

UN-GGIM: Europe

Report: activities, meetings & interactions



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*UN-GGIM Expanded Bureau Meeting
December 2016*

3rd Plenary Meeting UN-GGIM: Europe

- 5th October 2016 in Budapest, Hungary
- 101 delegates, from 31 countries and 10 observer organisations
- Global progress of UN-GGIM, progress of regional working groups, good practice of cooperation between NMCAs & NSIs
- Approved new Observer Organisations, new Executive Committee Member and work plan for 2017 - 2020



Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe

- UN-GGIM: Europe is coordinated and managed by an Executive Committee of nine: one chair, two vice-chairs and six members nominated and approved at Regional Plenary Meetings
- At 3rd Plenary Janusz Dygaszewicz, from Polish NSI, nominated to Regional Executive Committee
- Held five times over the past 12 months:
 - Work plan
 - Regional working groups,
 - Global agenda of Committee of Experts,
 - Strengthen the integration of geospatial information with statistics
 - Increase the cooperation with the wider geospatial community in Europe



UN-GGIM: Europe Secretariat

- The Netherlands is responsible for the Secretariat to UN-GGIM: Europe
- Continued support from EuroGeographics, who funds and provides the secretariat service by agreement with Kadaster Netherlands.
- Renewed the agreement with Kadaster for another 2 years, covering period 2017 -2018



Regional working groups

UN-GGIM: Europe has three regional working groups:

- Working A - Core Data
 - identified the 14 core data themes as the most frequently required by SDG use cases
- Working Group B – Data Integration
 - reported on how evidence based decision making can benefit from geospatial information in combination with other information at regional, national and sub-national levels, reflecting the UN and the European goals
- GRF-Europe
 - build a close connection to the geodesy-related organizations in Europe, and actively contribute to the work of the global GGRF Working Group



Proposed Work Plan 2017-2020

Working Group on Core Data (Work Group A)

1. Specifications of core data (End of 2017):

a) identify the users and their needs and requirements for core data, taking into account existing surveys of user needs and requirements as well as analysis of existing use cases and investigate available data from various sources and analyse gaps; (Delivered)

b) provide a description and technical specifications for core data, based on user needs and requirements, in accordance with INSPIRE and other relevant legislations and making use of the outcomes and specifications of other initiatives, such as the ELF project; (On-going)

2. Report on economic model for production and distribution of core data;

3. Report on existing political and financial frameworks which support core data availability.



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Working Group on Data Integration (Work Group B)



1. Definition of the priority user needs for combinations of data (**Delivered**)
2. Recommendation for methods implementing the prioritised combinations of data (**November 2016**)
3. Recommendation about how to manage side-effects induced by data combinations (**October 2016**)



New scope for the group: interact with the newly established IAEG-SDG Working Group on Geospatial Information

- a) Develop practical examples (best practice) on specific national implementations on how Geospatial Information can support in processes in achieving the SDGs and where the need shows to measure, monitor and mitigate challenges;
- b) Suggest links between communities: demographic, statistical and environmental data together with the Geospatial Location – ranging from the conceptual level to specific indicators.



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Working Group on Geodetic Reference Frame in Europe (GRF-Europe)

1. Take note of the European contribution to the Global Geodetic Reference Frame, in particular the GGRF roadmap which is to be completed in 2016;
2. Recognise the insufficient connection between the existing geodetic infrastructure and social and political components within nations when applying the UN Resolution and impending GGRF roadmap, and make recommendations in this regard on a European level;
3. Formally set up a Working Group on Geodetic Reference Frames GRF-Europe within the UN-GGIM: Europe taking into account both the work of GGRF together with that of EUREF and other geo-referencing organisations in Europe in order to avoid duplication.



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Working Group on Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes (WG Fundamental Data)

The Experts Committee mandated UN-GGIM: Europe to establish and lead a Global Working Group on Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes.

- Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe acts as the steering group for WG Fundamental Data.
- The Executive Committee has appointed the United Kingdom to lead UN-GGIM: WG Fundamental Data, UN-GGIM: Europe is the permanent secretariat to the Working Group.
- A working group has been established with 16 members from UN Member States and three from observer organisations, has drafted Terms of Reference
- Global consultations have been held at 3 international events, the UN-GGIM HLF in Addis Ababa, the GWF16 Conference in Rotterdam and GGIM6 in New York.
- An interim report on the progress submitted at GGIM6
- WG Fundamental Data aims to finalise its work within 18 months for presentation at GGIM7
- It is expected that the Working Group will produce a first draft of a Resolution on Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes for the consideration of the Committee of Experts with the possibility of taking this to the General Assembly.



Publicity and Outreach: Activities 2017

- 3rd Joint ESS-UN-GGIM: Europe Meeting, 31st March, Luxembourg
- 4th Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe 7-8th June, Brussels, Belgium
- INSPIRE Conference, September 2017, Strasbourg/Kehl
- UNECE Workshop on Statistical & Geospatial, Autumn 2017, Sweden
- EFGS Conference, Autumn 2017, Dublin, Ireland



Observer organisations

Engaging with the wider geospatial and statistical communities in Europe:

- Encourage a high level of active participation from the wider geospatial community
- Raise interest from observing bodies, relevant professional, research and academic organizations and associations
- Applications from GSDI & ConsultingWhere, received and accepted



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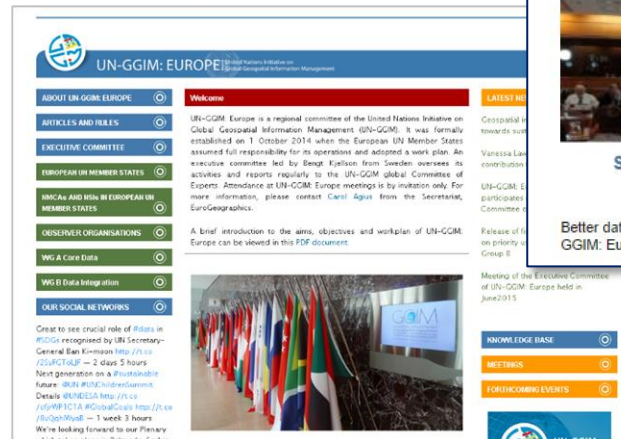


Media and communication

- Press releases publicising regional and global UN-GGIM activities and achievements
- [UN-GGIM: Europe Newsletter](#)
- Website: <http://un-ggim-europe.org/>
- Twitter account: @UNGGIMEurope



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Updating you on UN-GGIM: Europe and its activities

It is almost two years since UN-GGIM: Europe was officially established at its first Plenary in Moldova. When I look back over the past 24 months, I never fail to be amazed by the progress that we have made together. Recommendations for meeting priority user needs have been delivered, the data required for monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) assessed and initial work on core data descriptions drafted.

In addition, we have seen the UN's adoption of the 2030 Agenda which recognises and provides a global policy mandate for the role of geospatial data in supporting the SDGs. We know however that there is still much that the geospatial community can contribute to create a better future for people and planet. That's why we have introduced this newsletter to keep you up to date on UN-GGIM: Europe activities.

In this first issue, we're reporting on our second joint meeting with the European Statistical System (ESS) as well as the latest news from our working groups on data integration and core data. We're also pleased to announce the establishment of a third working group, GRF-Europe which will to coordinate the region's contribution to the UN's Global Geodetic Reference Frame (GGRF).

Our next issue will report on GGIM6, which will be held at UN Headquarters in New York from 1 to 5 August, and our third Plenary on 5 October. In the meantime, don't forget you can follow us on Twitter @UNGGIMEurope or visit our website www.un-ggim-europe.org.

Bengt Kjellson
Chair, UN-GGIM: Europe



Statistical and geospatial experts hear that better data means better lives

Better data can indeed make for better lives, delegates at the second Joint Meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe and European Statistical System (ESS) have heard.



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Priority Issues and Challenges

The Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe will focus on the following priority issues for the coming period:

- The Sustainable Development Goals
- Improved collaboration between the statistical and geospatial communities
- Global Fundamental Data Themes
- The continuation of the work of the Committee of Experts following the adoption of the resolution



The Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe will continue to actively contribute to and promote the work of the UN-GGIM, both at regional and global levels.



Thank you!

