UN-GGIM: Europe & UNECE plans for greater collaboration

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One outcomes from the Fourth Plenary Meeting of 4th Plenary UN-GGIM: Europe:

- Understand that UN-GGIM: Europe will explore ways to strengthen collaboration with UNECE

Outcomes from the 7ᵗʰ Session of UN-GGIM

In August 2017, at its seventh session in New York, the UN-GGIM Committee took two decisions encouraging the GGIM regional bodies to work closer with the UN Regional Commissions:

- the UN-GGIM Committee "encouraged the regional committees of UN-GGIM to continue their outreach to the UN Regional Commissions, and determine possible mechanisms for collaboration, and report progress back to the Committee at its next session"
- also "urged the regional committees to continue to reach out and engage with their respective regional statistical counterparts to further strengthen partnerships".

Strengthening institutional arrangements on geospatial information management

- UN-GGIM: Europe and the UNECE Secretariat recognise the mutual benefits of working together. In particular, benefits are expected in terms of improving outreach and raising awareness of the respective work programmes, as well as strengthening capacity building activities and learning from each other.

- Drafted: [Proposal for greater collaboration between the UNECE and the UN-GGIM: Europe](#)

- Agreed and drafted by both parties and presented to the Executive Committee of UNECE at their Ninety-fifth meeting Geneva, 11 December 2017. Well received by the UNECE EXCOM.

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Strategic areas for future collaboration include:

- Geospatial information for Sustainable Development

- Building networks and promoting communication

- Integration of geospatial, statistical and other information, including capacity building

- Involvement of other UNECE work programmes

Concrete proposals for collaboration activities in 2018-2020

The UNECE Secretariat and the Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe have agreed to pursue the following collaboration activities in the period 2018-2020:

- Geospatial information for sustainable development
- Building networks and promoting communication
- Integration of geospatial, statistical and other information
- Capacity building
- Involvement of other UNECE work programmes
- Cross-representation in the activities of the other body
- Reporting on progress / work accomplished

The above activities will be implemented through:

- Establishing reciprocity and participating in each other's regional meetings
- Organising joint events on topics of mutual interest
- Collaborating in producing outputs on relevant topics
- Collaborating on exchange of good practices
- Developing joint capacity building activities in member states
- Developing the concept of core data for geospatial and statistical communities
- Promoting easier access to data
- Developing wider communication networks

Implementing the collaboration, first steps:

- Workshop on Integrating Geospatial and Statistical Standards - Joint UNECE/UNGGIM: Europe Workshop held in Stockholm, Sweden, 6-8 November, 2017

- Participation of UN-GGIM: Europe ExCom in the UNECE [High-level Seminar on Strategic Partnerships in Official Statistics](#) UNECE Geneva on 12 April 2018

- Joint Meeting UN-GGIM: Europe – ESS – UNECE Luxemburg 18 April 2018

- Inviting the wider UNECE Member States to participate in the 5th Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe in Brussels, 6 – 7 June 2018

Thank you ALL for contributing to UN-GGIM: Europe's success!