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Work Plan 2019 – 2022

- Rolling work plan that is annually updated and presented to Regional Committee at Plenary Meeting
- Last Work Plan was approved at the Fifth Plenary in June 2018
- Draft work plan circulated prior to this meeting



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In essence the aims, objectives and outputs of the groups remain the same, however:

- The Work Plan is updated to reflect the global developments and work of the Committee of Experts.
- It also takes into consideration the fact that the Regional Working Groups are delivering and completing the work they were originally tasked with.



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Collaboration with UNECE

- Over the past year, the Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe continued to engaged with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), delivering on the the collaboration agreement between UN-GGIM: Europe and UNECE.
- The main focus of the agreement is on capacity development.
- The Executive Committee is suggesting that together with UNECE it continues to manage and develop this collaboration.



Working Group on Core Data (Work Group A)

- This Working Group is focusing on increasing data interoperability and harmonisation by proposing core geospatial data which meets essential user needs.
- The group is focusing on proposing recommendations of content of the core data themes through an extensive consultations with the wider geospatial community.
- **Recommendations of content of core data (2020):**
 - provide recommendations for content for core data, based on user needs and requirements, especially those related to SDGs, and on INSPIRE data specifications, making use of the outcomes and specifications of other initiatives, such as the European Location Services project, and carrying out an extended consultation with the geo-statistical community.
 - provide a document about promoting core data implementation (state-of-play, vision, action proposals).
- The Working group has so far issued recommendations for content for the following themes (*in various stages of development – Final, draft and open for comments*):
 - Cadastral parcels, Address, Geographical Names, Basic Services, Administrative Units, Buildings, Statistical Units, Orthoimages, Regulated or Managed Zones and Transport Networks



Working Group Data Integration

- The Working Group on Data Integration ensures a two-way interaction with the IAEG-SDG WG GI and is UN-GGIM: Europe's contribution to the global process on developing a framework for monitoring UN SDG indicators.
- Working Group has completed its tasks as scheduled in previous work plan.
- As a result, recommending the following tasks for the next 2 – 3 years:
- **Primary Tasks:**
 - Analysing further SDG indicators – focusing on Earth Observation, and can include as part of a sub-task 'Requirements and practices from National Statistical Offices for the use of earth observation data for national statistics'
 - Advisory Group for global and European data integration issues
 - Analysis of (future) trends in data capture, creation, maintenance and management – using Linked (Open) Data methods to enhance data integration
- **Secondary Task:**
 - Consider options of how the Regional Committee can support Post-Census 2020 activities and use synergies with UNECE/WG Data Integration to explore ways of how to manage data integration post Census 2020.



Working Group on Geodetic Reference Frame in Europe (GRF-Europe)

- Europe is more developed in terms of geodetic infrastructures and geodetic Core Sites than most of the other global regions. This, together with the establishment of SCoG, has had a bearing on the tasks GRF- Europe group agreed by UN-GGIM: Europe at its Fourth Plenary in June 2017. The Working Group is evaluating its role to avoid duplication in the region.
- As a result, recommending the following tasks for the Working Group:
 1. Support European countries to respond to the General Assembly Resolution on A Global Geodetic Reference Frame for Sustainable Development and implementation of the Roadmap
 2. Develop promotion and outreach programmes to make the geodetic reference frames (coordinates, height, gravity) more visible and understandable to the society, support open-data policy and foster the usage of geodetic products in geo-referencing tasks
 3. Support and foster geodetic capacity building within Europe when improving and maintaining appropriate national geodetic infrastructure
 4. Clarify relationship between the SCoG, European expert organizations (e.g. EUREF), and UN GGIM: Europe



Working Group on Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes

- At GGIM5 the Committee of Experts asked UN-GGIM: Europe to take the lead on fundamental geospatial data themes. The Executive Committee acts as the Steering Group for the Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes Working Group.
- Following a process of global consultation that included all the five UN-GGIM Regional Committees, UN-GGIM Working Groups and Expert Groups, the WG Fundamental Data developed and produced a minimum list of 14 global fundamental geospatial data themes which were adopted by the Committee of Experts at its eight session in August 2018. The themes have since been embraced by the wider global UN-GGIM community through their alignment with the various activities of the Committee, including the integrated geospatial information framework and global statistical geospatial framework.
- The WG Fundamental Data has therefore completed its current terms of reference and the Executive Committee will be seeking guidance on the Working Group's future at the next meeting of the Committee of Experts in August 2019.



UN-GGIM: Europe Secretariat

In addition to the duties described in Article 6 of the Articles and Rules of UN-GGIM: Europe, the Secretariat will continue its work on the following tasks:

- **1. Cooperation with UN-GGIM Secretariat, other Regional Committees and the wider geospatial community (On-going):**
 - a) Assist the Executive Committee in establishing contact and maintaining cooperation with UN-GGIM and its regional organisations;
 - b) Assist in raising general awareness of UN-GGIM: Europe amongst relevant European organisations;
- **2. Compile and maintain knowledge base of the European NMCAs and NSIs (On-going):**
 - a) Compile, publish and maintain the knowledge base of the European NMCAs and NSIs. Additional components to the database could include responsibilities, policies, regulatory frameworks and business environments, including the data and licensing policies applied by NMCAs and NSIs;
- **3. Support the Executive Committee in its relationship with Observer Organisations (On-going)**
 - a) Liaise between the Executive Committee and with the different Organisations that have observer status with UN-GGIM: Europe;
 - b) Assist in discovering means by which the Observer Organisations can contribute to the work of UN-GGIM: Europe.



Action Proposals

- The Executive Committee proposes that it be given the mandate to implement this Work Plan and to decide on how best to coordinate the regional work on the different topic areas.



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