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Integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information (for discussion and decision)

Statement provided by:

European Association of Remote Sensing Companies (EARSC - www.earsc.org)

Statement:

- [European Association of Remote Sensing Companies](#) – EARSC noted the ongoing global survey to diagnose readiness at the country level for implementing the “Global Statistical Geospatial Framework” and supports its extension to keep this survey open until the end of 2021.
- EARSC welcomes the initiative of the expert group to improve global and regional coordination but also recommends coordination of the Expert Group to “support statistical and geospatial integration” with the Expert Group supporting the “Geospatial information for sustainable development” to guide the Member States to promote the integration of statistical and geospatial information at country level by understanding both communities “statistical” and “geospatial”.
- In connection with these types of activities, the [e-shape](#) project under the EuroGEO initiative is measuring and monitoring the country-wide Earth Observation and geo-information capabilities and its apparent direction (projection and prospects) implementing this methodology in 8 European countries that may be used to encourage Member States on the assessment of the maturity of earth observation activities at the country level and supports the implementation of IGIF and EARSC developed the “eotaxonomy” to bridge with user communities where needs and challenges are indicated.

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