UNECE Geospatial Activities: Collaboration with UN-GGIM: Europe

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Strengthening the partnerships

Events and Activities: 2018

Session on using geospatial information for SDGs and other statistics

❖ EECCA countries + Mongolia

❖ Shymkent, Kazakhstan, 1-3 October

- Geospatial information is becoming increasingly important in the production of official statistics, particularly for censuses, and SDGs
- Government policies for the digitization and sharing of geospatial information are needed
- National statistical offices need support for capacity development in the use of geospatial information

Events and Activities: 2018-19

In-depth review on the use of satellite image data in official statistics

- ❖ Requested by the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians

- ❖ Prepared by Canada and Mexico with input from Austria and Eurostat

- ❖ To be discussed by CES 26-28 June

- ❖ http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/stats/documents/ece/ces/bur/2018/October/03_In-depth_review_of_Satellite_Imagery.pdf

Events and Activities: 2019

- ❖ Eurostat / UN-GGIM: Europe / UNECE Meeting on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, Luxembourg, 29 March

- ❖ Workshop on Statistics for SDGs, Geneva, 17-18 April – Whole day on geospatial data

- ❖ Regional Conference on Environment Data, Geneva, 8 May – Focus on data integration

Events and Activities: 2019

Workshop on Data Integration:
Realising the Potential of Statistical
and Geospatial Data

(Belgrade, 21 – 23 May 2019)

https://statswiki.unece.org/display/geo/Belgrade+Workshop

Belgrade Workshop

❖ 96 participants – full house!

❖ Agenda:

- Outcomes of recent data integration projects
- Innovative use of statistical and geospatial data to produce new products
- Challenges and solutions for integrating statistical and geospatial data
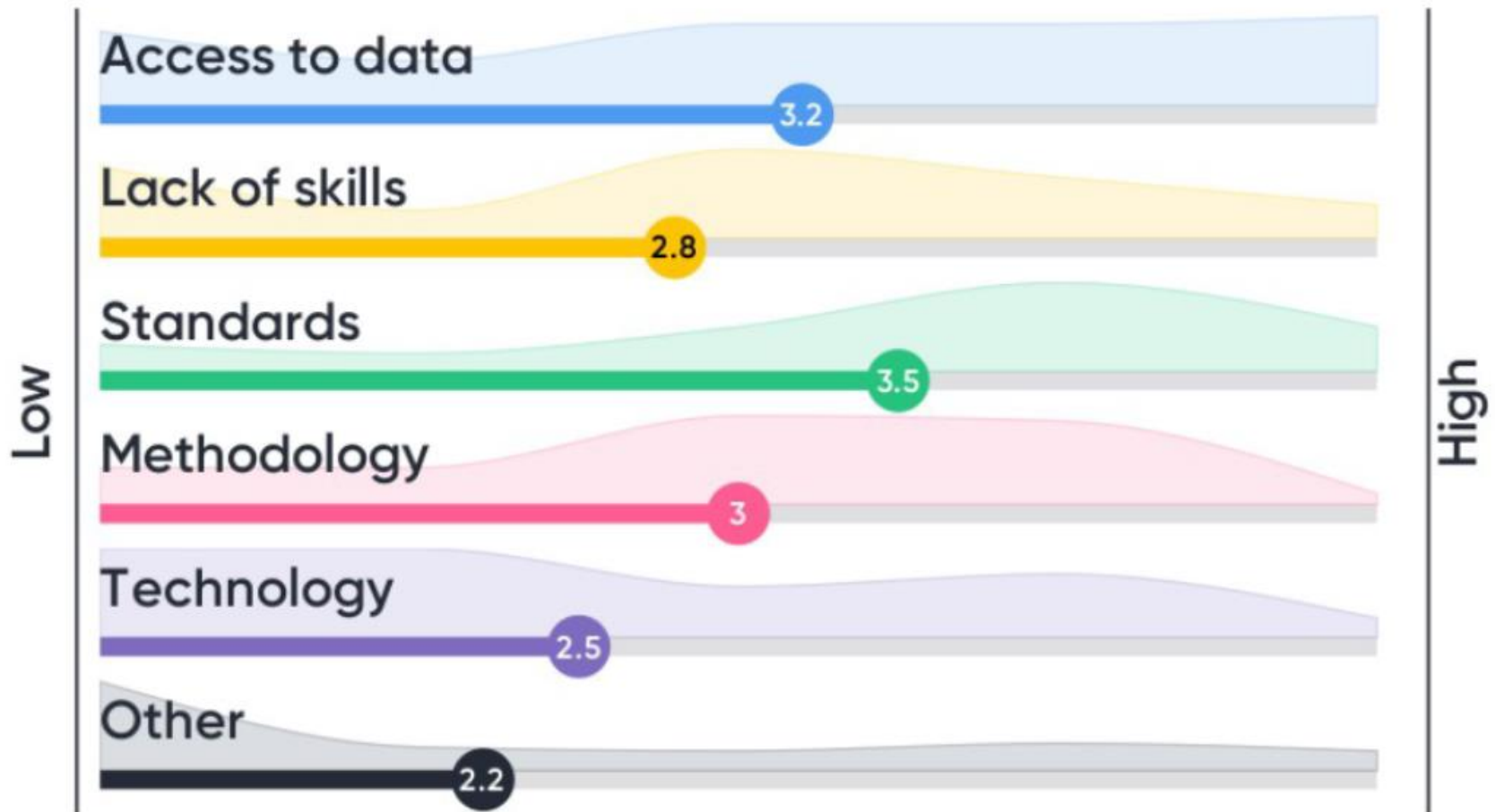- Opportunities for future collaboration on data integration

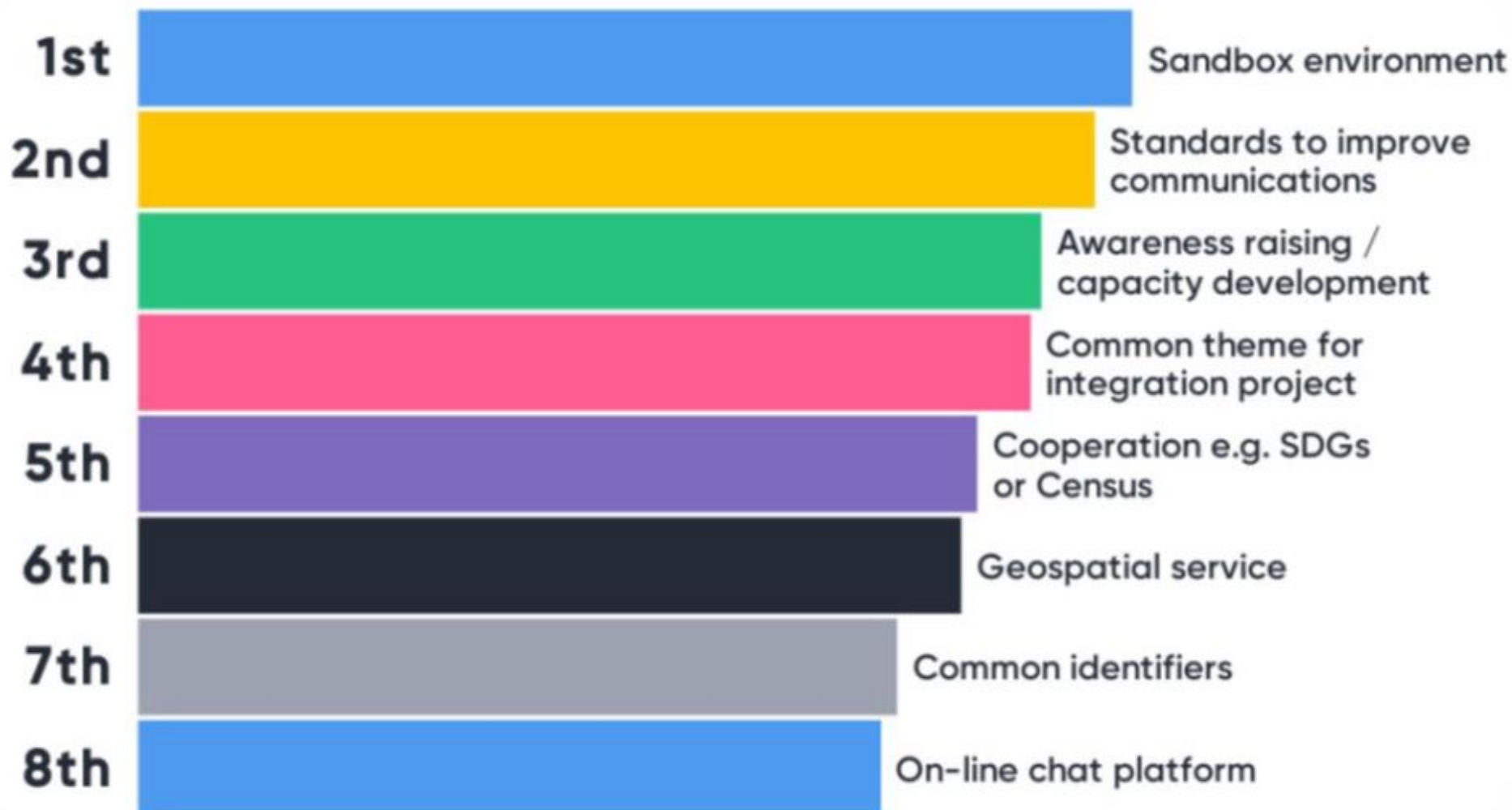# Areas that would benefit from greater integration of stat / geo data

Biggest challenges

Priorities for future work

1st	Sandbox environment
2nd	Standards to improve communications
3rd	Awareness raising / capacity development
4th	Common theme for integration project
5th	Cooperation e.g. SDGs or Census
6th	Geospatial service
7th	Common identifiers
8th	On-line chat platform

Other activities: 2019

❖ The role of national statistical systems in the new data ecosystem

- Estonia, Canada, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Poland
- How to respond to new demands to integrate data across government?
- Statistical and geospatial data are key components
- NSOs have data management skills
- What role should they play?

http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/stats/documents/ece/ces/2019/ECE_CES_2019_16-1906490E.pdf

Other activities: ongoing

- ❖ Logistical support to GFGS – Project Fairhair
- ❖ Member: UN Expert Group on Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information
  - Worked with Eurostat on Principle 4 of GSGF (Statistical and geospatial interoperability)
- ❖ Member: UN System Network on Geospatial Information
  - 20+ UN agencies

Plans

❖ Investigate data integration sandbox

❖ Partnerships for SDG data

   • Environment?

❖ Geospatial information and census outputs

❖ More joint workshops?

   • Ideas welcome!

Any questions?