

# Report from UN-GGIM: Europe Working Group on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF)



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# UN-GGIM: Europe UN-IGIF Working Group

*The UN-IGIF has quickly become the 'umbrella framework' for the activities of UN-GGIM.*

*Many of the existing frameworks and global expert and working groups relate to the UN-IGIF.*

*This line of work supports the regional interests on the HLG-IGIF, provide the views of the European Region as the UN-IGIF matures, and consider activities which will benefit members of UN-GGIM: Europe.*

## Aim and expected outcomes

- Actively promote the UN-IGIF as a tool and an evaluation system for MS, especially those that already have national frameworks in place.
- Support MS to develop their capabilities and build capacity in country especially enabling them to evaluate and assess the relevance of the UN-IGIF.



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# UN-GGIM: Europe UN-IGIF Working Group

Our Working Group began in November 2022.

Members come from across our region.

Albania

Italy

Ukraine

Armenia

Poland

United Kingdom

Belgium

Portugal

Finland

Serbia

EuroGeographics

Germany

Spain

ESRI

Greece

Sweden

ConsultingWhere

Ireland

The Netherlands

EuroSDR



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# Work plan outline

## Deliverable 1: Expert contributions

- Promote regional experts by contributing experts to global tasks
- Support the European representatives on the HLG-IGIF

## Deliverable 2: Avoid duplication

- Make sure regional activities support global plans
- Global outputs should be transferrable into UN-GGIM: Europe

## Deliverable 3: Share knowledge

- Act as a convening body for UN-GGIM: Europe
- Host knowledge share events such as webinars or seminars

## Deliverable 4: Promote regional successes

- Provide Regional case studies.
- Support Member States to develop Country-level Action Plans



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# Webinar Series

Deliverable 1: Expert contributions

Deliverable 3: Share Knowledge

Deliverable 4: Promote regional successes



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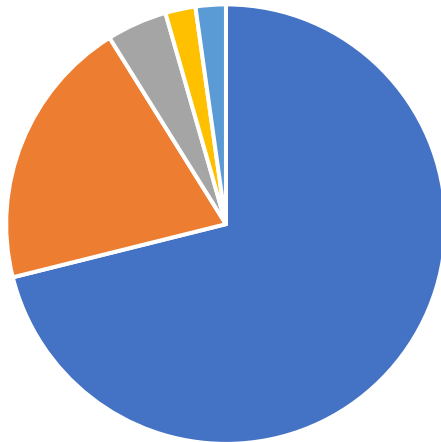
# Our first webinar

The first webinar focused on an introduction to the UN-IGIF.

85 Delegates attended.

38 Countries were represented.

## Regional attendees



■ Europe ■ Americas ■ Africa ■ Asia Pacific ■ Arab States

**Integrated Geospatial Information Framework**  
Supporting Sustainable Development and the Wellbeing of Society

**UN-IGIF**  
INTEGRATED GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION FRAMEWORK

**Putting the UN-IGIF in practice in Germany**  
Experiences and Achievements

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**IGIF - Georgian Case**

IGIF - A forward-looking framework and effective tool for strengthening NSDI

	Knowledge • Decisions • Development	
Governance	Governance and Institutions	Policy and Legal
Technology	Data	Innovation
People	Partnerships	Capacity and Education
	Society • Economy • Environment	

Ministry of Justice of Georgia | PUBLIC REGISTRY

**JOINT UNECE / EUROSTAT / UN-GGIM: EUROPE WORKSHOP ON INTEGRATING STATISTICAL AND GEOSPATIAL DATA**

- UNECE have led the organisation of the workshop in collaboration with Eurostat, UN-GGIM: Europe and our hosts, the Republic Geodetic Authority of the Republic of Serbia.
- Dates: 4-5 October 2023
- Venue: House of the National Assembly, Belgrade
- Feedback from the UNECE Survey has guided the design and structure of the workshop.
- The workshop will focus on three main themes:
  - Effective Governance
  - Data and Technology
  - People and Partnerships



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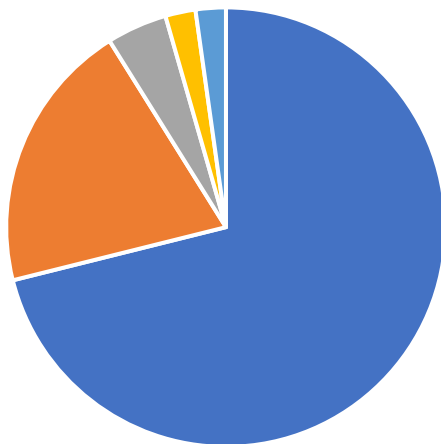
# Our second webinar

The first webinar focused on an introduction to the UN-IGIF.

77 Delegates attended.

44 Countries were represented.

Regional attendees



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## Part 1

Welcome note & introduction (10min)

Presentation 1:  
World Bank methodology for  
CAP development (20min)

Presentation 2:  
UN-GGIM Country-led 16-  
step approach to CAP  
development (20min)

Coffee break  
(10min)

## Part 2

Parallel session 1:  
Funding UN-IGIF  
implementation  
(30min)

Parallel session 2:  
UN-IGIF to complement  
existing spatial data  
frameworks (30min)

Parallel session 3:  
What should I do  
first to start using  
the UN-IGIF (30min)

Key takeaways from  
parallel sessions  
(15min)

Conclusions and  
wrap-up  
(5min)

# Webinar discussion outcomes

Coordinating between geospatial agencies within countries can be difficult but it is essential to enable a coordinated approach.

The recurring theme was how do we get to the people who actually have the money – the decision makers within government and overseas aid agencies.

Within Europe there is already a lot of work that has been done in relation to spatial data infrastructures, but IGIF still has a place in helping to identify and then fill any gaps that may exist. As such it is still a useful tool for everyone.



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# Supporting the HLG-IGIF

Deliverable 1: Expert contributions

Deliverable 2: Avoid duplication

Deliverable 4: Promote regional successes

## Communication

- Participate in Regional Working Group coordination meeting.

## Capacity Development

- Leading the translation of UN-IGIF into more languages (Arabic, French, German, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Spanish)
- Supporting the analysis of the global consultation on UN-IGIF adoption

## Mobilizing Financing

- Supporting the group to establish and contributing to initial work plan.



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# Updates to our Work Plan

1. Continue to understand the uptake and use of the UN-IGIF across UN-GGIM Europe.
2. Creation of relevant blogs, webinars, and other thought-leadership pieces to continue our outreach and engagement activities.
3. Working closely with other UN-IGIF Regional Working Groups to maximise impact.

Deliverable 1:  
Expert  
contributions

Deliverable 2:  
Avoid Duplication

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Share Knowledge

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# Priority actions

## Strategic Direction

- Sustainable Funding
- UN-IGIF > UN-GKIC
- UN-IGIF as a tool for national development

## Operational Support

- Socio-economic business case
- Developing use cases
- Strengthening communication
- Document translation

## Wider context

- Analysis of survey results
- Increasing the pool of experts
- Maximising the visibility of HLG-IGIF decisions



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# #1

Continue to understand the needs and requirements for sustainable funding when the Sustainable Funding Working Group finalises its activities.

*How do we keep the focus on finance?  
Proactive communication of these documents through to regional groups and Member States.*



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## Associated Needs

- ▶ Clarity of the activity as a priority at the global level.
- ▶ Links to a wider discussion about how to keep documents up to data and relevant. Especially when it relates to a topic that is as important as funding.

## #2

We need active engagement in the workplan of the UN-GGKIC so that we know what the Centre can do to support Member States.

*This will avoid duplication of efforts at the global and regional level.*



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## Associated Needs

- ▶ It is hoped that this activity is already in progress, but there is lack of awareness at the operational/regional level which causes some concerns.

## #3

Understanding of how the HLG-IGIF sets and shapes the context and the activities for the UN Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre, (the proposed Geospatial Information Ecosystem Centre) and how these are support existing regional priorities making sure all Member States benefit.

### Associated Needs

- ▶ Coordination between HLG-IGIF, UN-GGKIC, Regional Groups.



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## #4

Analysing the results of the survey and enlarge understanding how IGIF is being used.

*Also of interest is to see if the use has changed since issuing the survey.*

## #5

Supporting Member States to develop the socio-economic justification ( "Business Case" ) for investment.



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### Associated Needs

- ▶ Analysing capacity from working group IGIF Europe

### Associated Needs

- ▶ Activity could be included as a work item as part of the Sustainable Funding Working Group.
- ▶ This is a different from funding for UN-IGIF implementation and should be a precursor to the investment process.

## #6

Reflection that the UN-IGIF is a tool for national [geospatial] development.

*Make sure that we start to discuss the benefits of the UN-IGIF outside the geospatial domain.*

### Associated Needs

- ▶ Shaping the messaging from a communication and engagement point of view, with a strong link to the Strategic Framework 2025-2030 as to not leave the UN-IGIF as a tool in isolation.

## #7

Increasing the pool of experts who can contribute to the tasks of HLG-IGIF this could include a focus on regional priorities, concerns and opportunities.

### Associated Needs

- ▶ ExCcom members of GGIM Europe
- ▶ Working group members
- ▶ Wider networks



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## #8

Develop use cases which can be used to promote the benefits of the UN-IGIF to countries

### Associated Needs

- ▶ Could be built into the UN-IGIF development process so the HLG-IGIF gets more information on the status of implementation by all UN-GGIM Member States who are using the UN-IGIF

## #9

Strengthening the communication and promotion of the UN-IGIF.

*Can we bring existing elements (podcast, webinars, reports) into a single portal which can be accessed via the main UN-GGIM website?*

### Associated Needs

- ▶ Support by communication experts



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## #10

Continue to encourage the translation of UN-IGIF documents to make them accessible to a wider audience.

### Associated Needs

- ▶ Support by communication experts

## #11

Maximising visibility of the documents of the advisory committees so we can support the discussions benefit from the outcomes.

### Associated Needs

- ▶ Better communication the wider 'leadership' of the HLG-IGIF i.e. how are the Regional Working Group Chairs able to contribute to the decision making process.



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Thank you for listening.  
We hope you continue your UN-IGIF journey!



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Happy to take any questions.

