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# **UNECE Geospatial Activities: Collaboration with UN-GGIM: Europe**

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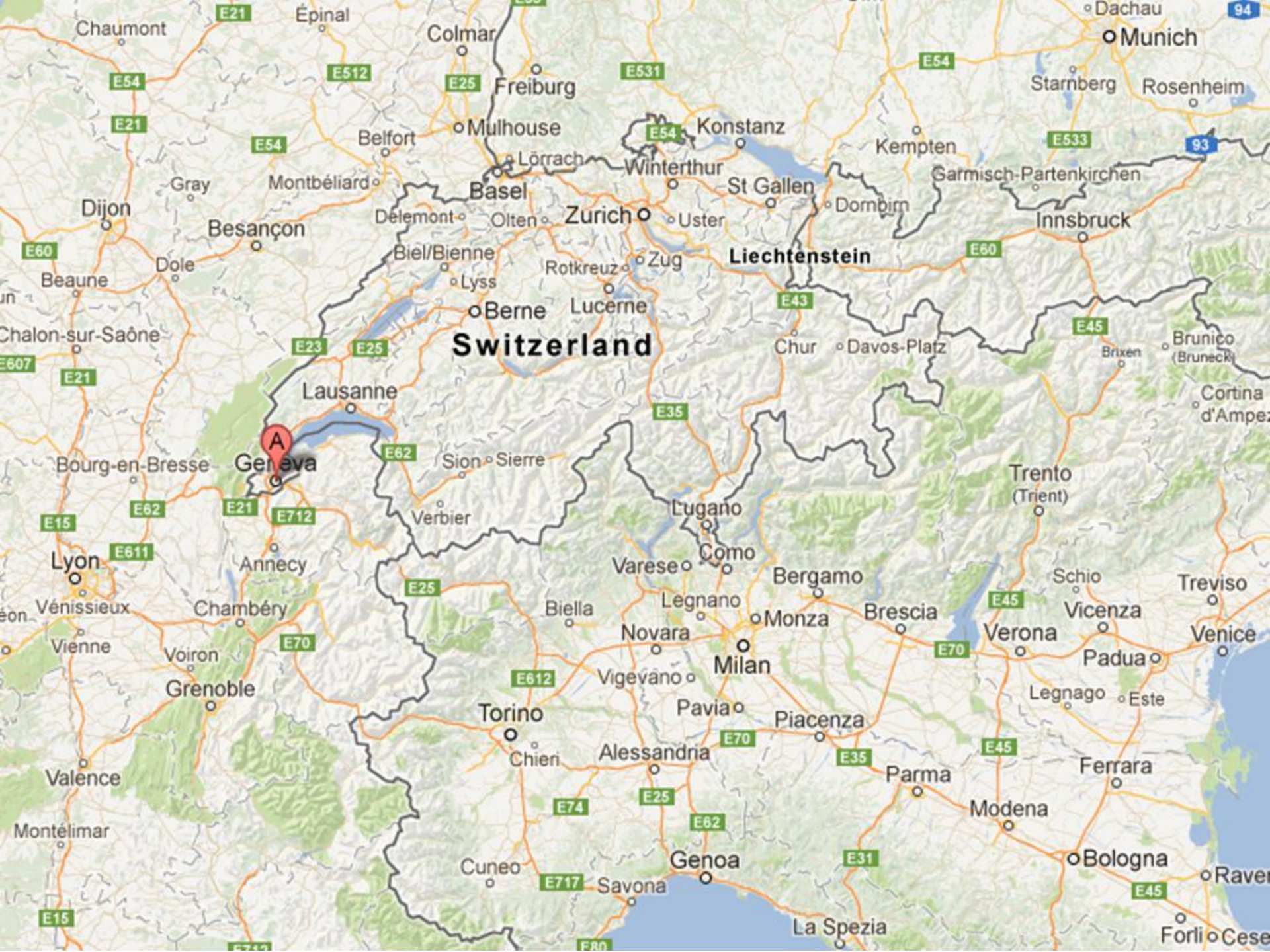
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# About the UNECE

- ❖ Set up in 1947 to promote pan-European economic integration
- ❖ One of five regional commissions of the UN
- ❖ 56 Member States: Europe, North America, Asia
- ❖ Approx 180 staff
- ❖ Reports directly to UN Secretary-General



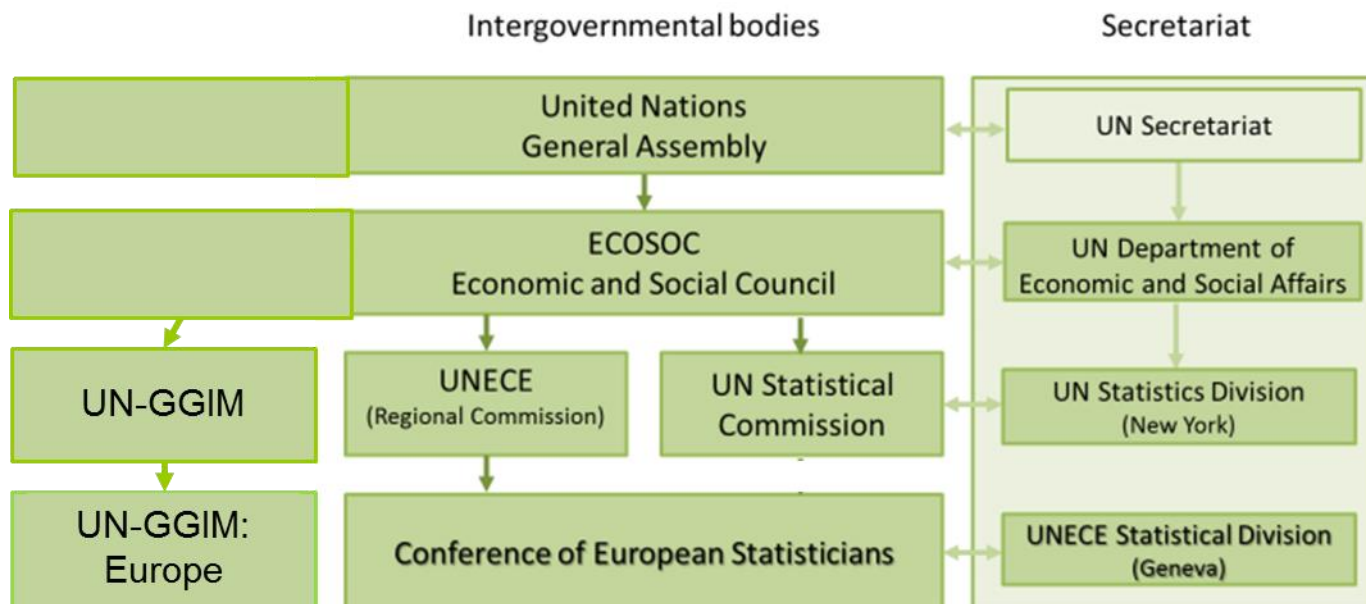




# UNECE in the UN System

ECOSOC gives a mandate to:

- Functional Commissions, e.g. UNSC
- 5 Regional Commissions, e.g. UNECE
- Other initiatives, e.g. UN-GGIM





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# A new mandate

- ❖ July 2016 ECOSOC Resolution:
  - “requests that the regional commissions provide relevant support, upon request and as appropriate, to the work of the regional bodies of UN-GGIM”
- ❖ January 2017 UN-GGIM Europe ExCom
- ❖ June 2017 CES Plenary Session
  - “recognized the importance of joint work between statisticians and geospatial experts
  - “supported greater collaboration between UNECE and UN-GGIM: Europe”

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# Building a new partnership

- ❖ Discussions with UN-GGIM: Europe Chair and Executive Committee
- ❖ Agreed proposal for greater collaboration
- ❖ Approved at the political level by the UNECE Executive Committee





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# Strategic areas for collaboration

- ❖ Geospatial information for sustainable development
- ❖ Building networks and promoting communication
- ❖ Integration of geospatial, statistical and other information
- ❖ Involvement of other UNECE work programmes
- ❖ Capacity development





# How we already collaborate

- ❖ Joint UNECE / UN-GGIM Europe Workshop on Integrating Geospatial and Statistical Standards, Stockholm, 6-8 November
- ❖ High-Level Seminar on Strategic Partnerships in Official Statistics, Geneva, 11-12 April 2018
- ❖ Joint Eurostat / UN-GGIM: Europe / UNECE Meeting on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, Luxembourg, 18 April 2018



# How we already collaborate

- ❖ UNECE hosted meetings of the UN-GGIM: Europe Executive Committee in Geneva
  - 14 November 2017
  - 13 April 2018



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# Why is this collaboration important?



- ❖ Sustainable Development Goals
- ❖ Growing interest and pressure from UNECE member countries
- ❖ Demand for workshops and capacity development activities



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# What can we achieve together?

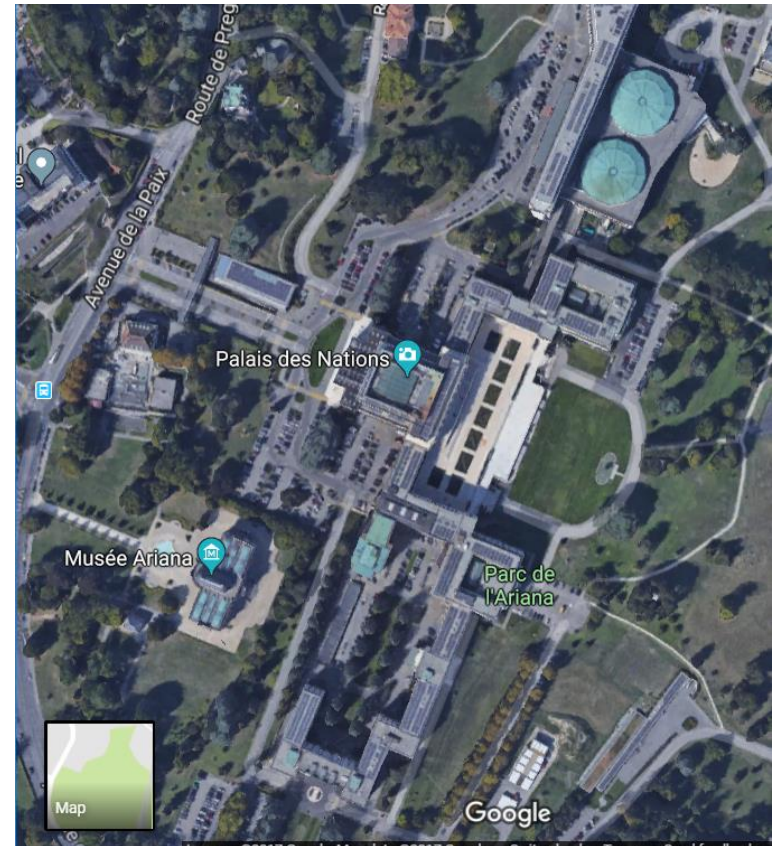
## 1) Fostering national partnerships

- ❖ Geospatial and statistical information are two key parts of a national data infrastructure
- ❖ Integrating geospatial and statistical data is more of an organisational challenge than a technical challenge
- ❖ Build on good examples of partnerships and collaboration, e.g. Ireland

# What can we achieve together?

## 2) Satellite images

- ❖ Useful for:
  - Land-use and agriculture statistics
  - Identifying new settlements
  - Census planning
  - SDGs!!
- ❖ Standard sources for all countries
- ❖ Standard methods and tools?
- ❖ CES Bureau in-depth review – October 2018





Thank-you!

Any Questions?