

UN-GGIM: Europe engaging with observer organisations

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Work programme of the Committee of Experts

The Committee of Experts' mandate *"to provide a platform for the development of effective strategies on how to build and strengthen national capacity on geospatial information, as well as disseminating best practices and experiences of national, regional and international bodies on geospatial information related to legal instruments, management models and technical standards."*



The aim of UN-GGIM: Europe

The aim of UN-GGIM: Europe work is to ensure that the national mapping and cadastral authorities and national statistical institutes in the European UN Member States, the European Institutions and associated bodies work together to contribute to the more effective management and availability of geospatial information in Europe, and its integration with other information, based on user needs and requirements



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Building on what already exists

- It is important to recall that within Europe we already have a body of legislation, well-functioning organisations and a number of ongoing projects and initiatives addressing issues of geo-information management.
- The intention of UN-GGIM: Europe is therefore to:
 - avoid duplication of efforts;
 - improve the joint response to user needs and requirements;
 - encourage geospatial data interoperability, harmonisation and sharing and
 - optimise the overall management of geospatial information in Europe.



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Not in the interest of European Member States that their resources are stretched in order to engage and contribute to different initiatives



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Items brought before the Committee

1. Activities related to sustainable development and the post-2015 development agenda
2. Global geodetic reference frame
3. Determination of global fundamental geospatial data themes
4. Integration of geospatial, statistical and other information
5. Application of geospatial information to land administration & management
6. Trends in national institutional arrangements in geospatial information management
7. Legal and policy frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data
8. Implementation & adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community
9. Development of a statement of shared guiding principles for geospatial information management
10. Coordination of United Nations activities related to geospatial information management
11. Knowledge base for geospatial information management
12. Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial agenda
13. Programme review of the work of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management during the 2011-2015 period



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WG 1 Geodetic Reference Frame	Institutional Arrangements, Legal and Policy Issues, Awareness and Capacity Building	African Geodetic Reference Frame	integration of statistical and geospatial information	WGA Core Data
WG 2 Disaster Risk Management .	Fundamental Data and Geo-Standards	Fundamental Datasets	geospatial information in disaster risk reduction and climate change	WGB Data Integration
WG 3 Regional SDI	Geodetic Reference Frame	Fundamental Datasets	Standards and technical specifications	GGRF: Europe
WG 4 Cadastre and Land Management	Integration of Geospatial & Statistical Information	Capacity and Capability Development	promotion and assessment of Spatial Data Infrastructure	
			Regional Coordination and Cooperation	



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Outreach: Active Participation

- Participate in external events:
 - Eurostat
 - EFGS
 - INSPIRE conference
 - Regional Conferences
 - Commercial Geospatial Events



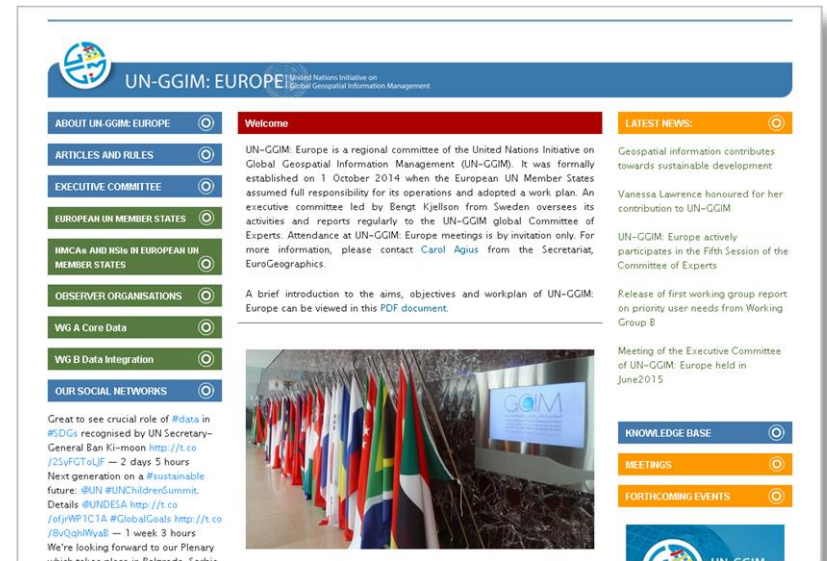
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Outreach: Publicity and communication

Press releases to the geospatial media publicising regional and global UN-GGIM activities and achievements



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Outreach: Observer organisations

- Encourage a high level of active participation from the wider geospatial community
- Raise interest from observing bodies, relevant professional, research and academic organizations and associations



Questions asked at GWF16:

- What do you think UN-GGIM: Europe can contribute to in Europe?
- How can UN-GGIM: Europe engage with the geospatial & statistical communities in Europe?
- Which topics of UN-GGIM do you think are more relevant to Europe?



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Responses received:

- **INSPIRE:**
 - endorse, not just the results but also the process
 - Focus beyond interoperability but also on accessibility, maintenance and update
 - Bring the content in line with the SDGs
 - Content is growing, but too slowly, more can be done at a European level
- **Data accessibility:**
 - UN-GGIM: Europe should push on accessibility and availability of data, to open data
 - Increase the awareness of data availability to meet policy needs
- **SDGs:**
 - What role? Europe can contribute to the SDGs, not just in Europe but also globally
- **Expertise:**
 - Europe has considerable expertise, there are many programmes on-going (example Copernicus) we should contribute there
 - Show how European countries can work together, MS not just NSIs and NMCAs



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How can UN-GGIM: Europe make the most of this collaboration?

EuroGeographics



- Knowledge Exchange Networks
- Research and links with academia
- SDGs, emergency mapping, disaster response
- Geospatial data for policy making
- Networks for capacity building
- Integration of statistics with geospatial
- Opportunities for wide, regional collaboration
- Projects – funding/grant opportunities

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