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Geospatial information for sustainable development (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> EuroGeographics AISBL	
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<p>a. EuroGeographics notes the report jointly prepared by the Secretariat and the Working Group on Geospatial Information of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators outlining the efforts and progress in advancing the role of geospatial information for sustainable development.</p> <p>b. The Association notes the SDGs Geospatial Roadmap, in particular welcoming the vision to see geospatial and location-based information being recognised and accepted as official data for the SDGs and their global indicators. The assessment that the “the SDGs are highly dependent on the understanding of geographic location, necessitating the inclusion and use of geospatial information, Earth observations and other forms of location-based data” especially resonates with EuroGeographics since we believe in a society empowered by the use of trusted geospatial data. The availability of trusted, large-scale and high-quality geospatial data from national sources is an important component for supporting the goals, targets and indicators of the 2030 Agenda.</p> <p>c. EuroGeographics notes the ambition of the Secretariat and the Working Group to build a bridge between the statistical and geospatial actors and offers its support in any regional efforts in promoting this ambition.</p>	
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