

20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

52°North Innovation Summit

Exploring the Next Horizon: Geospatial IT and GeoAI

In September 2026, 52°North celebrates its 20th anniversary. To mark this milestone, we are organizing the 52°North Innovation Summit. The event will bring together partners, customers, leading researchers, and anyone interested in state-of-the-art Geo-IT to explore the current trajectories and future horizons of Open Source Geo-IT innovations. Join us as we look ahead to confront upcoming bottlenecks and unlock the untapped potential of next-generation spatial computing.

Core Innovation Tracks

1. Next-Gen Geospatial IT

We will explore innovative architectures, interoperable geodata ecosystems, and the evolution of highly scalable, real-time sensor networks. In addition, we will examine how emerging Geo IT technologies can empower researchers to address major global challenges, such as climate change.

2. Geo AI and Intelligent Analytics

Geo AI holds significant potential to address many challenges within existing spatial data infrastructures, ranging from enhancing data discovery capabilities to supporting tedious tasks such as metadata curation. In data analytics, Geo AI will enable novel ways to extract insights from large amounts of geospatial data and improve the understanding of currently unknown correlations.

3. Local and Regional Digital Twins

Digital Twins based on geospatial technologies will facilitate a better understanding of our world, the effects of changes and the evaluation of solutions for societal and environmental challenges.

Important Information

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

11:00 meet and greet, light lunch
12:00 - 17:30 official program
19:00 dinner

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

09:00 - 13:00 official program
13:00 lunch

Location:

Studienwerk der Steuerberater
Willy-Brandt-Weg 30
48155 Münster

Hotel suggestions:

B&B HOTEL Münster Hafen
Ibis Budget
Prize by Radisson, Münster City

Questions?

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Why attend?

Shape the Future: Actively contribute to open-source spatial tech trajectories.

Expert Dialogue: Engage with leading minds across research, industry, and the public sector.

Targeted Horizons: Move past the AI hype cycle into actionable, production-ready geospatial frameworks

"The best way to predict the future of geospatial technology is to build it. Together."

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