Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial agenda: Europe

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UN-GGIM: Europe
The aim of UN-GGIM: Europe

The aim of UN-GGIM: Europe work is to ensure that the national mapping and cadastral authorities and national statistical institutes in the European UN Member States, the European Institutions and associated bodies work together to contribute to the more effective management and availability of geospatial information in Europe, and its integration with other information, based on user needs and requirements.
UN-GGIM: Europe - Administrative arrangements

- UN-GGIM: Europe governed by Articles and Rules of procedure which are publicly available

- Executive Committee nominated and approved during the inaugural meeting on 1st October 2014

- Secretariat of UN-GGIM: Europe is carried out by EuroGeographics through a Service Level Agreement with Kadaster Netherlands
UN-GGIM: Europe – Contribution to global initiative

- Ensure that the regional efforts of UN-GGIM: Europe contribute to the global initiative
  - GGRF resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly 26/2/2015
  - Active role in the Global Working Groups
  - Active role in raising awareness of the importance of geospatial information to SDGs
  - Active and leading role in defining fundamental data, and how these can be used to enhance the SDGs
UN-GGIM: Europe – A year of events

- **Joint UN-GGIM: Europe and ESS** meeting held in Luxembourg, 3rd March 2015
- **EuroGeographics: from INSPIRE Directive towards the European Location Framework** held in Kiev, Ukraine in March 2015,
- **INSPIRING National Spatial Data Infrastructures Development in Eastern Europe** held in April 2015, Chisinau, Moldova
- Side-Event at UN intergovernmental negotiations of SDGs held in April 2015, New York
- **FIG Working Week** in Sofia in May 2015.
- **UN-GGIM: Europe Workshop held at the INSPIRE/GWF 2015**, 28th May 2015
- **5th Session of the Committee of Experts – Two side Events**, held in August 2015, New York
UN-GGIM: Europe – Future Events

• **UN-GGIM: Europe 2nd Plenary Session**
  7 October Belgrade, Serbia
  – Focus on the work carried out by UN-GGIM: Europe and how this integrates with global and regional levels

• **EFGS & ICA 2015**
  10 – 12 November, Vienna, Austria
  – Focus on providing an overview of the work of the two WGs

• **Joint UN-GGIM: Europe-ESS Meeting**
  March 2016
  – Focus on bringing the statistical and geospatial communities together
UN-GGIM: Europe:

• Ensure the highest possible level of active participation from wider geospatial community
  – Raise interest from observing bodies, currently four organisations granted observer status in UN-GGIM: Europe
  – The European Commission is granted permanent observer status in the Articles of UN-GGIM: Europe.
  – Two more organisations seeing observer status with UN-GGIM: Europe, officially approved at 2nd Plenary of UN-GGIM: Europe in October
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