

INGEST PROJECT

Phase II of the INtegration of GEospatial and STatistical data



Overview:

- Eurostat-funded project
- 15 months (April 2026 to June 2027)
- Focus on 17 EECCA target countries (NSOs and NMCAAs)

Aims:

1. Improving the interoperability of statistical and geospatial information
2. Develop concrete strategies to establish sustainable collaborative activities between national statistical and geospatial organisations

Main activities and outcomes:

- INGEST Task Force on establishing sustainable collaborative activities (between NSOs and NMCAAs)
- Joint UNECE/Eurostat/UN-GGIM: Europe Workshop in 2026 (date and venue TBD)
- Country Assessments on their ability to integrate geospatial and statistical data

Resources:

- Community wiki space and INGEST blog series (<https://statswiki.unece.org/x/3wDnFw>)
- Two UNECE Working Papers on Statistics published (<https://unece.org/statistics/working-paper-series-statistics>)



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INGEST PROJECT RECAP PHASE I

Developing capacity in the INtegration of GEospatial and STatistical data



Overview:

- Eurostat-funded project (& UN Development Account funding)
- 21 months (August 2022 to April 2024)
- Focus on 16 EECCA target countries (NSIs and NMCAAs)

Aims:

1. Foster stronger links between statistical and geospatial communities across the UNECE region
2. Facilitate greater collaboration amongst statistical and geospatial organisations
3. Encourage greater integration of geospatial and statistical data
4. Promote stronger institutional partnerships and the use of common standards

Main activities and outcomes:

- Global survey on data integration
- INGEST Task Force on Standards Issues (16 members from 12 countries)
- Joint UNECE / Eurostat / UN-GGIM: Europe Workshop in Belgrade, Serbia (3-5 October 2023)
- Community [wiki space and INGEST blog series](#)
- Two [UNECE Working Papers on Statistics](#) published
- Two Self-assessment tools Developed: INGEST Maturity Assessment Tool and integRATE Assessment Tool on technical capabilities for data integration.
- Country Assessments: Albania, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Moldova



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2026 and Call for Collaboration

focus on EECCA countries

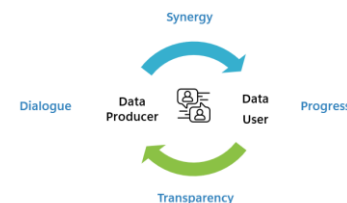


- INGEST Task Force on establishing sustainable collaborative activities (between NSOs and NMCA's): **old and new members welcome to (re)join!**
- Joint UNECE/Eurostat/UN-GGIM: Europe Workshop on Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Data: **offer to host it and join!**
- INGEST Blog and Community wiki space (<https://statswiki.unece.org/x/3wDnFw>): **submit your Blogs and activities!**
- Country Assessments on sustainable collaboration and implementation (including on climate change and disaster statistics): **request an assessment!**
- Consult guidelines and recommendations and use Tools and check INGEST [wiki space](#)

The integrate Assessment Tool evaluates three key areas...



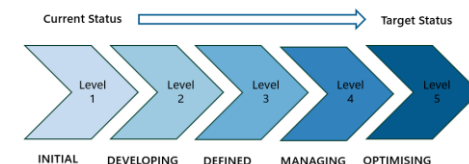
... through the lens of data producers and users



The INGEST Maturity Assessment tool assesses six dimensions...



... across five maturity levels



Other at UNECE



- Housing and Land Management: various, see session 3
- Transport: E-road/rail/inland waterways charging infrastructure, TIR documentation flow of goods etc (Transport Division)
- Environment, Climate Change and DRR: several activities & collaboration and geospatial and Earth observation data important source (Statistics, Environment Divisions, HLM Unit)
- Forests: Sustainable Forest Division/FAO

But:

- Geospatial post was requested to the General Assembly but was not approved by member states
- Regular budget for geospatial activities was requested, but not approved & overall budget and posts reduced



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