



Wrap Up - 4th Plenary 2017 of UN-GGIM: Europe

64 delegates, from 24 countries and 13 international and observer organisations, registered participation in the Regional Plenary.

General themes emerging from the plenary:

UN-GGIM: Europe a success story - provides a unique forum for UN member states and international organisations, while fostering the development and use of global and European geospatial information.

We spoke about this being a special moment for our communities - use the momentum created by the 2030 Development agenda, there is an increased need for high resolution geospatial data. And the Census rounds 2020, which will have a strengthened geospatial elements.

These are opportunities which we can use to work together to ensure the ambitions of the 2030 development agenda, the global statistical geospatial framework, and meeting the needs of today's society. We need to regain the citizen's trust in the post truth and alternative facts society.

Speaker highlights

Mariana Kotzeva Eurostat- 2021 Census 1st & most important milestone in geocoding infrastructure to support EU & national policies. Let's work together in the spirit of partnership & enhance systematic, sustainable cooperation between NMCA's & NSIs.

Greg Scott UN-GGIM- posed series of interesting questions for strengthening the global data ecosystem which focuses on cooperation, coherence & implementation

Lidia Bratanova - today's challenges are too big for one organisation.

Ferjan Ormeling UNGEGN - Geographical names are an essential part of geospatial data. Made us think - would you know where you were flying if ticket only gave coordinates?!

Clare Hadley, Chair of Fundamental Data Working Group – gave an update on progress, we are getting closer to UN fundamental geospatial data themes

Georgina Chandler – GSDI outlined work on working towards global index of national spatial data infrastructures and benchmarking.

Marc Paganini ESA - The SDGs are mobilising a revolution in data, need sustained data for sustainable development

Steven Ramage - Countries have boundaries, earth observations do not everything is connected.

Walter Radermacher - geospatial and statistical have much in common, enhance trust in activities by demonstrating value and benefits.



Marie Haldorson - How does GEOSTAT3 enable statistical integration in Europe? Presenting the thinking and collaboration required for European statistical spatial framework.

Pier-Giorgio Zaccheddu provided an overview of progress on Working Group Data Integration, especially their contribution to SDGs.

Twin main themes evident from discussions are:

- Importance of interagency working to bring statistical & mapping agencies closer together
- Momentum driven by 2021 Census & SDGs are an opportunity for UN-GGIM

Main outcomes of the Fourth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe:

- Understand that UN-GGIM: Europe will explore ways to strengthen collaboration with UNECE
- Agreed that the UN-GGIM WG Fundamental data led by UN-GGIM: Europe will present high level descriptions of the common global fundamental data themes to the Committee of Experts at GGIM7
- Made aware of the need to come to an agreement on how to improve capacity building on how to extract statistical and geospatial information from earth observations
- Decided that the Working Group Data Integration will further develop the idea of agreeing the content of a policy outreach document that outlines the recommendations and raises political awareness for the integration of geospatial and statistical data
- Agreed the amendments to the Articles and Rules of UN-GGIM: Europe
- Approved the update to the UN-GGIM: Europe Work Plan 2017 - 2020
- Approved the nominations of Bengt Kjellson, Dorine Burmanje, Antonio Arozarena, Hansjörg Kutterer, Colin Bray, Ezio Bussoletti, Francisco Vala and Tomaz Petek.

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