



# World Geospatial Industry Council

## HORIZONS NEWSLETTER

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### WGIC UPDATES

#### Horizons 2025 – A High-Powered Convergence of Technologies, Innovation, and Collaborative Solutions



WGIC Horizons 2025 spotlighted breakthrough geospatial innovations and cross-industry solutions under the theme “Beyond Boundaries.” From AI-driven digital twins to quantum computing’s potential, the event painted a vivid picture of where the geospatial industry is headed. Want to dive deeper into the key themes and inspiring sessions?

[Watch here](#)

#### Why Technology Leaders Came Together at WGIC Horizons 2025



More than 130 geospatial professionals gathered at WGIC Horizons 2025 to connect, gain insights, and explore the future of the geospatial industry. Attendees highlighted the event as a unique opportunity to engage with leadership from top companies like Google, AWS, Microsoft, Trimble, ESRI, and more. Key discussions focused on the transformative role of geospatial data in driving climate-resilient cities and supporting critical climate action. For many, Horizons was the perfect platform to discover innovative solutions, forge new partnerships, and deepen understanding of how geospatial insights can tackle today’s most urgent challenges.

[Watch](#) industry leaders share why they participated and what’s driving key discussions at WGIC Horizons.

[Access event pictures.](#)

### HORIZONS PODCAST VIDEOS

#### [Gary Neelayyagari: Clients Love Us for Our Ability to Scale the Team to Any Size They Want](#)



Gary Neelayyagari, Vice-President of Soham Software Services, highlights the company’s global expertise in geospatial solutions, backed by 30+ years and 90,000+ projects. With strengths in photogrammetry, LiDAR, GIS, and remote sensing, Soham combines scalable operations and secure infrastructure to deliver advanced services. Gary also discusses their innovative use of drone and LiDAR technologies and their commitment to industry collaboration as a new WGIC member.

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### EVENTS & OUTREACH

#### WGIC Joins Urban Tech Challenge in Dublin to Tackle Real-World City Challenges



WGIC Associate Director Helen Gilmartin joined the Urban Tech Challenge in Dublin on the invitation of WGIC President Zubran Solaiman. Hosted by Bentley Systems in partnership with Google, Dublin City University, and Smart Dublin, the event brought together a number of teams to develop tech-driven solutions to real-world urban challenges. The challenge focused on issues such as flood management, urban mobility, and stakeholder engagement, using tools such as CesiumJS and Google APIs. WGIC's participation reflects our engagement in cross-sector collaboration to advance geospatial innovation.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

[GEO Business 2025 | June 4-5](#)

[EO Summit | June 10-11](#)

[I-GUIDE Forum 2025 | June 17-19](#)

[UCGIS Symposium 2025 | June 23-27](#)

[Esri UC 2025 | July 14-18](#)

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