## Workshop on Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes



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## **Objectives of the Workshop**

- Introduce you to the work and outputs of the Fundamental Data WG (FDWG)
- Consider how the themes apply to SDGs
- Consider how the work relates to existing work streams in Europe
- Consider how Europe can take the themes forward





## **Agenda for the Workshop**

1	Context and FDWG Progress to date	Clare Hadley, Fundamental Data WG
2	Relating the themes to SDGs	Pier-Giorgio Zaccheddu, Data Integration WG
3	Relating the themes to European core data	François Chirié, Core Data WG
4	Taking the themes forward in Europe	Panel Sli.do Session
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## The Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes Journey

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Clare Hadley WG Chair



## The Road to here

- Why Global?
- Why Geospatial?
- Why Fundamental?
- Why Themes?
- The route we took

Where does the road go now?







Why Global?





## Global Development Agenda



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## Why Geospatial?





## **Geospatial?**

## geospatial

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adjective GEOGRAPHY

relating to or denoting data that is associated with a particular location.

Source: Oxford English Dictionary





## Sustainable data for sustainable development

The monitoring of the MDGs taught us that data are an indispensable element of the development agenda:

- Despite improvement, critical data for development policymaking are still lacking.
- Real-time data are needed to deliver better decisions faster.
- Geospatial data can support monitoring in many aspects of development, from health care to natural resource management.
- New technology is changing the way data are collected and disseminated.
- Global standards and an integrated statistics system are key elements for effective monitoring.
- Data should be open, easily accessible and effective for decision-making.

The Millennium Development Goals Report 2015





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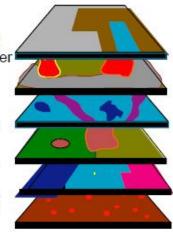
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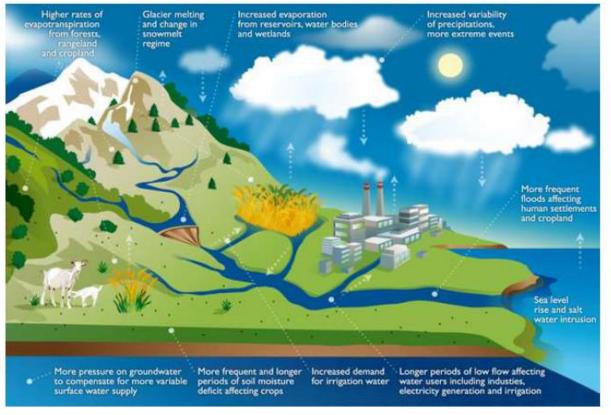
# NSDI ...

## National Spatial Data Infrastructure

## High quality, timely and reliable data

Geodetic Elevation Water/Ocean Land use/cover Transport Cadastre Population Infrastructure Settlements Admin. Bdys. Imagery Geology/soils Observations etc.



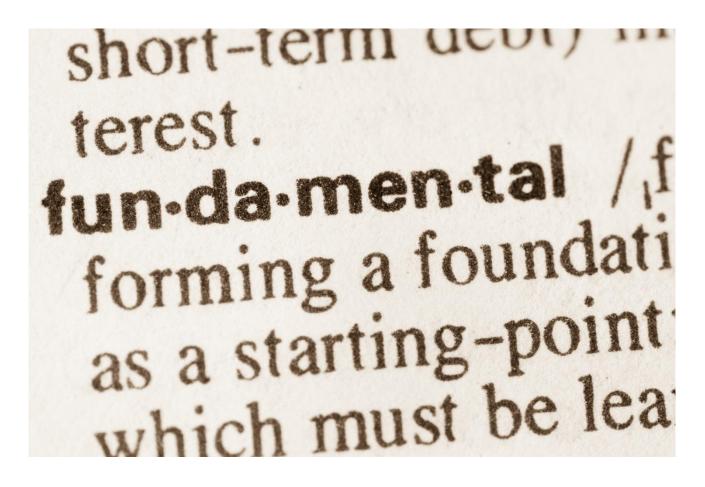




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Why Fundamental?





## We all use different words ...

- Fundamental?
- Foundation?
- Basic?
- Reference?
- Core?
- Base level?
- Referential?
- Critical?





## **Possible Characteristics**

Common link between applications

Required across many sectors

Uses global standards

Will form a common information framework

Maintained

Custodian or Trusted source

**Enables linking** of spatial and non-spatial data

Not domain specific

Data others use to reference

their own data

Required for many applications

Not very volatile

Defined, endorsed and used by all or many data users

Applies to all or most regions

information

Adds value to other data

Underpins other





## **Fundamental?**

#### Conclusion:

'Fundamental' in this context does not have a definition, but a non-exclusive and non-exhaustive list of characteristics.

As such we cannot produce a definitive list of fundamental data themes – only a consensus view on what is important for the applications we have in mind – i.e. achieving the SDGs.





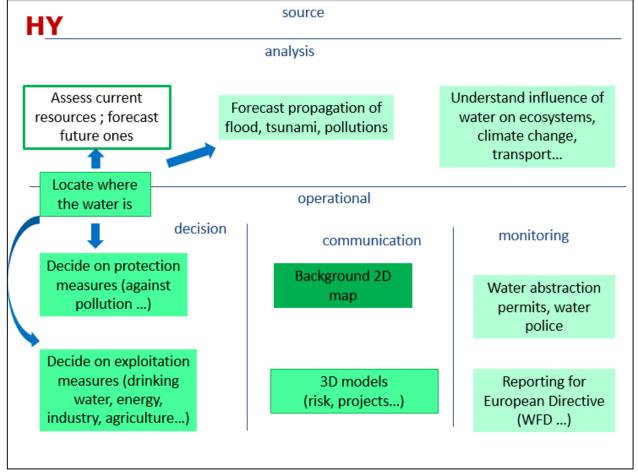
## Fundamental for what?

## SDG requirements:

- ✓ Baseline measurement
- ✓ Evidence-based policy making
- ✓ Implementation of actions
- ✓ Monitoring and reporting



## As we know in Europe...







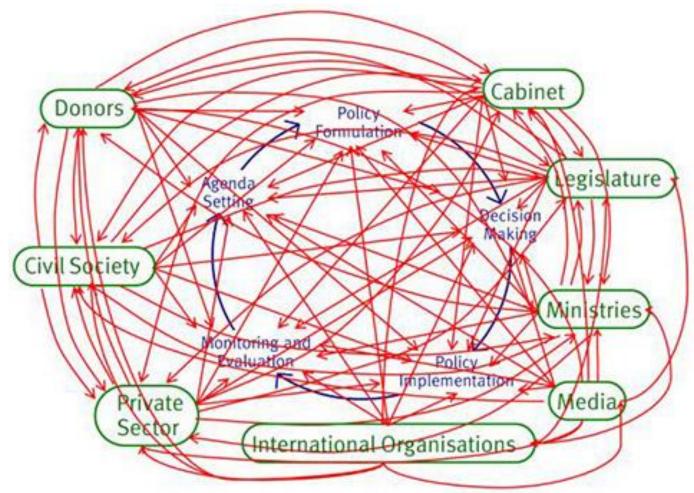
## **Policy Cycle**







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**Why Themes?** 







#### High quality, timely and reliable data

Geog Names Addresses **Functional Areas** Settlements Land parcels **Transport** Networks Elevation/Depth Popn distribution Land Cover/Use Geology/Soils Physical infrastructure **Imagery** 

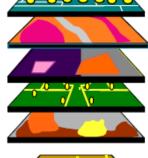
Water



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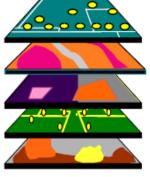
#### SOCIAL

Society Poverty Education Health Population Employment Water Sanitation Equality Gender



#### Governance **ECONOMIC**

Cities Water Energy Infrastructure Industry Sanitation

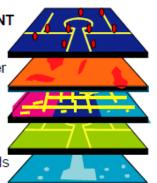


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#### **ENVIRONMENT**

Water Seas/oceans Land use/cover Ecosystems Forests Agriculture Climate Biodiversity Natural hazards Pollution







































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## **Themes – or datasets?**

Subject matter	something about which data can be collected
Theme	a high level categorisation of subject matter which can be further broken down into sub-themes
Dataset	a collection of data about specific features



## **Example 1**

Theme: Transport

Network

Sub-theme: Road, Water,

Rail ...

Dataset: Rail Network,

Bus stops,

Road surface











## **Example 2**

Theme: Water

Sub-theme: Rivers, Sea,

groundwater ...

Dataset: Water quality

(data integration)

Wave height

(sensors)

Sea ice (imagery

interpretation)











## We need fundamental geospatial data about:

People
Built Environment
Natural Environment

## To locate this subject matter we need data which:

- can be about the actual subjects, and/or
- use proxies for them e.g. an address as a proxy for a person or a phone track as a proxy for a road







The route we took ...





## **Background to the FDWG**

GGIM 5 – A report on fundamental data themes prepared by GGIM: Europe.

GGIM5 agreed that there is:

'an urgent need for a set of **global fundamental geospatial data themes** that could be harmonized in order to enable the measurement, monitoring and management of sustainable development in a consistent way over time and to facilitate evidence-based decision-making and policy-making'







# UN GGIM:Europe asked to take lead to:

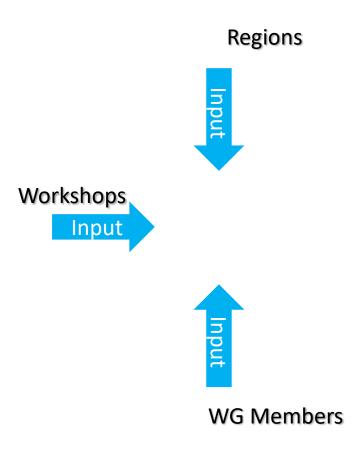


- Produce a recommendation for a minimum list of global fundamental geospatial data themes. Each data theme should be supported by a description and guidelines.
- Take account of existing activity being undertaken by UN-GGIM regional committees, ensuring that where possible existing resources are used.
- Consider the prioritisation of the data themes and how they link to other data needs with in the UN-GGIM programme of work.
- Consider the specific needs and vulnerabilities of small island developing States.
- Ensure that the data themes should be technical in nature so as not to raise political concerns.





## **Methodology**







## It's not difficult to find existing work ...

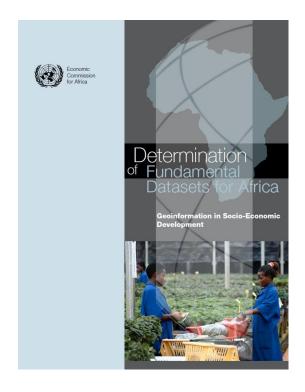




Fundamental Geospatial Data













## 'Common Denominator' approach

UN-GGIM: Europe	GGIM: Africa (UNECA and GSDR)	GGIM: AP (ANZLIC)	UN-GGIM: Arab States	UN GGIM: Americas (PAIGH)	WG - NIA		
Geographical names	Geographic names	Place names	Names	Geographic names	Geographical names		
		Administrative boundaries	Administrative Boundaries	Administrative Units	Administrative units		
Transport networks	ransport networks Transportation		Transport Networks	Communications networks	Transport networks		
Hydrography	Hydrography Drainage	Water	Hydrography	Hydrography	Hydrography		
Orthoimagery	Imagery	Imagery	Imagery	Images	Imagery		
Elevation	Hypsography	Elevation and depth	Elevation	Relief	Elevation		
Land cover	Natural environment	Land cover	Land cover	Land cover	Land Cover		
Cadastral parcels	Tenure/parcels (part of land management theme)	Land parcel and property	Land parcels	Cadastral records	Cadastral parcels		
Addresses	Street addresses (part of land management theme)	Geocoded addressing	Addresses	Addresses			
Buildings	Populated places (part of Boundaries theme)			Population	Settlements		
Utilities and government services	Utilities and services		Utilities				
Area Management	Land management units/areas						
Statistical Units							
Land Use							

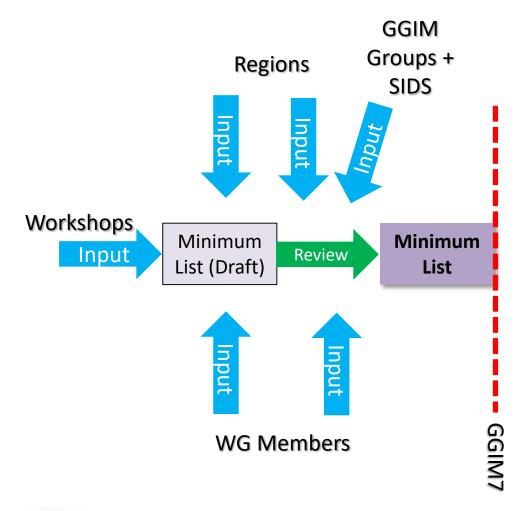
## **SDG Requirements approach**

INSPIRE Theme	Sustainable Development Goal												
	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	11	12	13	14	15
Address													
Administrative units													
Cadastral parcels													
Geographical Names													
Hydrography													
Transport networks (road, rail, water, air, cable)													
Protected sites													
Elevation													
Land cover													
Ortho-Imagery													
Geology													
Buildings													
Land use (existing , planned)													
Soils													
Human health													
Governmental services and utilities													
Environmental Monitoring facilities													
Production facilities													
Agricultural facilities													
Population distribution/ Statistical Units													
Area management - Regulated areas													
Natural risk zones													
Sea regions													
Oceanographic features													
Atmospheric conditions – meteorologic features													
Biogeographical regions													
Habitats and biotope													
Species distribution													
Energy resources													
Mineral resources													





## Methodology





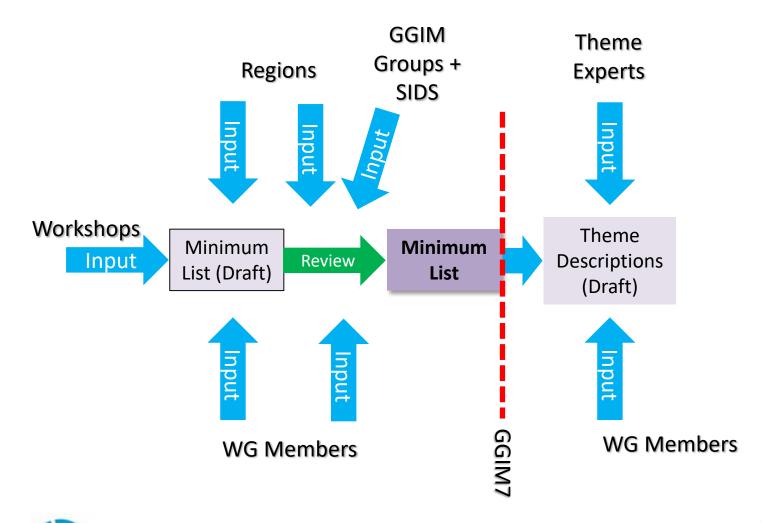


## **Data Themes and Reference Frame**

- Addresses
- Buildings and Settlements
- Elevation and depth
- Functional Areas
- Geographical Names
- Geology and Soils
- Land Cover and Land Use
- Land Parcels
- Orthoimagery
- Physical infrastructure
- Population distribution
- Transport Networks
- Water
- Reference Frame: Global Geodetic Reference Framework



## Methodology





#### **Theme Description – One side A4 only**

Theme title
Description
Why this theme fundamental?
Which sustainable development goals (SDGs) will it help to meet?
Geospatial data features in more detail
Possible sources of geospatial data
Existing geospatial data standards



#### **Example - Addresses**

Theme title: Addresses

#### Description

An address is a structured label, usually containing a property number, a street name and a locality name. It's used to identify a plot of land, a building or part of a building, or some other construction, together with coordinates indicating their geographic position. Addresses are often used as a proxy for other data themes such as Land Parcels.

#### Why is this theme fundamental?

Addresses underpin government administration at all levels; and good administration is a prerequisite for achieving sustainable development goals. An address is often the unit to which a public service, such as water, is provided. Addresses also enable effective communication with citizens; informing them of policies applying to them, and notifying them of relevant incidents. The theme also helps in managing buildings and properties, and supports social surveys. Datasets relating to individuals or households are often linked to addresses, which can therefore play a role in connecting otherwise-unrelated information. Geocoding addresses relates such information to geographic location. This allows for location-based data analytics and data mining.

#### Which sustainable development goals (SDGs) will it help to meet?

Addresses have been identified as playing a key role in the achievement of SDGs 4,6,7,9 and 11.

#### Geospatial data features in more detail

The addresses theme comprises a single feature type, address, to which a variable number of attributes may be attached. Typically, in urban areas these comprise at least one locator (building, floor or apartment number and/or name), a two-dimensional geographic position and a number of address components which place the address within other features such as a road, a locality, an administrative unit or postal code. In rural areas the locator may be less precise.

#### Possible sources of geospatial data

Address datasets are usually maintained by public authorities. While data may be created and maintained at local level, it should ideally be compiled into a single national register.

#### **Existing geospatial data standards**

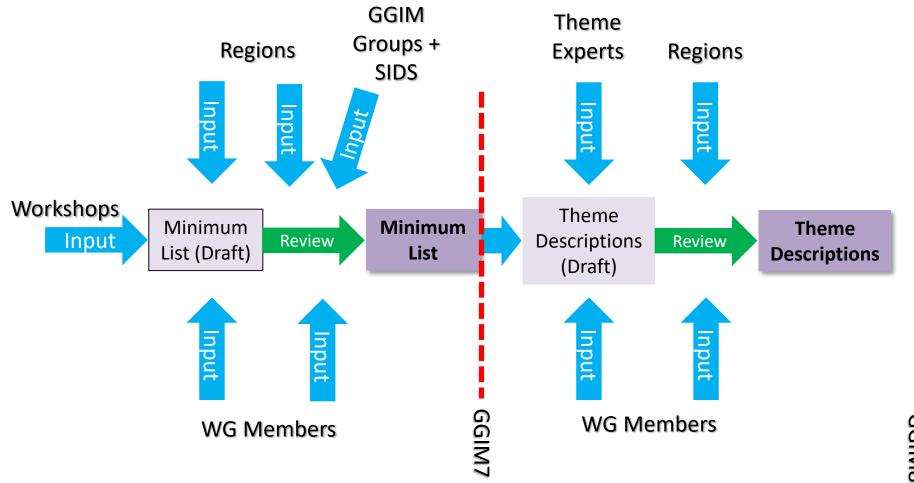
Note: This is indicative. Other lists of standards exist and UN-GGIM will seek to work with thematic experts to develop a list of relevant data standards.

- INSPIRE Data Specification on Addresses Technical Guidelines 3.1
- ISO 19160-1:2015 Addressing -- Part 1: Conceptual model
- ISA Programme Location Core Vocabulary
- ISO 19160-4(UPU, Universal Postal Union) Addressing--Part4: International postal address components and template language





#### Methodology









Where does the road go now?





#### Where does the road go now?

Promotion and awareness raising



#### **Icons**



Global Geodetic Reference Frame



Geographical Names



Addresses



**Functional Areas** 



Buildings and Settlements



**Land Parcels** 



Transport Networks



Elevation and Depth



Population Distribution



Land Cover and Land Use



Geology and Soils



Physical Infrastructure



Water



Orthoimagery



#### **Data Themes Storyboard**

Created by the GGIM Secretariat:

Story Map Cascade





#### Where does the road go now?

- Promotion and awareness raising
- Inclusion in the Geospatial Framework





#### **Integrated Geospatial Framework**







#### Where does the road go now?

- Promotion and awareness raising
- Inclusion in the Geospatial Framework
- Regional and national implementation ...





#### Workshop on implementation in Africa





### Relationship between Global Themes and European Core Datasets?

- FDWG has determined a minimum set of themes with high level descriptions which has global consensus.
- Core Data WG has used INSPIRE themes and developed 'Core' data specifications
- Core Data WG has contributed to the FDWG
- The global themes are the wider context into which the European work can fit
- Europe Region is well ahead of other Regions in developing fundamental datasets





#### Thank you!





#### Relating the themes to the SDGs



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## Relating the themes to Europe's core data

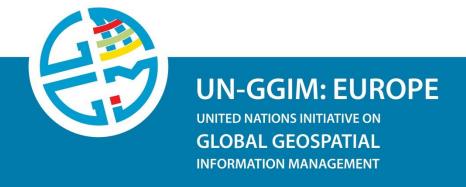


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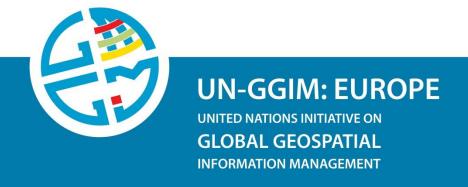
#### **Introduction - Reminder**





### UN-GGIM: Europe Core Data WG «A» What is Core Data?

- Core data is priority data
  - Geospatial data
  - The most useful to analyse, achieve or monitor the SDGs
  - Directly or indirectly





### Objectives of the Working Group "A" on European Core Data

- Define Core Data and encourage UN European
   Member States to produce and supply it
  - Common requirements → common (minimum) content
- Define priorities for producing new data or for improving existing data
  - Recommendations for Content: meant for decision-makers and data providers





### The Two Steps of the Working Group "A" on European Core Data

#### First Step

Selecting Core Data Themes

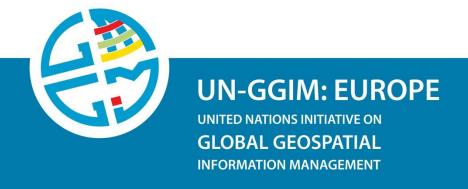
#### Second Step

Defining Content of Core Data Themes





1<sup>st</sup> Step: Selecting Themes
Relation between
European Core Themes
and
Global Fundamental Themes





### Methodology 1) Delimiting Themes

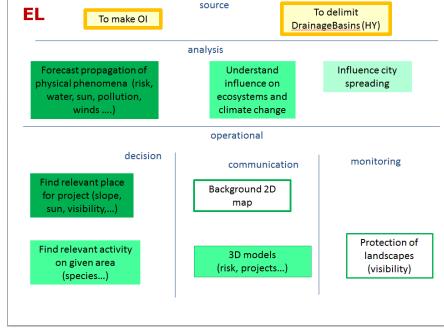
- Core data
  - European context
  - Used INSPIRE terminology as starting point
  - Tried to stay as close as possible to it
- Fundamental data
  - International context:no obligation to "stick to" INSPIRE
  - Has not been so close to INSPIRE
    - e.g. functional areas, buildings and settlements, land parcels, water





### Methodology 2) Theme Selection Process

- Both working groups
  - Selection process based on user requirements with focus on SDGs
- European core data
  - Detailed analysis of SDG requirements
- Global fundamental data
  - High level investigation of SDG requirements
- Collaboration between the two working groups







#### **Selected Themes**

Lots of commonalities in selected themes

 Global Fundamental WG more ambitious than European Core Data WG





### Selected Themes European Core Data

Coordinate Reference Systems

Geographical Grid Systems

**Geographical Names** 

Administrative Units

Cadastral Parcels

Hydrography

**Protected Sites** 

**Transport Networks** 

Annex I

Addresses

# Buildings Soil Land use Human health and safety Utility and governmental services

**Annex II** 

Elevation

Geology

Land Cover

Ortholmagery

**Annex III** 

Statistical units

Natural risk zones

Sea regions

Atmospheric conditions

Bio-geographical regions

Habitats and biotopes

Species distribution

**Energy resources** 

Mineral resources

Environmental monitoring facilities

Production and industrial facilities

Agricultural and aquaculture facilities

Population distribution - demography

Meteorological geographical features

Oceanographic geographical features

Area management/restriction/regulation

#### **Commonalities in Selected Themes**

<b>Eur. Core Data Themes</b>	Global Fundamental Data Themes
	Global Geodetic Reference Frame
Geographical Names	Geographical Names
Addresses	Addresses
Administrative Units + Statistical units + Area management	Functional areas
Buildings	Buildings and Settlements
Cadastral Parcels	Land parcels
Transport Networks	Transport Networks
Elevation	Elevation and depth

**Population demographics** 

Services + Production Facilities)

Physical infrastructure (Utility and Governmental

Water (Hydrography + Oceanography + Sea regions)

Land Cover and Use

**Geology/Soils** 

**Imagery** 

**Basic services** 

Ortholmagery

Hydrography

Land Cover & Land use

# Selected Themes Global Fundamental Data WG More ambitious than European Core Data WG "A"

Global WG selected more themes:

- Reference Frame
  - WG A: Important theme, but not a "data theme"
- Population Distribution
  - WG A: Important theme, but not geospatial theme
- →2 important themes, but not in core data scope

- Global WG selected more themes (cont.)
  - Geology-Soils
  - Water (incl. marine water)
- European WG dealing with themes Geology, Oceanography, Meteorology
  - Many discussions
  - Well scored during selection process
  - →Agreement:
    - First stage: not core
    - Subsequently: to re-consider (core themes in future?)
      - UN-GGIM being a young initiative, don't do everything at once
      - To be done later by relevant communities
      - Should not be on NMCA-NSI responsibility to decide for these themes

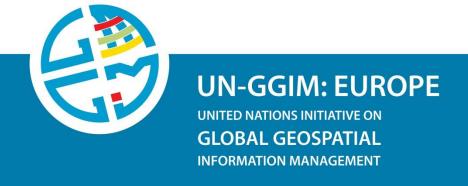


- Global WG selected more themes (cont.)
  - Physical Infrastructure
     (incl. industrial production facilities)
- Main disagreement with European WG view:
  - Industrial facilities:
    - not core
    - geocoding Business Registers may be sufficient
    - theme Address as a proxy for production facilities
- Conclusion
  - European WG Workplan
    - → « recommendations for content »
  - →Incited mode modest choices





Second Step: Defining Content of Global Fundamental Data Themes & European Core Data Themes





#### **Respective Objectives**

- WG European Core Data
  - Detailed « recommendations for content »
    - Features and Attributes
    - Quality, Level of Detail
- WG Global Fundamental Data
  - High level (one-pagers) theme descriptions





### Cooperation between the two working groups

- Common participants in the two 2 WGs
- Global Fundamental Theme Descriptions were reviewed by WG A





#### **Commonalities**

- Global WG: Structure of One-Pagers
  - Theme tittle
  - Description
  - Why is this theme fundamental?
  - Which SDGs will it help to meet?
  - Geospatial data features in more detail
  - Possible sources of data
  - Existing data standards

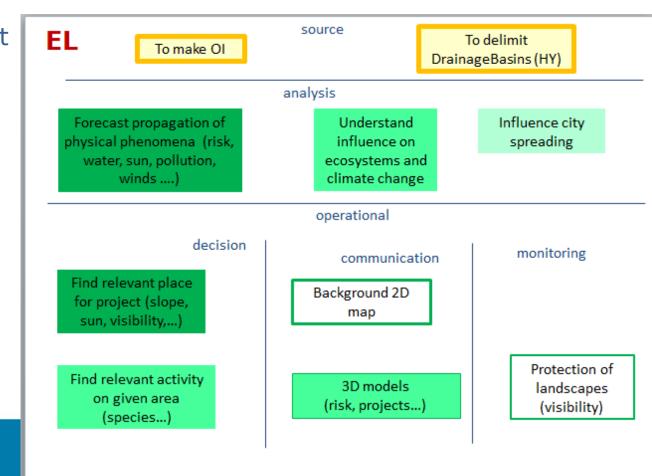
European WG outputs widely used by Global WG



## Examples of Commonalities (1) Why is Elevation theme fundamental / Map of use cases for Elevation core theme

Elevation is essential to help determine appropriate places for human developments and activities, to map relief in 2D maps and to build 3D models, to delimitate drainage basins in hydrology, to map

floodplain areas,
to support national forest
inventories,
to forecast the
propagation of
physical phenomena
(such as pollution,
flooding,
landslide risks, etc.),
to understand
ecosystems,
climate change.





## Examples of Commonalities (3) Address fundamental data features in more detail / List of attributes of Address core theme

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Core data should comprise feature type Address with at least the following attributes: one **two dimensional geographic position**, one **locator** (e.g. number or name) if available, and such other **address components** as are in current use.



## Examples of Commonalities (4) Land Parcel fundamental data features in more detail / List of attributes of Cadastral Parcel core theme

The Land Parcels fundamental theme mainly comprises the feature land parcel with three basic attributes:

- The geographic location
- A unique identification of the parcel
- The type of parcel (may be implicit)

Core data should include feature type **Cadastral Parcel** with following attributes:

- geometry (as surface or as multi-surface);
- national cadastral reference.

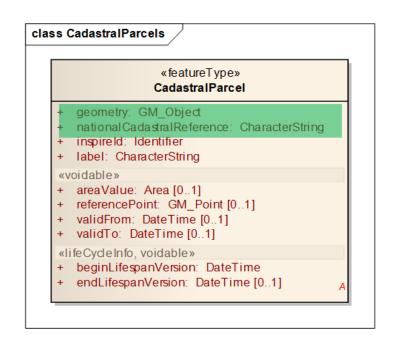




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Core attributes are **geometry** and **national cadastral reference** 



## Examples of Commonalities (5) Land Parcel fundamental theme recommendations / Cadastral Parcel core theme recommendations

- Land parcels may be associated with land registries.
- Cadastral parcels allowing easy and reliable link to cadastral registry.
- It is recommended managing the land parcel's temporal information.
- It is recommended to manage the history of features, using the mechanism provided by the INSPIRE data specifications: versioning and life-cycle attributes.



# Examples of Commonalities (6) Geographical Names Fundamental Theme / Core Theme Recommendations

- Many named features have indeterminate boundaries but, where feasible, their **delineation** should be included.
- Capture the "true" geometry of named places.



#### **Conclusions**





#### **Conclusion**

- Different Contexts and Targets
  - Europe: Detailed recommendations
  - Global: High level recommendations

Results are overall consistent

→ Implementation can be unified in European UN Member States



## Taking the themes forward in Europe



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Panel Session



#### From Addis Workshop:

#### 1. Situation Analysis - Themes

Theme related analysis. For each theme:

- · What laws exist in relation to this theme?
- What institutional arrangements exist in relation to this theme?
- Data gap analysis





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#### From Addis Workshop:

#### Data Gap Analysis – an audit

- What datasets are required within this theme?
- What datasets already exist?
  - · Is there as custodian? Who?
  - · What quality are they? Content, currency etc
  - · What standards are used?
  - What plans are there for this data?
  - Are there any issues relating to this data which require action?
- What datasets do <u>not</u> exist?
  - Is the source identified?
  - How can sources be identified? To include non-traditional sources.
  - Real world object or proxy data?
  - Are additional laws or institutional arrangements needed?

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#### Some questions to ask

- How should Europe respond to the global themes?
- Do we, as a Region, have any feedback?
- Do we need to do a data audit/gap analysis against the themes?
- Does our current work on core data fit? Are any changes required?
- How can we raise awareness and promote the themes?
- As a Region what do we want to do next?





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