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Work Plan 2018 – 2021

- Rolling work plan that is annually updated and presented to Regional Committee at Plenary Meeting
- Last Work Plan was approved at the Fourth Plenary in 2017
- Work plan circulated prior to this meeting



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- The Work Plan is updated to reflect the global developments and work of the Committee of Experts, together with additions agreed upon by the Member States of UN-GGIM: Europe at their last Plenary Meeting last year.
- It also takes into consideration the fact that the Regional Working Groups are delivering and completing the work they were originally tasked with.
- In order to facilitate the work of the regional working groups some tasks have been streamlined and simplified from the previous work plan, although in essence the aims, objectives and outputs of the groups remain the same.



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Collaboration with UNECE

- Over the past year, the Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe has engaged with United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), developing a collaboration agreement between UN-GGIM: Europe and UNECE.
- The main focus of the agreement is on capacity building.
- The Executive Committee is suggesting that together with UNECE it continues to manage and develop this collaboration.



Working Group on Core Data (Work Group A)

- This Working Group is focusing on increasing data interoperability and harmonisation by proposing core geospatial data which meets essential user needs.
- The group has delivered on its task to identify the users and their needs and requirements for core data.
- The group is now focusing on proposing recommendations of content of the core data themes through an extensive consultations with the wider geospatial community.
- **Recommendations of content of core data (2018):**
 - provide recommendations for content for core data, based on user needs and requirements, especially those related to SDGs, and on INSPIRE data specifications, making use of the outcomes and specifications of other initiatives, such as the European Location Services project, and carrying out an extended consultation with the geo-statistical community.
- Suggest that the Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe review the tasks, outputs and timeframes required to report on economic model, political and financial frameworks for supporting core data availability based on the outcomes and deliverables of both the Working Group on Core Data and the Working Group on Data Integration at the end of 2018.



Working Group Data Integration

- The Working Group on Data Integration ensures a two-way interaction with the IAEG-SDG Working Group on Geospatial Information and is UN-GGIM: Europe's contribution to the global process on developing a framework for monitoring UN SDG indicators.
- In order to organise the work and implement the tasks agreed and mandated to the Working Group on Data Integration at the last Plenary Meeting two specific tasks were defined by the Working Group in agreement with the Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe.
 - 1. Draft an outreach paper** to be prepared for GGIM8 on data integration topics and make use of the findings/recommendations of the deliverables and outputs already produced by the Working Group B.
 - 2. Analyse global, regional or national indicators** reflecting the European perspective reflecting "data integration" aspects and cross-cutting issues.
- Both tasks are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2018 / beginning of 2019.



Working Group on Geodetic Reference Frame in Europe (GRF-Europe)

- The Working Group on Geodetic Reference Frames in Europe was established in early 2016 following the approval for its establishment by the Regional Committee. This group has a close connection to the geodesy-related organisations in Europe, and actively contributes to the work of the global GGRF Working Group, which was elevated to a permanent Sub-Committee on Geodesy (SCoG) by the Committee of Experts at its meeting in August 2017.
- Europe is more developed in terms of geodetic infrastructures and geodetic Core Sites than most of the other global regions. The GRF-Europe group is currently evaluating how it does not overlap or duplicate efforts already being carried out by the various geodesy-related entities in Europe. Discussions with EUREF how to avoid this duplication are ongoing.
- The tasks designated to GRF- Europe group at the Fourth Plenary Meeting will have to be reviewed.
- The Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe is suggesting that it is allowed to further explore how this can best be implemented in practice to develop a work plan with milestones, deadlines and responsibilities for this Working Group



Working Group on Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes

- At GGIM5 the Committee of Experts asked UN-GGIM: Europe to take the lead on fundamental geospatial data themes. The Executive Committee acts as the Steering Group for the Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes Working Group.
- The theme descriptions were endorsed by the ExCom at their meeting in January and have been submitted to the UN-GGIM Secretariat. They will be submitted to the Committee of Experts in August for formal endorsement.
- The promotion of the themes has started including an International Workshop on Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes for Africa which was held in Addis Ababa in April.
- WG Fundamental Data has largely completed its current terms of reference within the timeframe and will be seeking guidance on its future at GGIM8.
- The Executive Committee of UN-GGIM is suggesting that it continues to steer the work on Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes if it is invited to do so at the eight session of the Committee of Experts of UN-GGIM.



UN-GGIM: Europe Secretariat

In addition to the duties described in Article 6 of the Articles and Rules of UN-GGIM: Europe, the Secretariat will continue its work on the following tasks:

- **1. Cooperation with UN-GGIM Secretariat, other Regional Committees and the wider geospatial community (On-going):**
 - a) Assist the Executive Committee in establishing contact and maintaining cooperation with UN-GGIM and its regional organisations;
 - b) Assist in raising general awareness of UN-GGIM: Europe amongst relevant European organisations;
- **2. Compile and maintain knowledge base of the European NMCAs and NSIs (On-going):**
 - a) Compile, publish and maintain the knowledge base of the European NMCAs and NSIs. Additional components to the database could include responsibilities, policies, regulatory frameworks and business environments, including the data and licensing policies applied by NMCAs and NSIs;
- **3. Support the Executive Committee in its relationship with Observer Organisations (On-going)**
 - a) Liaise between the Executive Committee and with the different Organisations that have observer status with UN-GGIM: Europe;
 - b) Assist in discovering means by which the Observer Organisations can contribute to the work of UN-GGIM: Europe.



Action Proposals

- The Executive Committee proposes that it be given the mandate to implement this Work Plan and to decide on how best to coordinate the regional work on the different topic areas.



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