GEOSTAT – Projects on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information in Europe

UN-GGIM #8 – Side event EG - Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information/Open Geospatial Consortium

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Aim of this presentation

- Quick introduction to the European Statistical System

- History and goals of GEOSTAT

- Some results and links to the Statistical Geospatial Framework

- Future Work

The European Statistical System

Institutional partnership between Eurostat and the national statistical authorities

Member states collect and process the national data
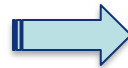
Eurostat processes the received data and disseminates European official statistics

EUROPEAN STATISTICAL SYSTEM

Working principle of the ESS

Comparable national statistics by

- **harmonisation of production processes**

- **Methodologies**

- **output geographies**

The European Forum for Geography and Statistics EFGS

- Voluntary network of geospatial experts in Statistical Offices

- Reference group for methodological work on the integration of statistics and geospatial information in the EU

- Origin of GEOSTAT

- Focus on networking and information sharing in the ESS and globally

- Annual EFGS conferences

- 11th conference of the European Forum for Geography and Statistics will be held in **Helsinki 16-18 October, 2018**
- We kindly invite you to participate
- The conference website is open www.efgs2018.fi
- This website will give you all information about the conference
- Deadline for registration and submission of abstracts is 17 August 2018

GEOSTAT work plan

- Develop a methodology for the integration of geospatial information into statistical production

- Make geospatial information management a routine task in the production of official statistics

- Design geospatial statistics products to increase the relevance of official statistics
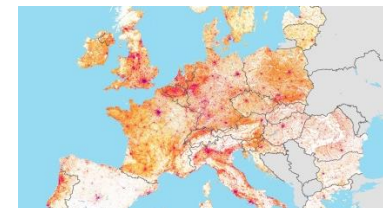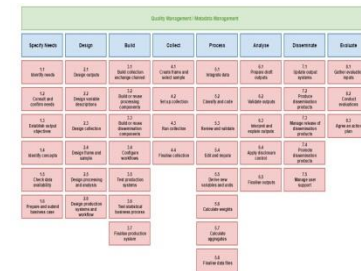
GEOSTAT projects - evolution

2020 - 2021
GEOSTAT 4
(planned)

2017 - 2019
GEOSTAT 3 - A
European version
of the Statistical
Geospatial
Framework (on-
going

2015 - 2017
GEOSTAT 2 - point
based geocoding
infrastructure for
statistics
(completed)

2010 - 2014
GEOSTAT 1 - EU
wide
population grid
(completed)
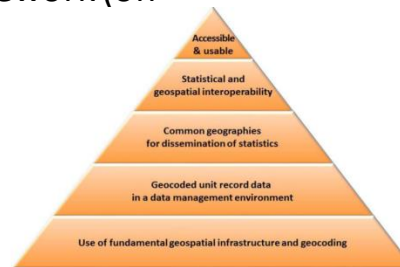
GEOSTAT working method

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Scope of GEOSTAT 3

- 8 NSOs, led by Sweden
- Adapt SGF to Europe
- Harmonise geospatial information management between NSOs
- Define responsibilities of NMCAs -> UN-GGIM: Europe
- Test the implementation of SGF on statistical products

  => Produce SDG indicators (more flexible than EU statistical products)
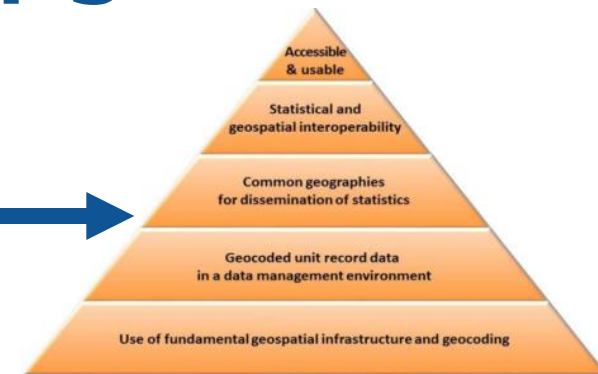
SDG indicators tested in GEOSTAT 3

11.2.1 Proportion of population that has convenient access to public transport, by sex, age and persons with disabilities

11.3.1 Ratio of land consumption rate to population growth rate

11.7.1 Average share of the built-up area of cities that is open space for public use by all, by sex, age and persons with disabilities

Still a lot to do …

Institutions
- Legislation on geocoding
- Institutional agreements between Statistical and Geospatial Authorities
- Governance for the SGF

Methodology
- Full development of the SGF
- Integration into the statistical quality framework
- Full integration of geospatial information management into business processes, enterprise architectures, information models, information exchange standards
- Recognition of SGF as a statistical methodology

Capacity building
- Training plans and recruitment policies

Products
- Geo-enable more statistics
- Design further geospatial statistics products
- Stimulate user demand

That's why Eurostat proposes GEOSTAT 4 (2020-2022)

Completed SGF for the ESS

- Fill gaps and provide detailed implementation guidance
- Draft ESS methodological document
- Prepare training material

SGF in operation in all NSIs

- Inventory on geocoding in statistical production
- Focus on surveys and business registers
- National/EU action plans for SGF implementation/geocoding
- Plans for further geospatial statistics

Geospatial quality assessment

- Develop specific geospatial quality targets and indicators
- Integrate into existing quality tools of the ESS

Summary GEOSTAT and the SGF

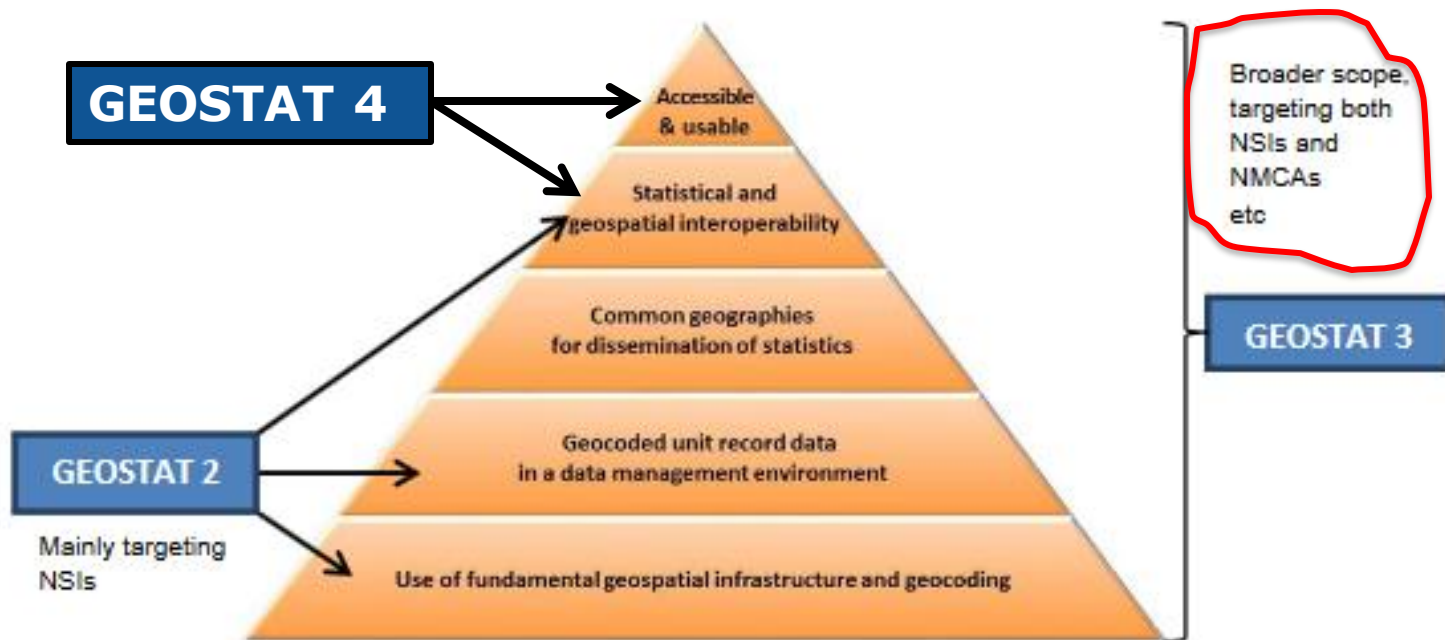A Point-based Foundation for Statistics – Final Report from the GEOSTAT 2 Project

Figure 3: Illustration of the link between the GEOSTAT projects and the SGF.

Related effort: access for NSOs to fundamental geospatial data and services

Icons for the global fundamental geospatial data themes

Global Geodetic Reference Frame

Addresses

Buildings and Settlements

Elevation and Depth

Functional Areas

Geographical Names

Geology and Soils

Land Cover and Land Use

Land Parcels

Physical Infrastructure
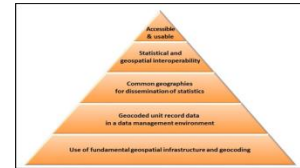
Population Distribution

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Transport Networks

Water

Discussion on SGF governance

- What will be the role of the SGF in statistical production?

- Who will be the owner/steward of the SGF?

- Implementation plan

- Role of the Regions?

Further information

- Ekkehard.PETRI@ec.europa.eu
- EFGS website www.efgs.info
- GEOSTAT 3 project https://www.efgs.info/geostat/geostat-3/
- EFGS conference 2018 www.efgs2018.fi
- Eurostat geospatial statistics http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/gisco/overview