

Report from the UN-GGIM: Europe



UN-GGIM
EUROPE

UNITED NATIONS
COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

*Ingrid Vanden Berghe
Chair of UN-GGIM: Europe*

Thirteenth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe

Geneva, 23 - 24 June 2026



Twelfth Plenary meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe – June 2025



UN-GGIM: EUROPE

UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



Governance of UN-GGIM: Europe

- UN-GGIM: Europe is coordinated and managed by an Executive Committee approved at Regional Plenary Meetings
- The current Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe:

Chair (ad-interim)

- Ingrid Vanden Berghe, Belgium

Members

- Tomaz Petek, Slovenia
- Darko Vucetic, Serbia
- James Norris, United Kingdom
- Mikko Lindholm, Finland
- Neoclis Neocleous, Cyprus

- The Netherlands is responsible for providing the secretariat to UN-GGIM: Europe. The function of the Secretariat of UN-GGIM: Europe is funded and executed by EuroGeographics AISBL through a Service Level Agreement with Kadaster Netherlands originally signed in January 2015, and regularly extended.
- Kadaster Netherlands covered some of the cash costs for some Secretariat activities for the last few years. From 2026 a group of Member States have formed a coalition willing to contribute to collectively cover the cash costs of the Europe Secretariat. EuroGeographics continues to cover the human resource cost.



UN-GGIM: EUROPE

UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



UN-GGIM: Europe

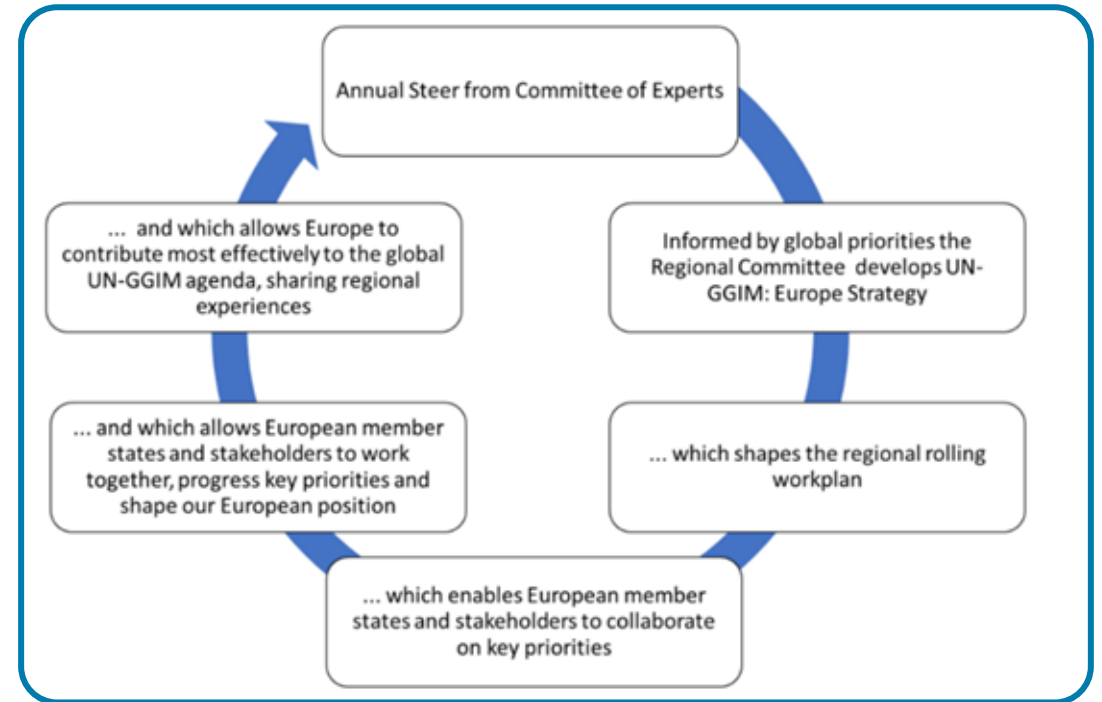
Updated strategy of UN-GGIM: Europe was adopted at the twelfth plenary; a new workplan to support this strategy is being proposed for adoption at this meeting.

Vision & Mission Statement

Building on the overarching vision of UN-GGIM of *positioning geospatial information to effectively address global challenges*, UN-GGIM: Europe mission is:

Maximise the use of geospatial information in Europe for a safer and more sustainable world.

Through identifying opportunities, understanding and solving common challenges across the Europe Region. By collaborating with partners to enhance the use of geospatial data and its integration with statistics to inform and drive action.



Delivering the Regional Work Plan



**SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED THE
DELIVERY OF THE WORK PLAN 2025**



**NEW WORK PLAN 2026 - 2030:
INTRODUCTORY SESSION TODAY
AND ADOPTION TOMORROW
DURING FORMAL BUSINESS**



**UN-GGIM
EUROPE**

UNITED NATIONS
COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



Fifteenth session of the UN-GGIM - Outcomes

Transformative power of interregional collaboration



- Active participation in the road to UNGGIM15 series of events
- Adoption of the UN-GGIM: Strategic Framework 2025-2030
- Support of key frameworks such as UN-IGIF and GSGF
- UN-GGIM: Europe report calling for a Land Admin Hub
- Contribution to the inter-regional work plan



UN-GGIM: EUROPE

UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



Expanded Bureau Meeting and HLF on UN-IGIF



- Geospatial remains a stated priority for UNSD, with the UN Geospatial Hub included in the UN80 initiative
- Provided some technical and pragmatical insights on the current situation within the Secretariat and the whole UN ecosystem.
- HLG adopted a new strategic plan, while new strategic teams are expected to strengthen accountability and reduce workload



UN-GGIM: EUROPE

UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



Workshop on geospatial information management arrangements and the wider integrated data ecosystem for Europe/Eastern Europe and the neighbouring regions.

- Closer collaboration between NMCAs and NSIs on integrated geospatial-statistical data
- Stronger shared understanding of how UN-IGIF and GSGF can be applied in practice
- Key input for the next UN-GGIM: Europe work plan
- Co-sponsored through Eurostat grant



12th Joint UN-GGIM: Europe – ESS – UNECE Meeting in Luxembourg



- Held in Luxembourg on the 25th of March, back-to-back with GISCO meeting
- Updates from Eurostat, UNECE, UN-GGIM: Europe and GSGF/CARE Project
- A key feature was the presentation on the Vienna workshop outcomes, followed by a breakout discussion to inform the next UN-GGIM: Europe workplan.
- Discussion was active and well received and provided solid fundamentals for the workplan



UN-GGIM: EUROPE

UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



Joint Session of CES and UN-GGIM: Europe

- Taking place on the afternoon of 24th June 2026 in Geneva, overlap of thirteenth session of UN-GGIM: Europe and the 74th Session of the Conference of the European Statisticians
- A valuable opportunity to further reinforce the relationships linking NSIs and NMCA
- Member States will showcase tangible, successful instances of cooperation between NMCA and NSIs, together with the integration of statistical information into geospatial data



UN-GGIM: EUROPE

UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



UN-GGIM Sixteenth Session

- Participating and advancing the global agenda
- Working alongside European Member States to shape the regional position and discussion points as input to the global agenda items
- Providing input into the preparation of the series of webinar on the 'digital road' to the Sixteenth session

05 - 07 Aug 2026

Sixteenth Session

Established by ECOSOC as the apex intergovernmental mechanism on geospatial information, the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information management will hold its sixteenth session on 5-7 August 2026 at the UN...

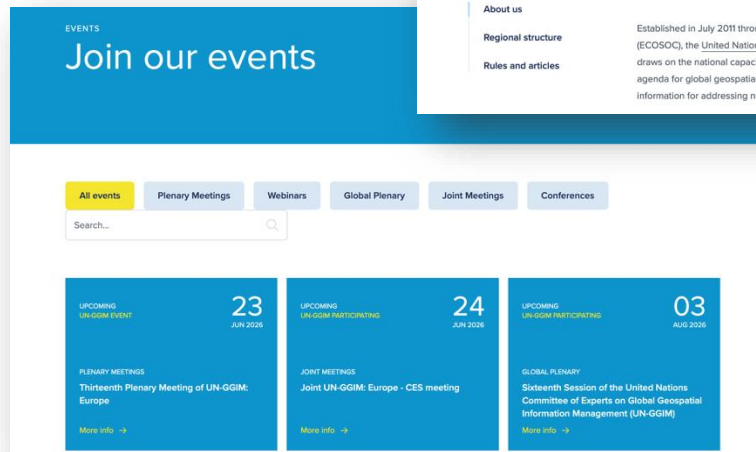
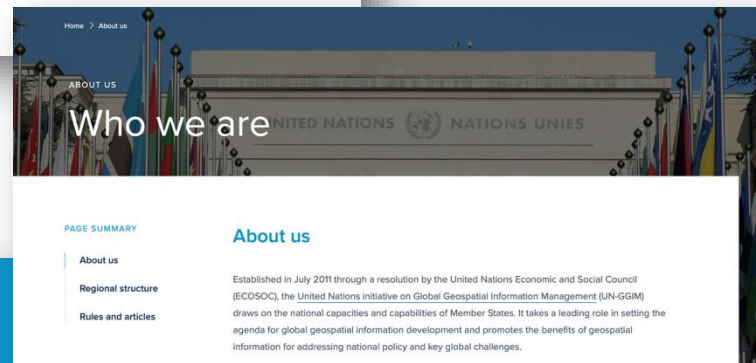
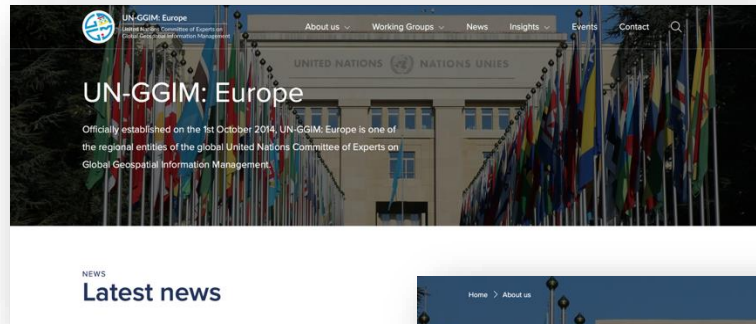


UN-GGIM: EUROPE

UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



Update of the UN-GGIM: Europe website



- Visual redesign
- Improved security and stability
- An intuitive, easy-to-navigate interface
- A contemporary look and feel
- Better aligned with our present requirements
- Deployment scheduled for mid-July 2026



UN-GGIM: EUROPE

UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



Looking forward

- ‘Digital road’ to the Sixteenth Session of UN-GGIM
- Sixteenth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, New York City, 3 – 7 August 2026
- European Forum for Geography and Statistics, Brussels, 30 September - 2 October 2026
- 3rd United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress, Jeddah, 16 – 19 November 2026



UN-GGIM: EUROPE

UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



Call to action

- Implementation of the lines of work and priority areas is driven by the active contribution and input of UN-GGIM: Europe members working together
- The Regional Committee promotes and encourages collaboration among NMCAs; NSIs; European Institutions; Observers; other geospatial bodies in the region
- Member States and observers are invited to express their interest, join UN-GGIM: Europe activities, and participate in the lines of work.



UN-GGIM: EUROPE

UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



*Thank you for contributing to the success of
our regional committee*



UN-GGIM
EUROPE

UNITED NATIONS
COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

