

UN-GGIM: Europe Working Group on Data Integration

Findings, challenges and obstacles



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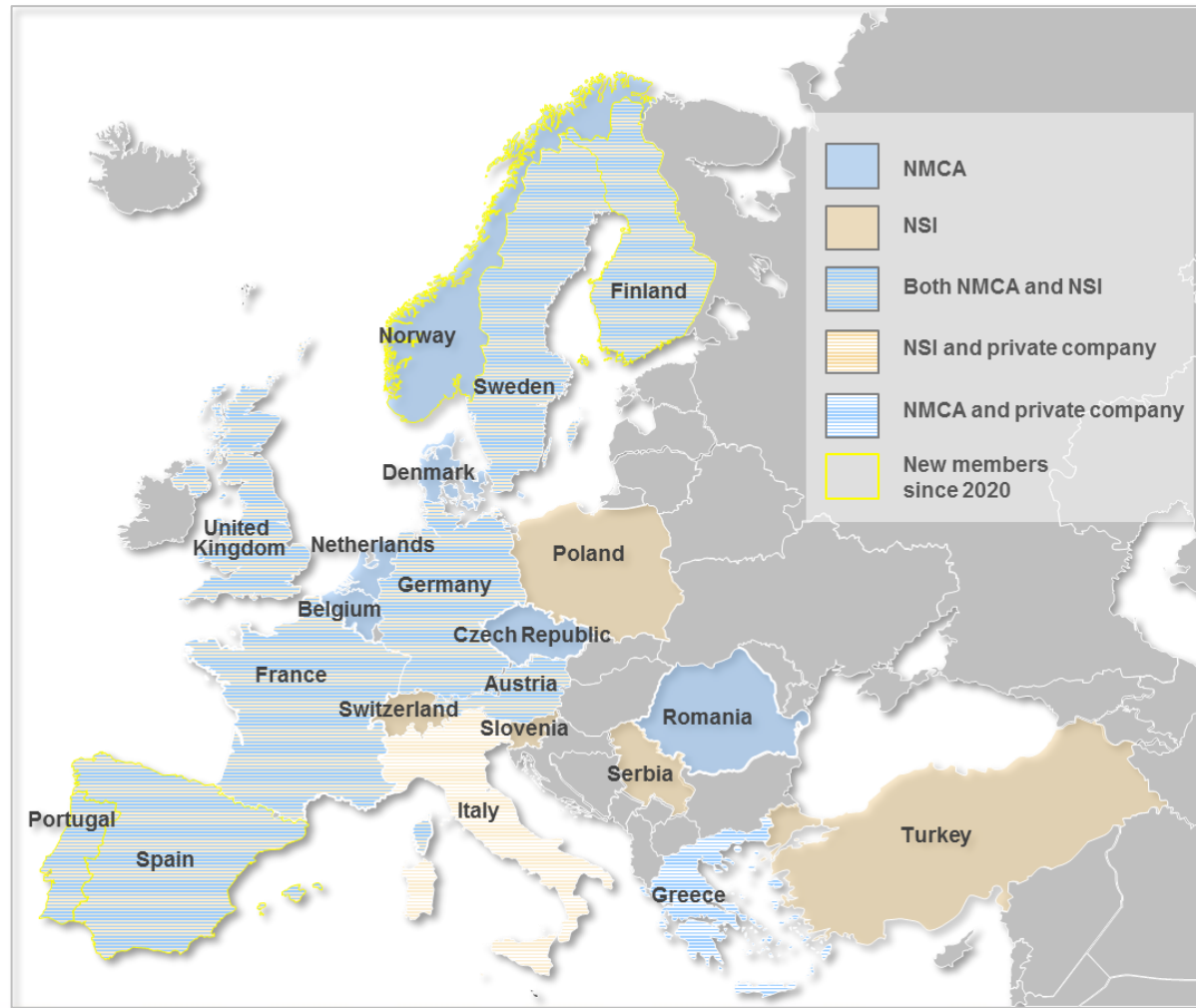


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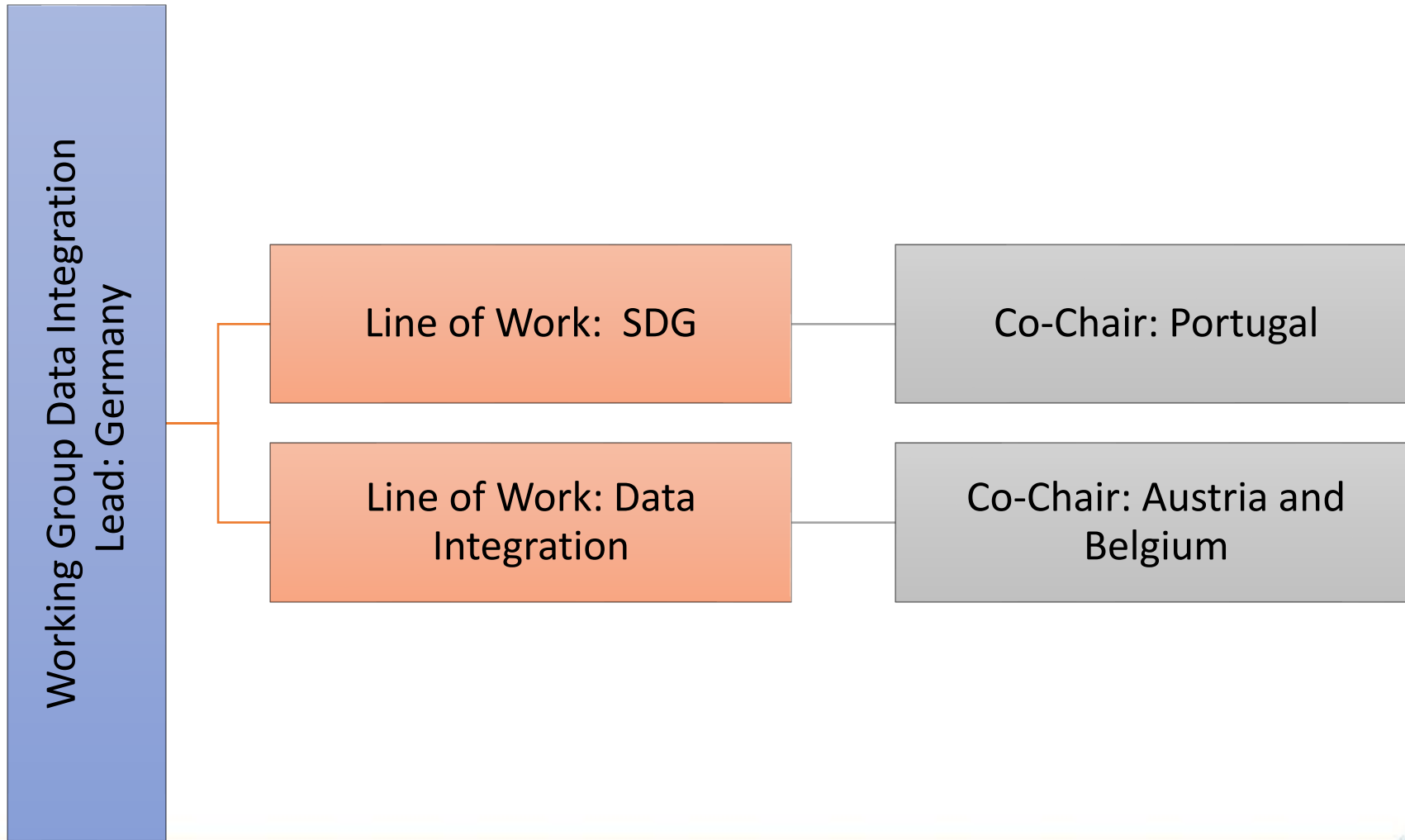
Working Group on Data Integration – distribution across Europe



- **25-30 members from Member States** affiliated to geospatial and statistical agencies
- **Private companies**
- **Observer organisations**, like Eurostat, JRC, EEA, University of Bonn
- Established in 2014



Organisation of the 2 LoW – SDG & Data Integration



Previous UN-GGIM: Europe SDG activities

Work Plan 2017 – 2019 deliverables on SDG indicator analysis



Address the contribution of **geospatial data analysis** and its integration with statistical data at a global, European and national perspective based on the analysis of **selected SDG indicators**



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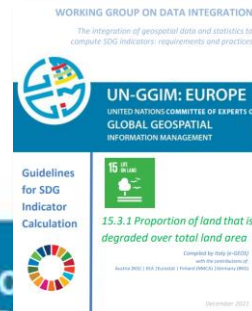
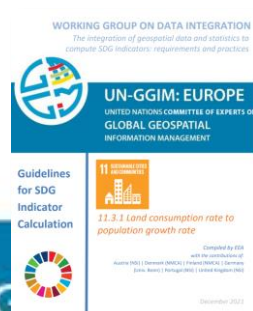
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Work Plan 2019 – 2022 deliverables on computing SDG indicators

Provide methodological, operational and technical guidance in the use of geospatial data and statistics to compute SDG indicators, with an European and national perspective, and reflecting on solutions which may increase disaggregation



Harmonised guidelines on the computation of four SDG indicators



UN-GGIM: Europe Subgroup on SDGs - Overarching conclusions

PAN-EUROPEAN PRODUCTS MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO COMPUTE SDG INDICATORS	<i>Pan-European geospatial datasets are a first step allowing for a detailed computation at EU level with a good degree of homogeneity and comparability of data for SDG indicators 11.3.1, 15.1.1 and 15.3.1</i>	STABILITY IS KEY FOR EO DERIVED PRODUCTS	<i>Geospatial data sources evolve rapidly, and innovation and new products are relevant and necessary. Nevertheless, for statistical indicators continuity, periodicity and comparability of data sources is key to meet the standard criteria of statistical information production to guarantee a coherent process of SDG monitoring.</i>
DATA SOURCES SERVE MORE THAN ONE SDG INDICATOR	<i>Pan-European geospatial products capturing relevant dimensions on land monitoring can serve more than one SDG indicators - the Copernicus Imperviousness Layer (IMD) provides data both for SDG indicators 11.3.1 and 15.3.1</i>	ACCOUNTING FOR BIAS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN DERIVING STATISTICS FROM EO	<i>For statistical indicators resulting from earth observation classified data, accounting for bias should be considered. This point is particularly relevant to cope with statistical standards and as the level of territorial detail and segmentation of data increases.</i>
ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARIES ARE CORE FOR COMPARABLE CROSS-COUNTRY RESULTS	<i>It is important to have updated authoritative geographies for the definition of local, regional, and national territorial boundaries. At the European level, EuroGeographics is working towards providing easy access to pan-European open data created using official map, geospatial and land information.</i>	COORDINATE SHARED KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES TO DEAL WITH EO	<i>Dealing with EO based data presents increased levels of complexity in terms of data volume and machine data processing. At the European level, it is important to invest in shared knowledge and resources on processing workflows, coding, and data processing solutions, allowing the automatic or semi-automatic extraction of information from satellite images, as well on tools to derive statistics with quality measures.</i>
HARMONISED TERRITORIAL TYPOLOGIES GUARANTEE COMPARABILITY	<i>The Degree of Urbanisation (DEGURBA) and the Functional Urban Areas (FUA) capture the urban dimension guarantying European/Global comparability for SDG indicators 11.2.1 and 11.3.1</i>	NATIONAL DATA SOURCES CAN PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MEANINGFUL INSIGHTS	<i>National data sources can complementarily provide other segmentations at national and sub-national level relevant for policy monitoring and spatial planning policies at the local level. For SDG indicator 15.1.1, national data sources can be used to depict data by types of forest to increase insight on forest monitoring.</i>
AUTHORITATIVE DATA ON TRANSPORT NETWORKS IS CRUCIAL	<i>Working towards having authoritative data on transport networks and public transport timetables or making EC shared services available for the use of MS is crucial to capture and measure accessibility as proposed for SDG indicator 11.2.1</i>		



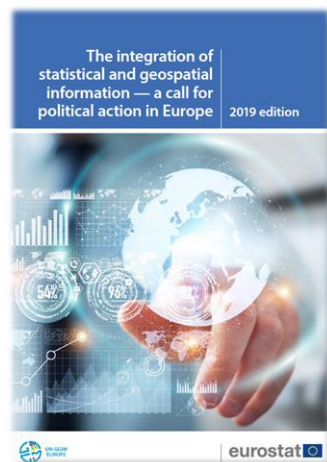
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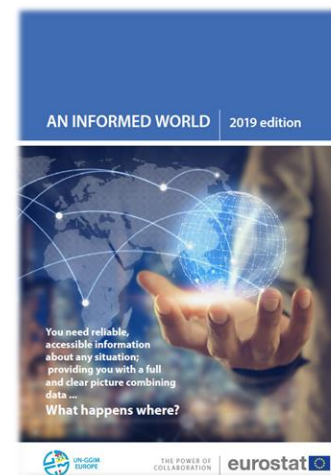
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Work Plan 2017 – 2019: Policy Paper + Leaflet



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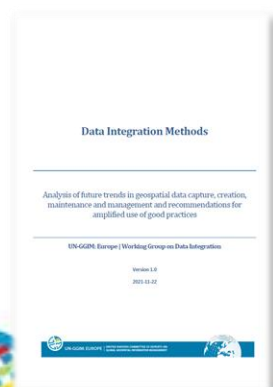
→ **Main audience:**
Senior manager in NSIs, NMCA and ministries



Develop a leaflet

→ **Main audience:**
Policy makers who are not “geospatially related”

Work Plan 2019 – 2022: Report on Data Integration Methods



Collect **national best practice examples** for data integration and describe **methods in the context of the European strategies and developments** (Data spaces, European Green Deal, Geospatial Knowledge Infrastructure)

→ Derive **key recommendations** on Data Integration Methods



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UN-GGIM: Europe Subgroup on Data Integration Methods – Key recommendations

- Define and implement valid **Persistent Identifier (PID)**
- Be aware of new developments like **Data Spaces**
- Have the **European political program** and the **European Green deal** and its impact on the further data integration methods in mind
- Develop and implement **standardized Open APIs** for a smart geospatial data provision
- Agree upon **common definitions** and enforcement of **fundamental geographies** and **linked data**
- Make geospatial and statistical data interoperable and of **good quality**
- Develop and implement sustainable and **automated data integration processes**
- Invest resources and capacity building into a cross-domain '**Geospatial knowledge infrastructure (GKI)**'



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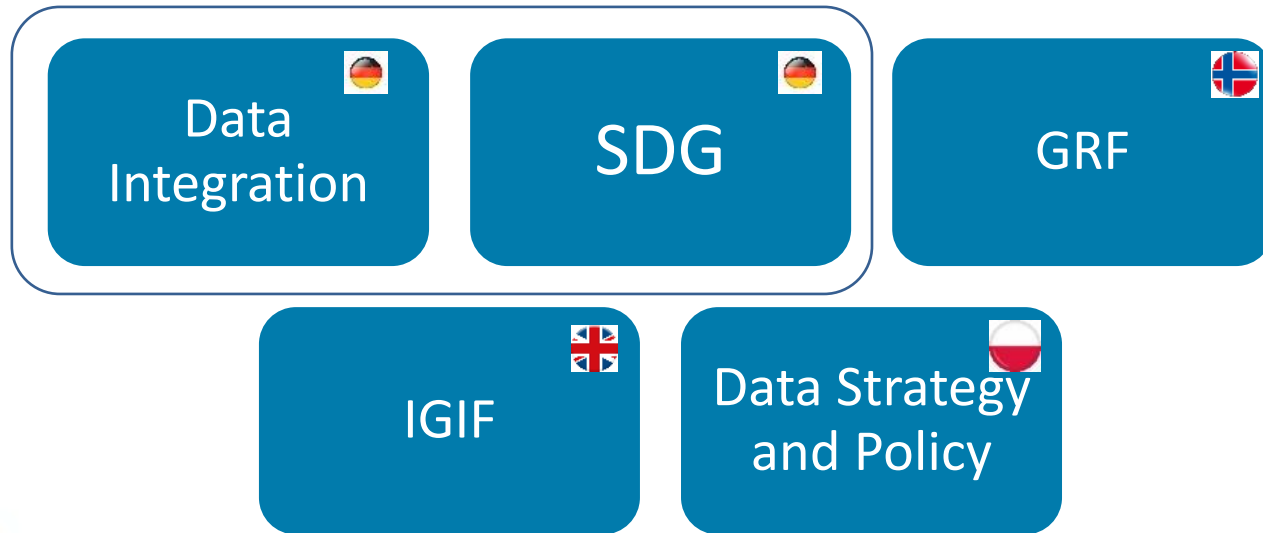
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UN-GGIM: Europe – The future (2022-2025)

- ✓ **New Work Plan** of UN-GGIM: Europe adopted at the UN-GGIM: Europe Plenary on 20 June 2022
- ✓ **5 Lines of Work**



Line of Work – SDG



- To compile and put together **use cases/operational examples** and produce **recommendations/guidelines** on the calculation of SDG indicators
- To promote and conduct **webinars / guided discussions** on specific SDG indicators and/or methodological issues and solutions
- To support and promote **capacity building and development initiatives** on SDG indicator calculations

→ Link to global IAEG-SDG WG GI



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Line of Work – Data Integration



- To compile and put together **use cases/discussion papers on best practices** on data integration methods and produce recommendations and guidelines
- To promote and conduct **webinars on specific topics** relevant data integration
- To support and promote **capacity building and development initiatives** on data integration

→ Link to global UN-GGIM work (EG ISGI)



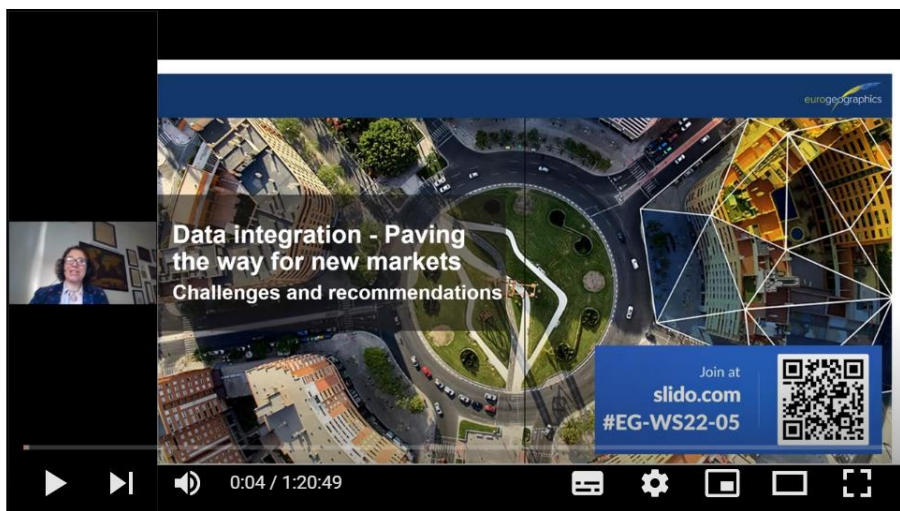
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Way of Working – Toolbox

Focus on Webinars / (virtual) Workshops...



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Series of Coffee Talks...

Latest Coffee Talk: Global Grids for Statistical Data - 7 September 2022

Suggestions for additional topics and offers to present work or share experiences are very welcome.

Join the mailing list to receive updates and registration details for these coffee talks - please contact steven.vale@un.org

Previous Coffee Talks:

- Geospatial and statistical standards - 18 May 2021
- Developments in applying global grids - 29 April 2021
- Defining urban areas and modelling urban area data - 25 March 2021
- New opportunities for geospatial and statistical data using the Discrete Global Grid System (DGGS) - 25 February 2021
- Innovative methods for defining census areas - 2 December 2020



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Focus on Workshops...

WORKSHOP

29 June 2022 at 14h30 CET | Hybrid

Venue: World Urban Forum, Katowice (POL) and Zoom

OECD Laboratory for Geospatial Analysis' workshop at the World Urban Forum
Geospatial data for real-time city and local statistics and better policy

ONLINE WORKSHOP

10 March 2022 | Virtual

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Online workshop

Data fusion approaches in geospatial research: how data from the private sector can support evidence-based policy

ONLINE WORKSHOP

30 November 2021 | Virtual

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Online workshop

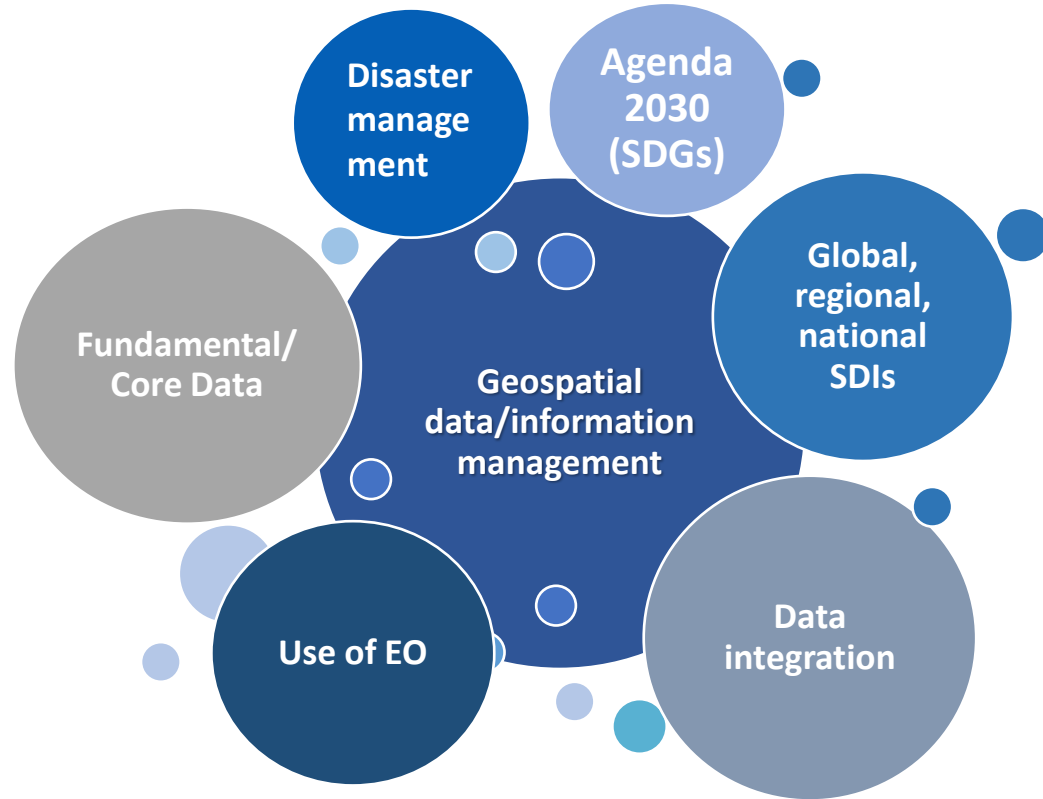
Promoting ethical and responsible use of geospatial data



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Geospatial is Everywhere!

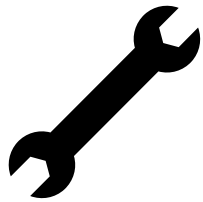


→ Many stakeholders and activities! It's hard to “keep on track”...

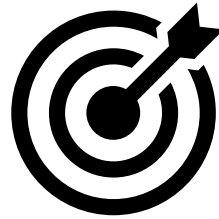
→ Avoid duplication / Link the work and activities



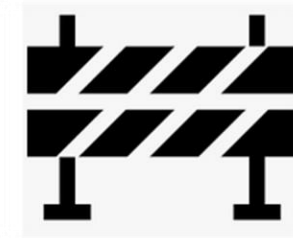
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- Webinars
- Leaflets
- Guidelines



- Many “Players”
- Avoid duplications



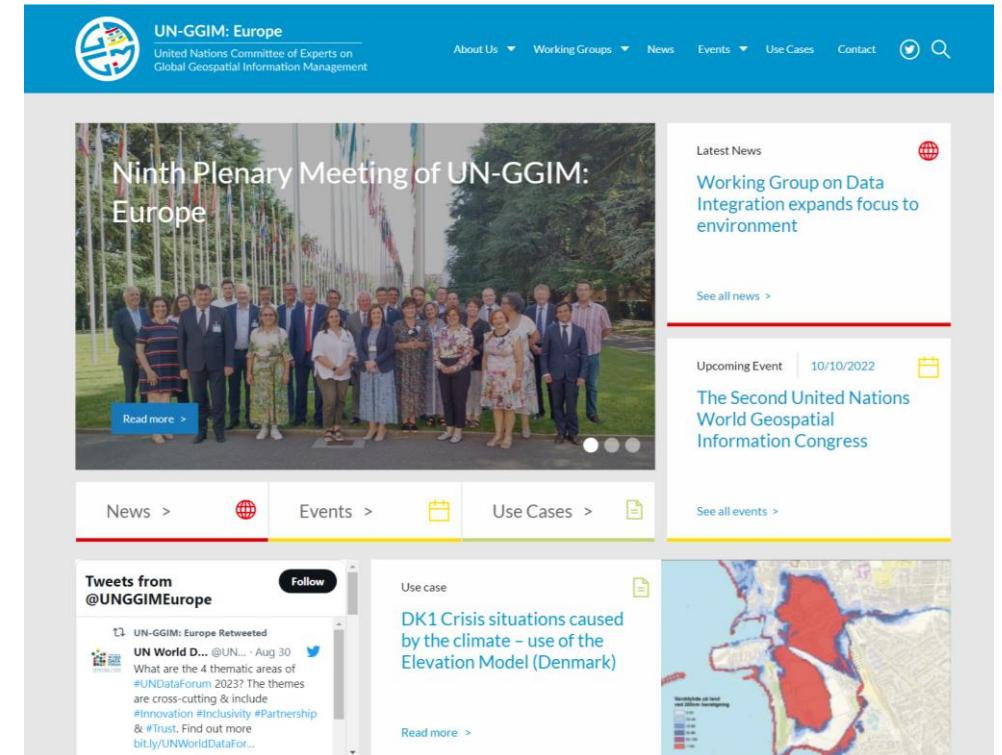
- Technical evolution
- Standards



Questions?

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