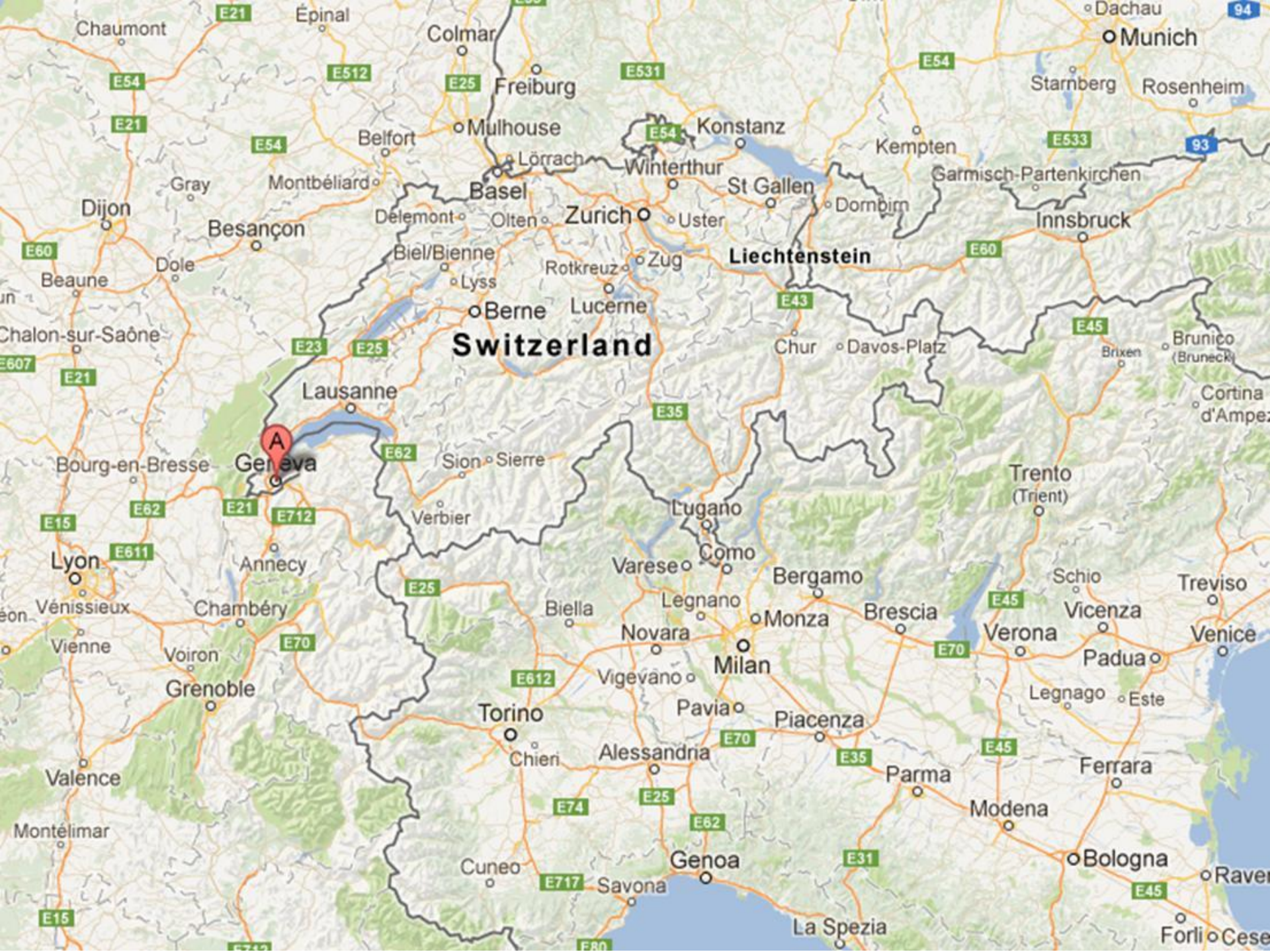




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UNECE Activities on Geospatial Information Management

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UNECE: Areas of work

- ❖ Economic Cooperation and Integration
- ❖ Environmental Policy
- ❖ Forests
- ❖ Housing and Land Management
- ❖ Sustainable Energy
- ❖ Statistics
- ❖ Population
- ❖ Trade
- ❖ Transport

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Existing geospatial work

- ❖ Work sessions on methodological issues involving integration of statistics and geography – **until 2001**
- ❖ Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses
- ❖ Committee on Housing and Land Management



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, and;
 - “outcomes and benefits of the activities of those bodies be equally disseminated to all Member States in each region”



Building a new partnership

- ❖ Discussions with UN-GGIM: Europe Chair and Executive Committee
- ❖ Support from Conference of European Statisticians
- ❖ Approval at the political level
 - UNECE Commission Session
 - UNECE Executive Committee
- ❖ **Result: “Proposal for greater collaboration” approved by all parties**



How we already collaborate

- ❖ Joint UNECE / UN-GGIM Europe Workshop on Integrating Geospatial and Statistical Standards, Stockholm, 6-8 November
- ❖ Exchange of information on common priorities, e.g. data integration
- ❖ Sharing information on UN rules and procedures



Priorities

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

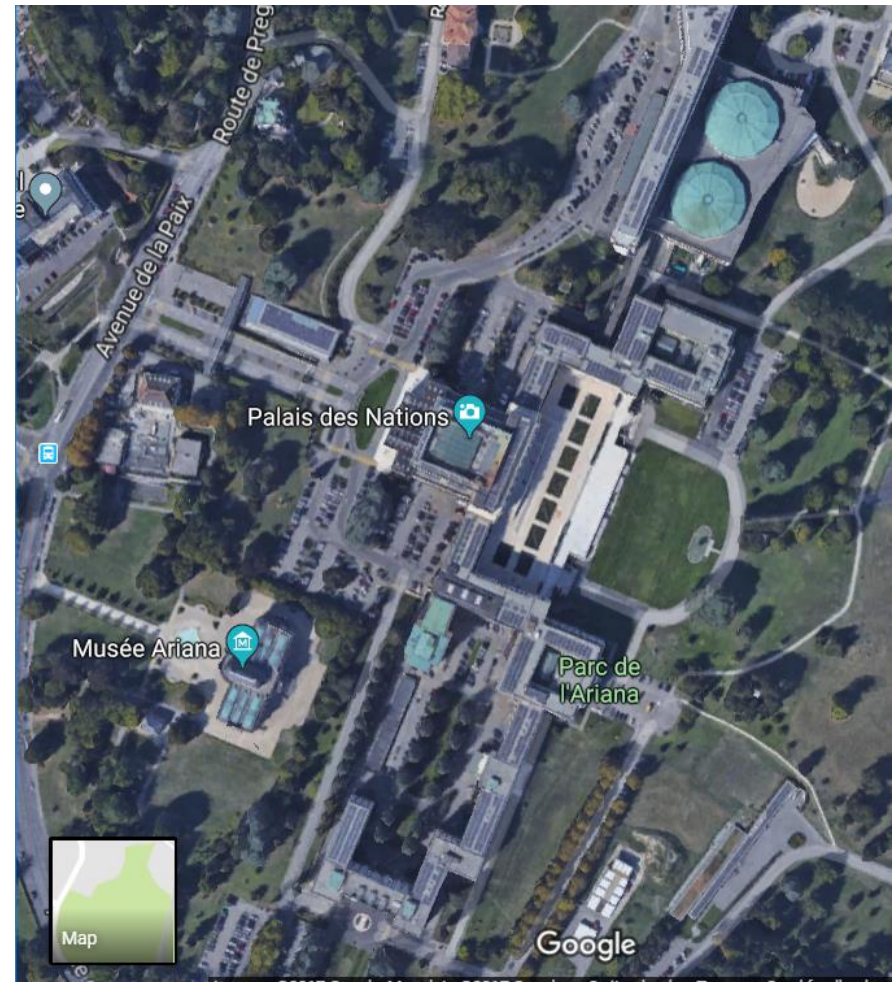


Why is this important for us?

- ❖ Sustainable Development Goals
 - More in my next presentation
- ❖ Growing interest and pressure from our member countries
- ❖ Demand for workshops and capacity development
- ❖ We don't want to duplicate activities of others!

Example - Satellite images

- ❖ Useful for:
 - Land-use and agriculture statistics
 - Identifying new settlements
 - Census planning
 - SDGs!!
- ❖ Standard source for all countries
- ❖ Standard methods and tools?



Future activities

- ❖ Report to the Conference of European Statisticians – June 2018
- ❖ Workshop for Russian-speaking countries, Shymkent, Kazakhstan, October 2018
- ❖ Possible workshop(s) on data integration in 2019
- ❖ Others to be determined