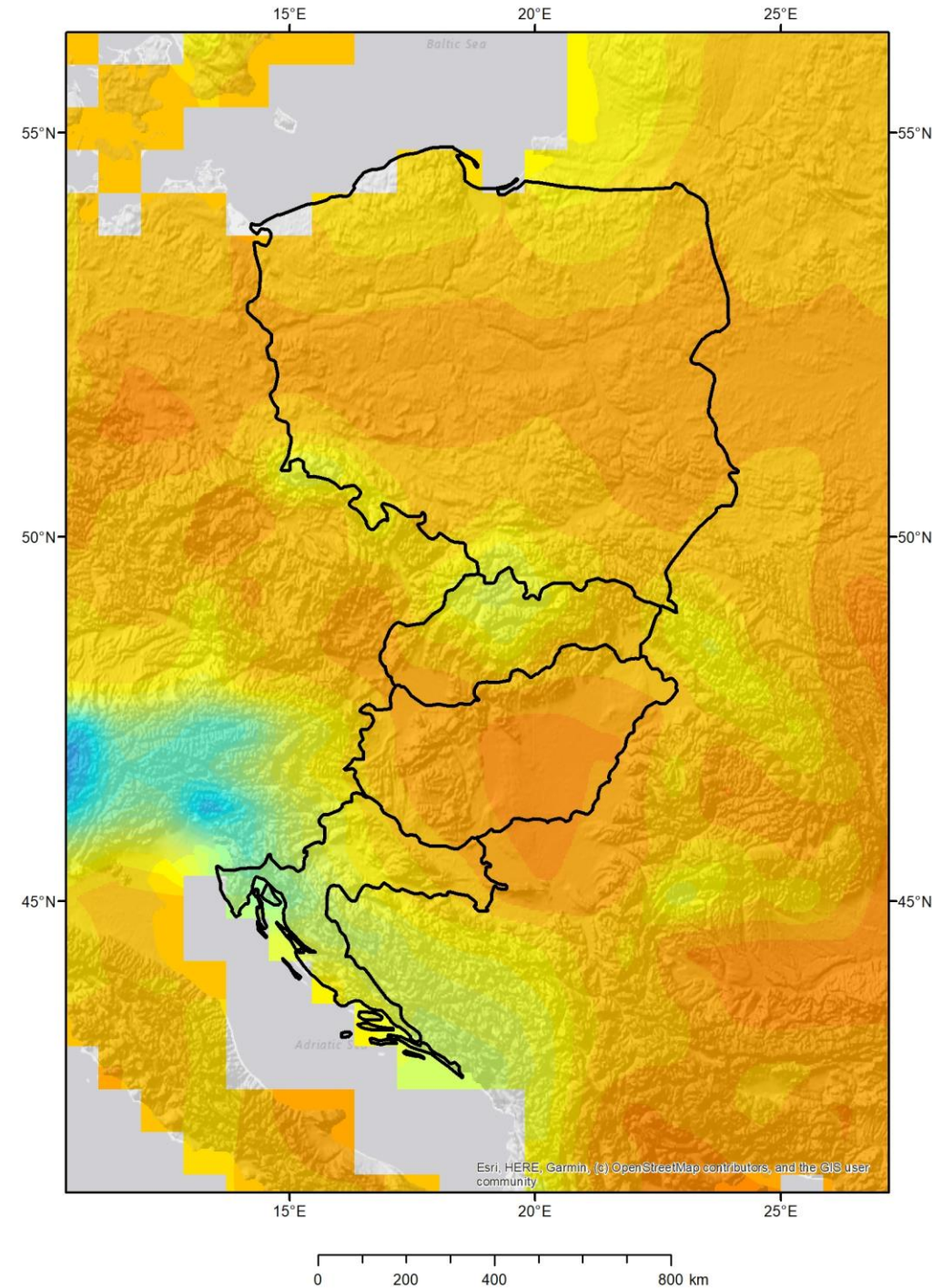
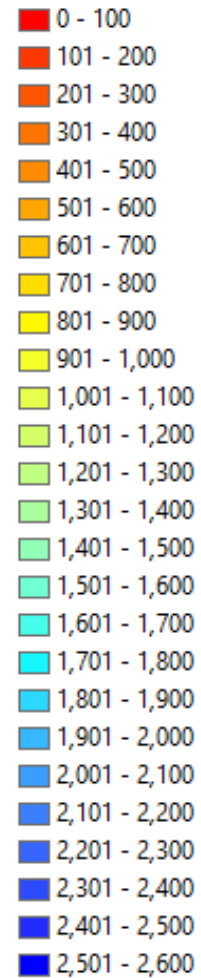


Subsurface Resource – Recharge



Replacing what is lost to the atmosphere

Mean Annual
Precipitation (mm)



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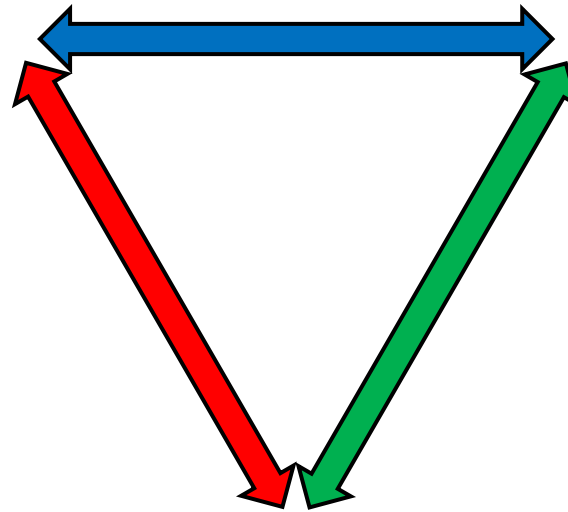
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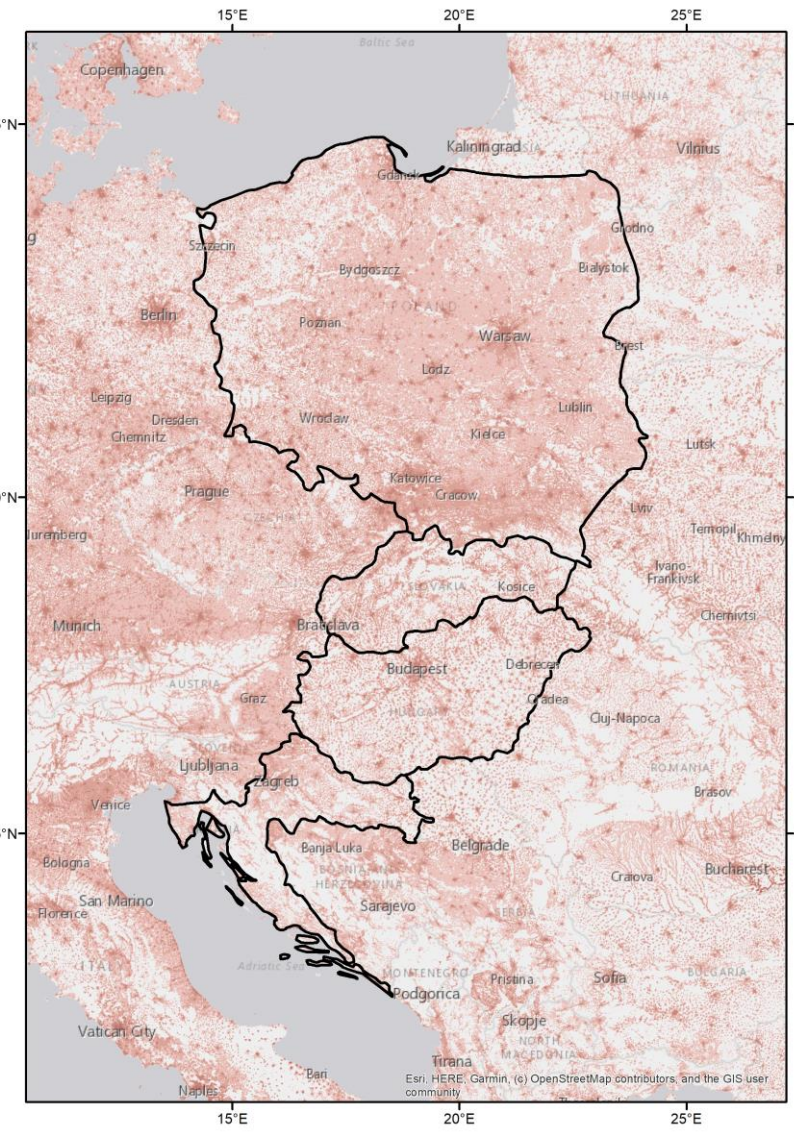
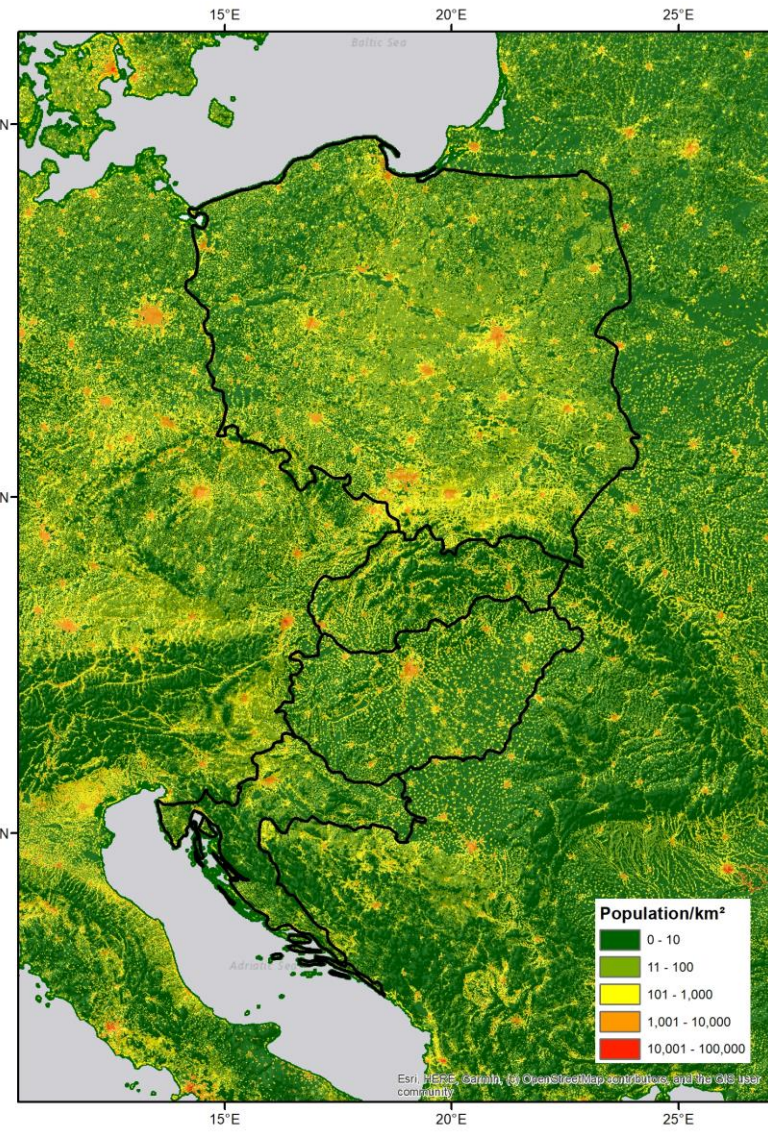
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Demand – Favorability Mapping

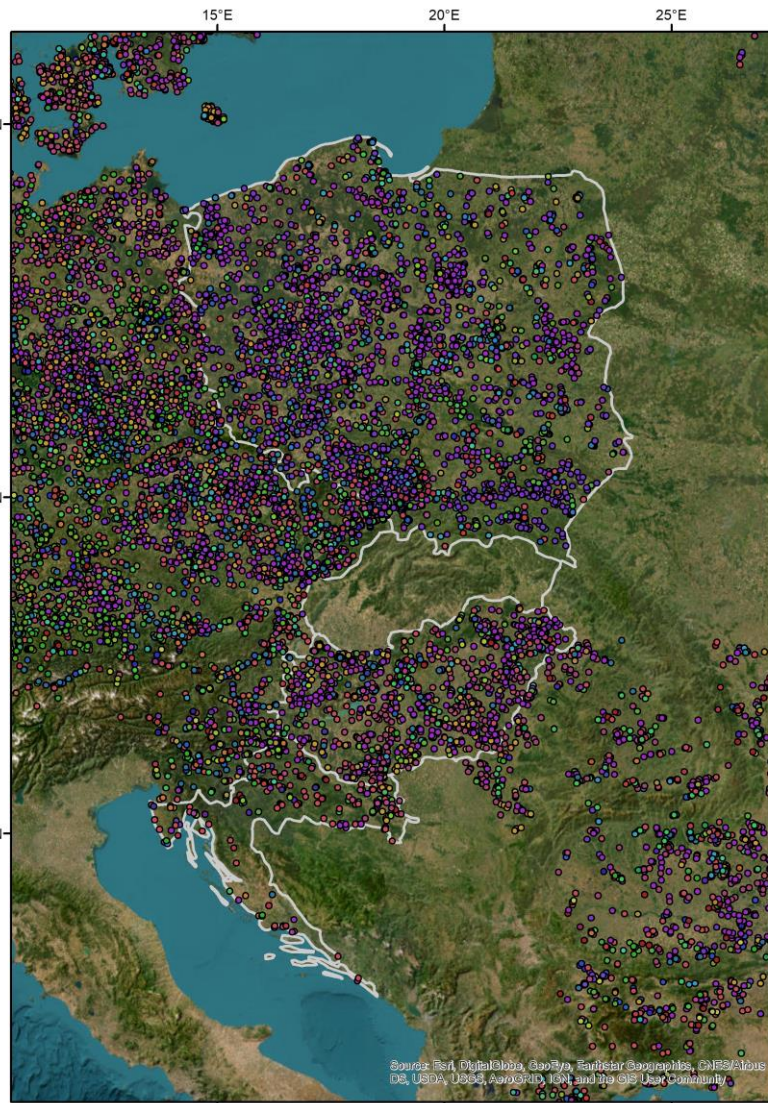
- Start with diverse data (points, rasters, pictures, ...)
- Convert to rasters in sensible units
- Scale to favorability (0 to 1)



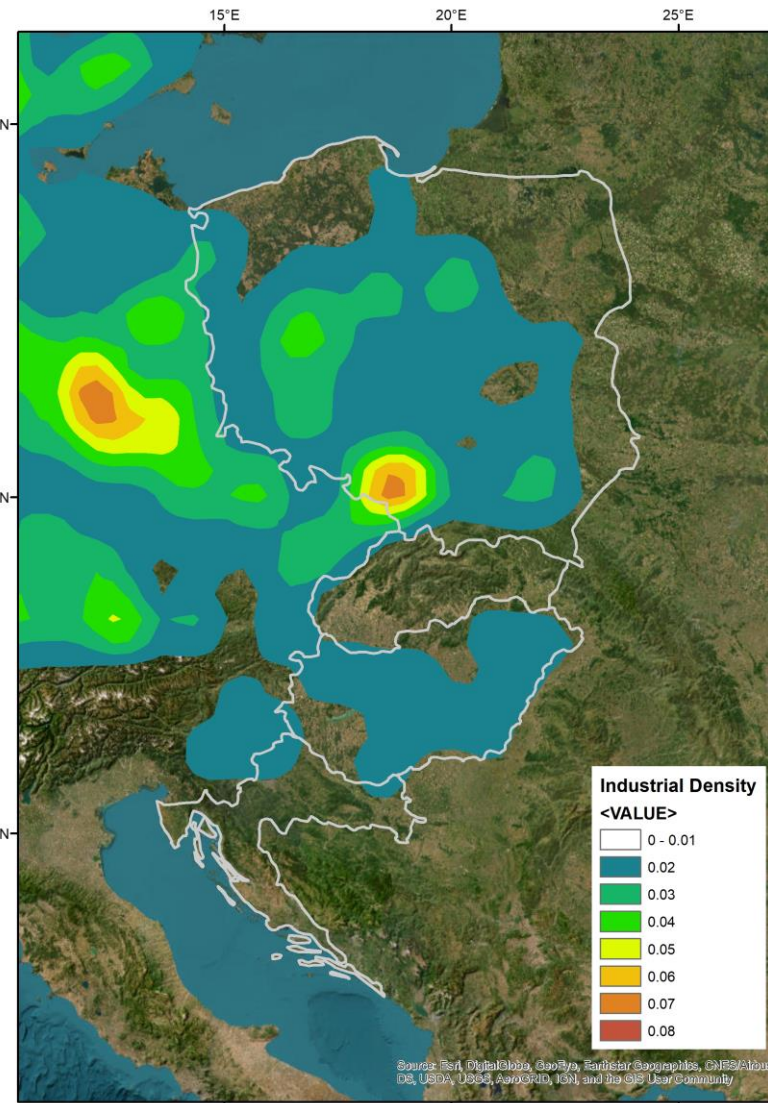
Example – Population Density



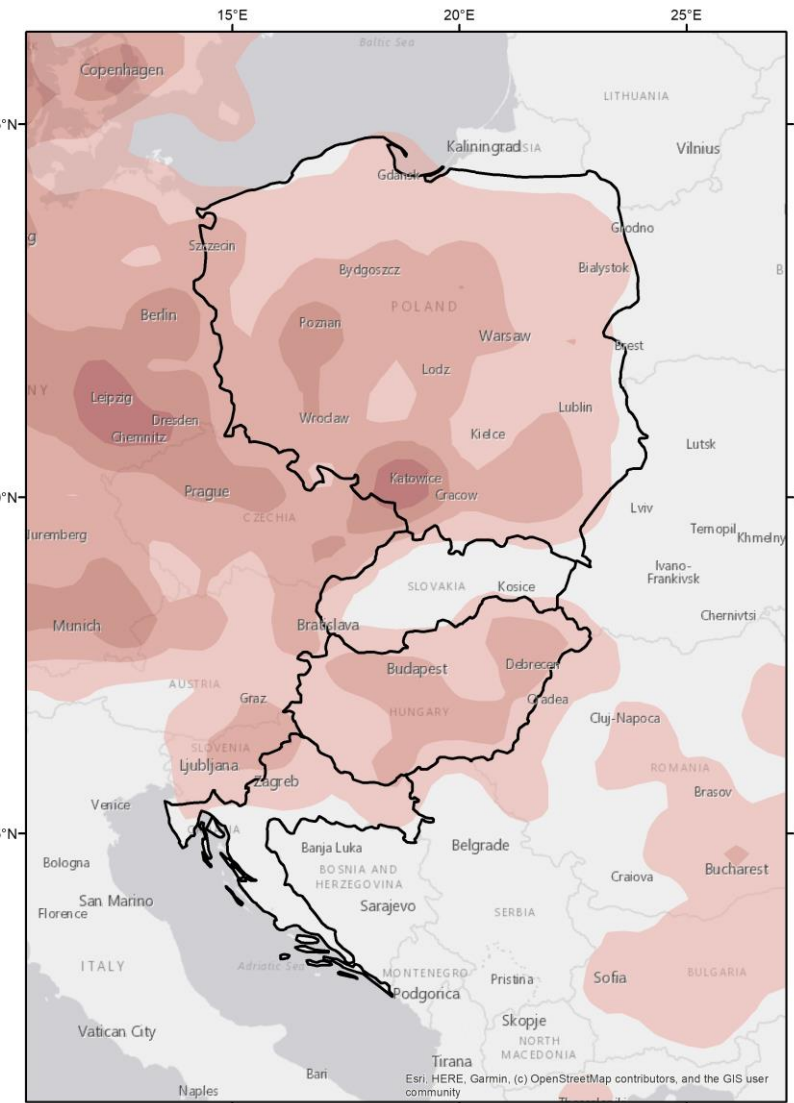
Example – Industrial Density



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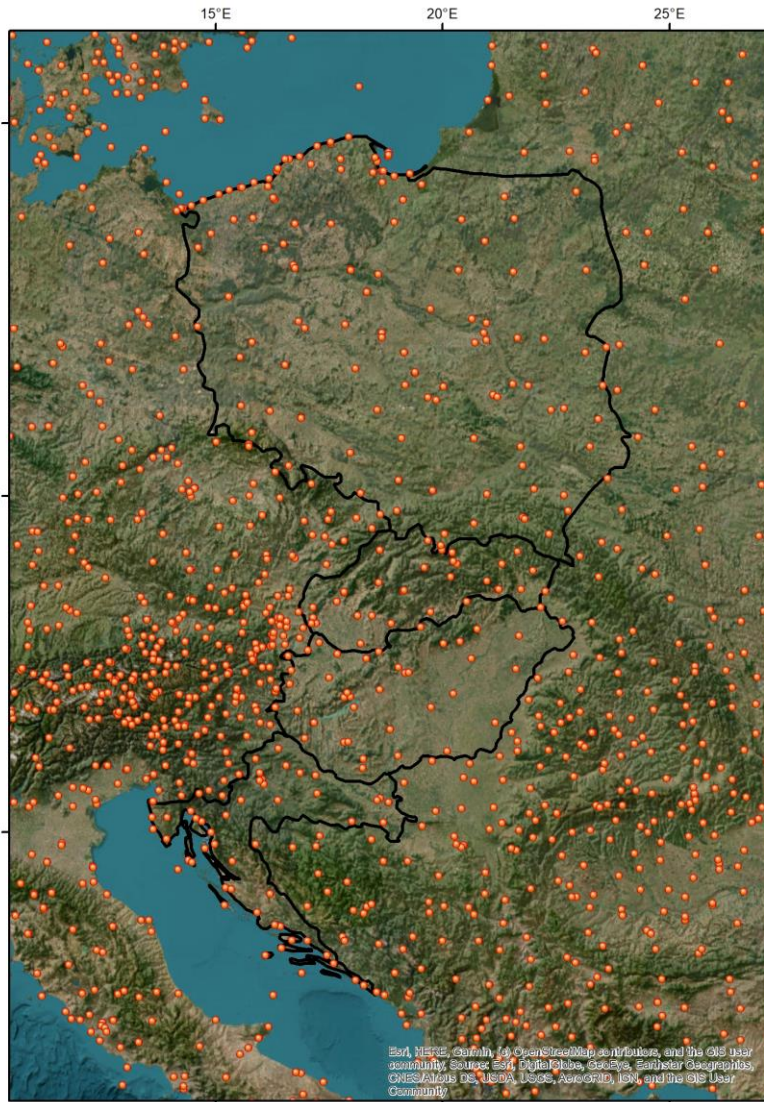
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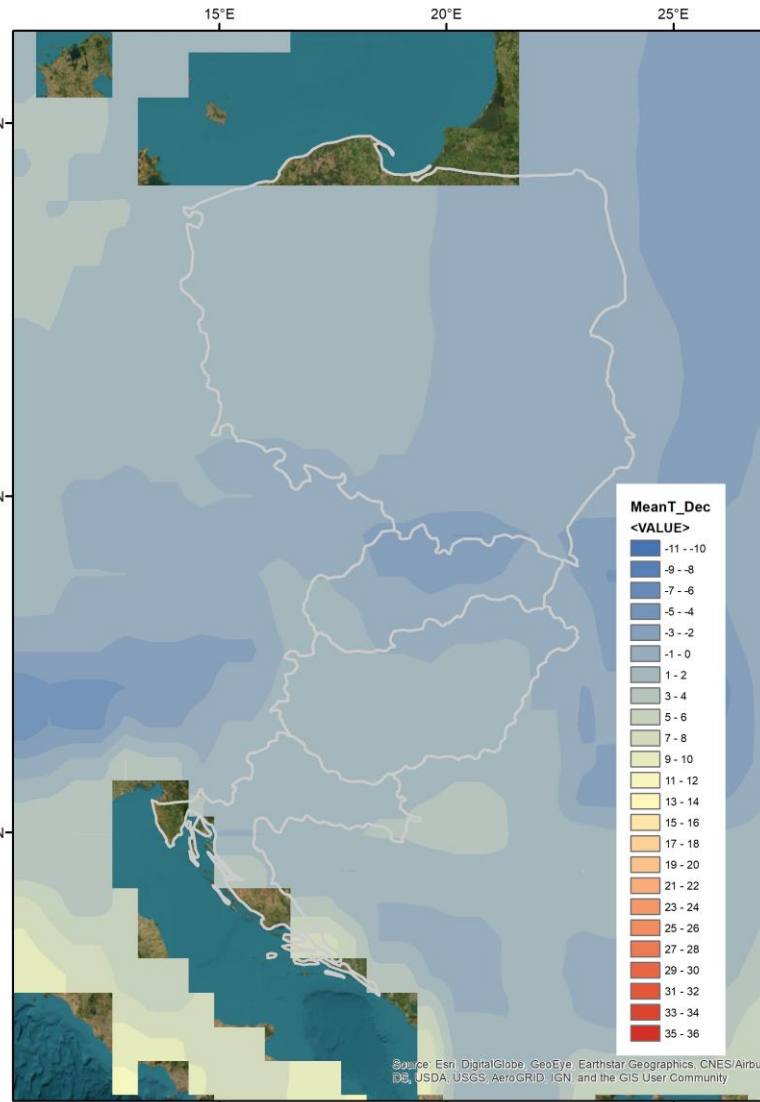
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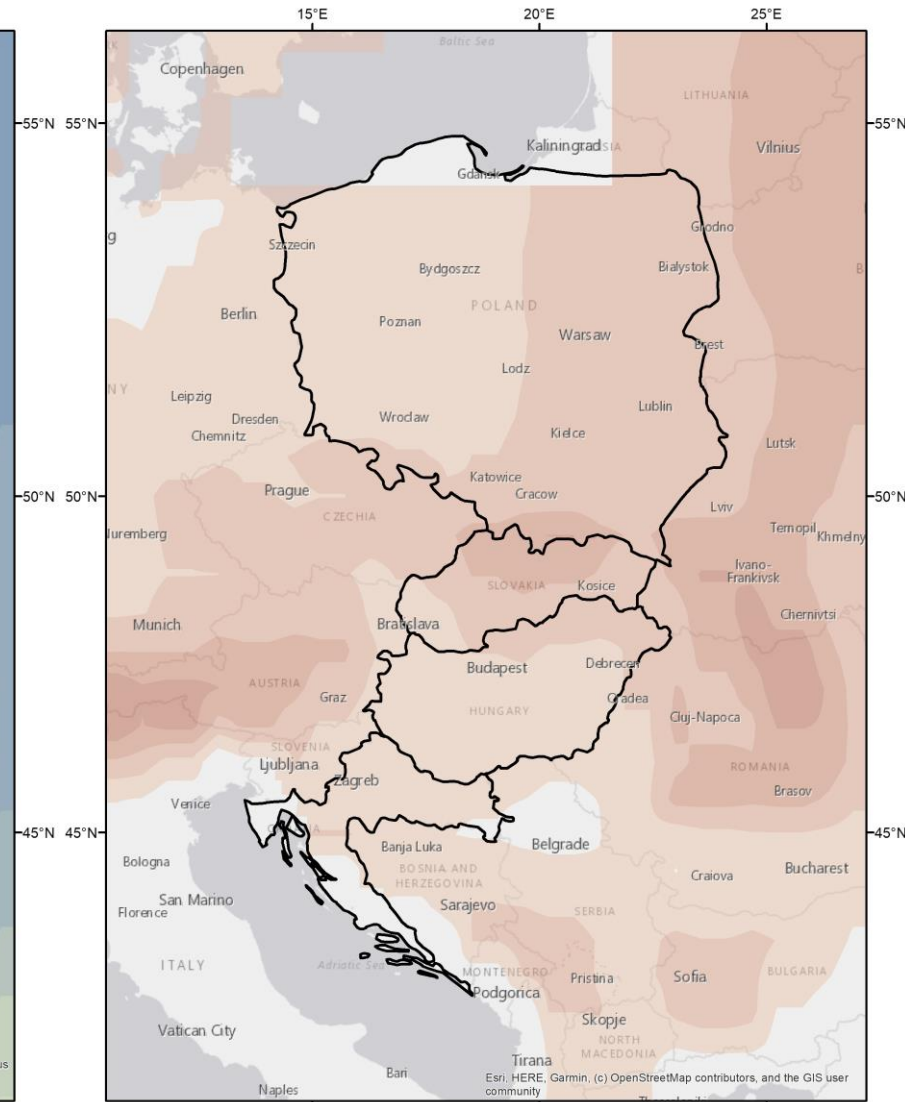
Example – Heating Demand



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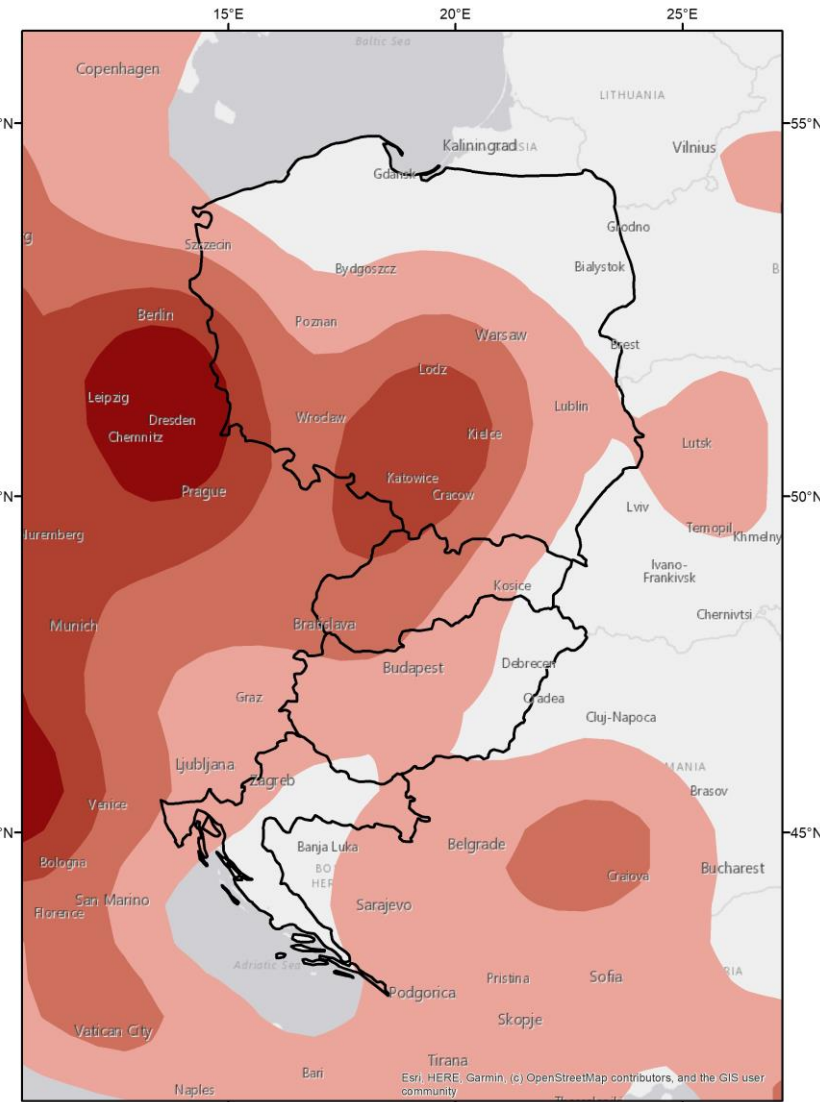
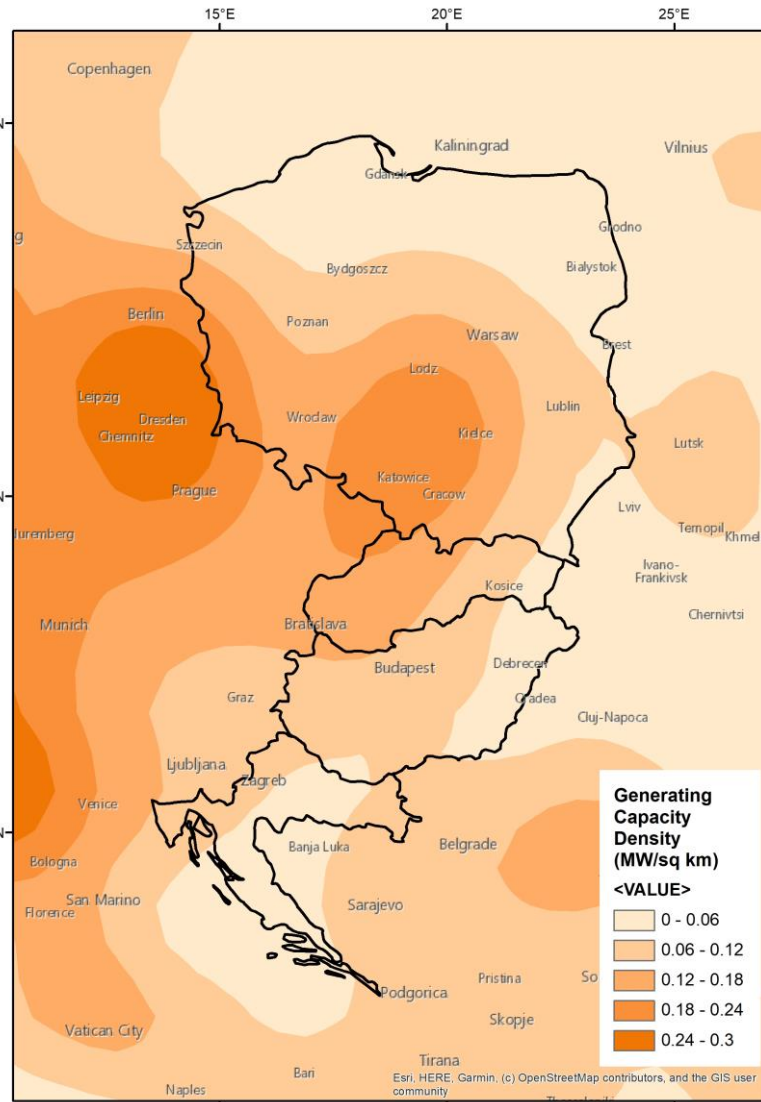
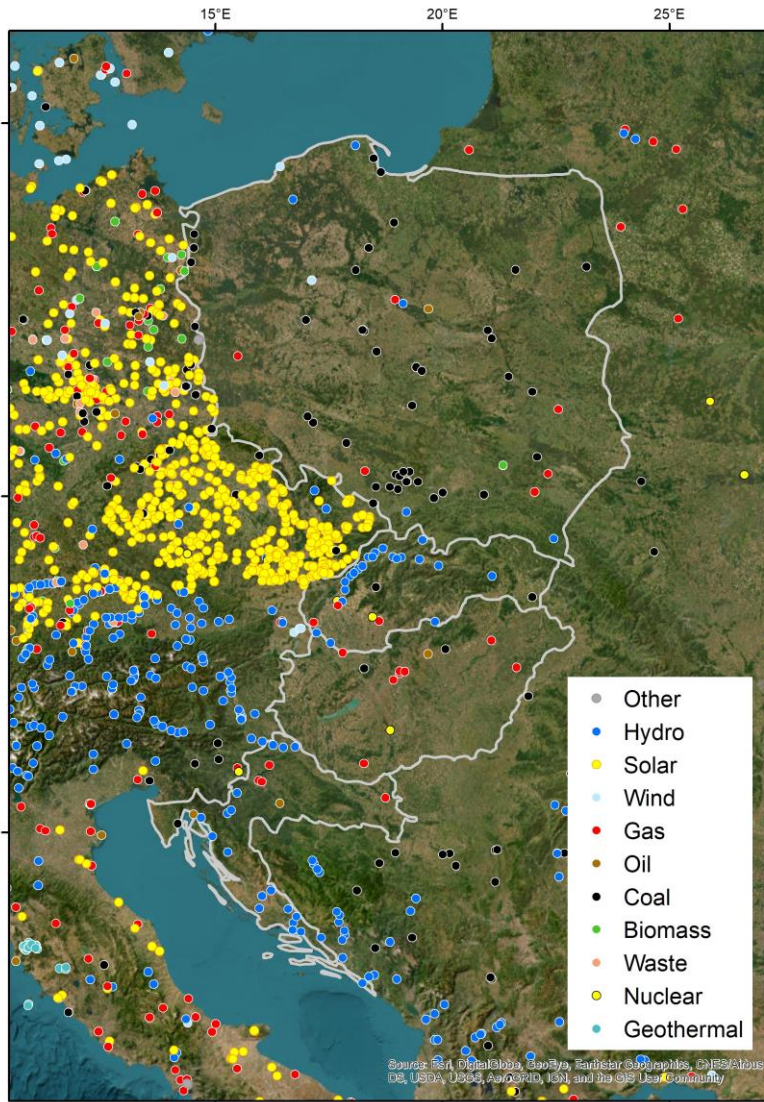


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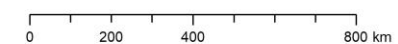
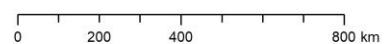
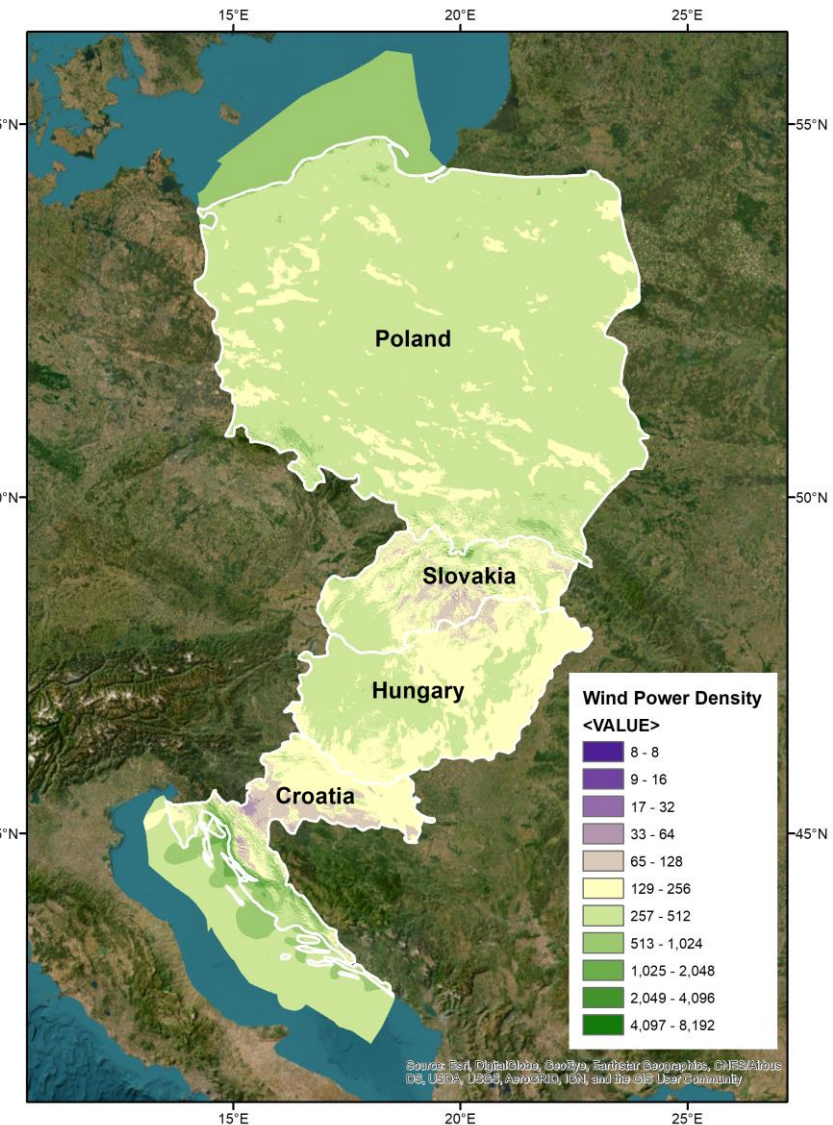


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Example – Existing Power Generation



Example – Potential Green Power Generation



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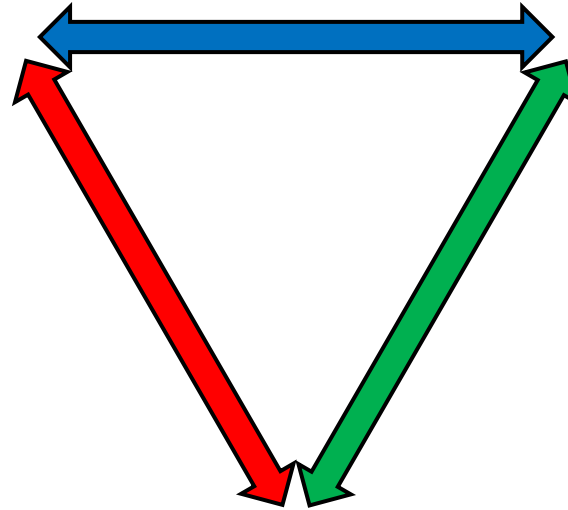
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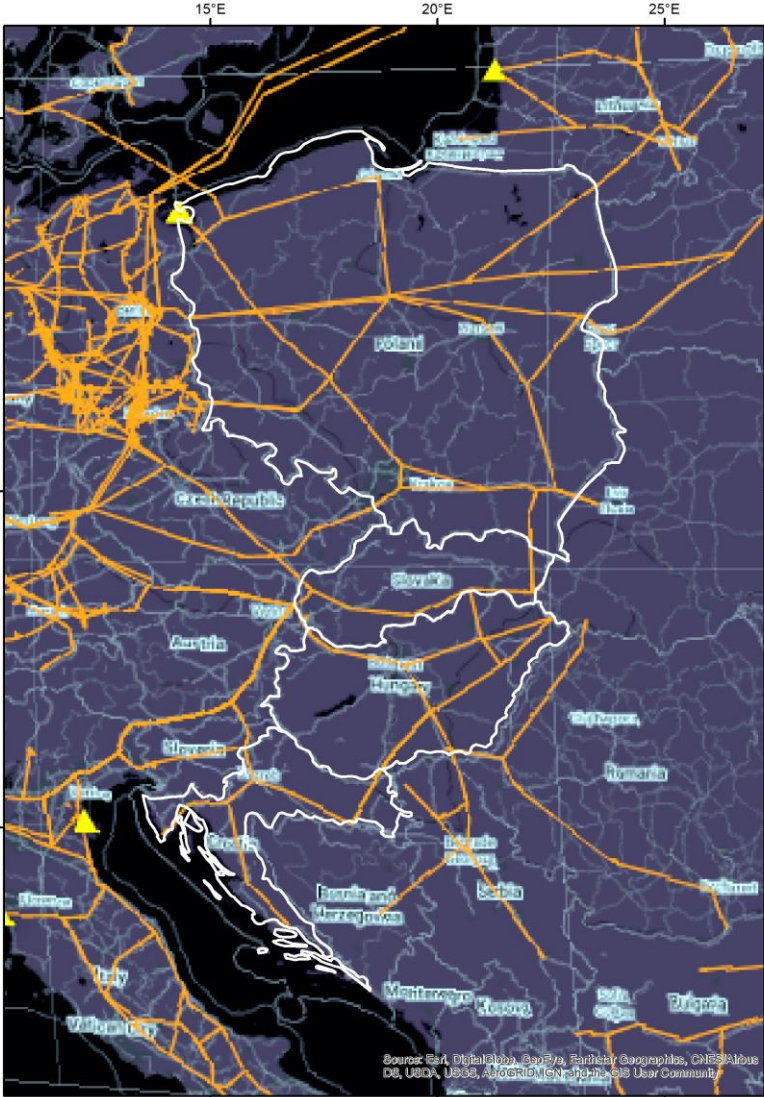


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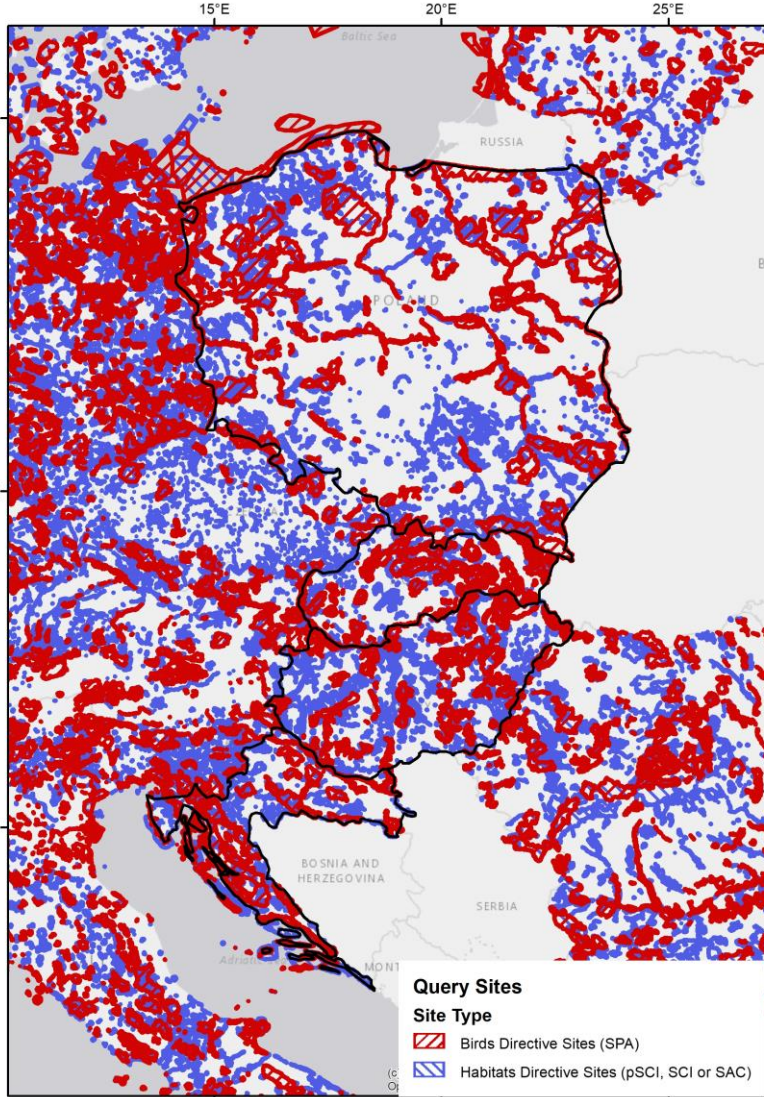
Transmission Infrastructure & Nature Protection



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- Query Sites**
- Site Type**
- Birds Directive Sites (SPA)
 - Habitats Directive Sites (pSCI, SCI or SAC)

Posing Questions – Where would I find...

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