

Year in Review



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Seventh Virtual Plenary Meeting June 2020



Sixth Plenary Meeting UN-GGIM: Europe

- The Sixth Plenary Meeting was held from 5 – 6 June 2019 in Brussels, Belgium hosted by Eurostat.
- The Event brought together senior executives and experts from the national geospatial information and statistical authorities of 24 Member States, and 11 international and observer organisations.
- It included a half day workshop on developing the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework Implementation Guide, and presentations on global and regional issues and items, together with an overview of the work being carried out by UN-GGIM: Europe.
- Approved the Regional Work Plan 2019 – 2022 and nominations to the Executive Committee for UN-GGIM: Europe



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<https://un-ggim-europe.org/past-meetings/plenary-meetings/sixth-plenary-un-ggim-europe-june-2019/>

Governance of UN-GGIM: Europe

- UN-GGIM: Europe is coordinated and managed by an Executive Committee of nine approved at Regional Plenary Meetings
- The current Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe:

Chair

- Tomaz Petek, Slovenia

Vice-Chairs

- Francisco Vala, Portugal
- Antonio Arozarena Villar, Spain
- David Henderson, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Members

- Colin Bray, Ireland
- Ezio Bussoletti, Italy
- Frank Tierolff, Netherlands
- Janusz Dygaszewicz, Poland
- Susanne Ås Sivborg, Sweden



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UN-GGIM: Europe – Regional Working Groups

- [Working Group on Core Data](#) is focusing on increasing data interoperability and harmonisation by proposing core geospatial data which meets essential user needs
 - issued recommendations for content for four themes since last plenary
- [Working Group Data Integration](#) works to ensure that the regional entity focuses on how geospatial data can enhance sustainable development and the 2030 Agenda in Europe.
 - Delivered on all scheduled tasks outlined in work plan
- [Working Group on Geodetic Reference Frame - Europe](#) has a close connection to the various geodesy-related organisations in Europe, and actively contributes to the of the SCoG.
 - Currently reviewing its scope to avoid regional duplication

[UN-GGIM: Europe work plan 2019 - 2022](#)



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 collaboration agreement will expire at the end of the year, and the UNECE Secretariat and the Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe will seek to renew it.

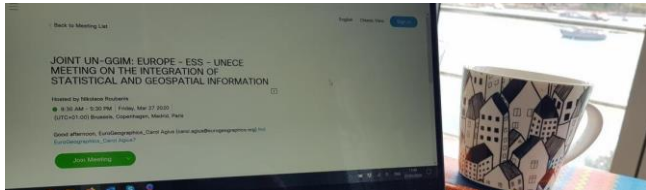


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Regional Events



- Balkans Regional Conference, September 2019, Neum, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- [Digitally Enabled Development for a Sustainable Future in Eastern Europe](#), September, Vrdnik, Serbia
- EuroGeographics General Assembly, October 2019 Manchester, UK
- [European Forum for Geography and Statistics Conference](#), October 2019, Manchester
- 135th Board of Delegates EuroSDR, November 2019 Nicosia Cyprus
- [Third International Workshop on Operationalizing the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework](#), November, Minsk, Belarus
- IGIF workshop in Western Balkans, February, Skopje, North Macedonia
- [Sixth Joint UN-GGIM: Europe-UNECE-ESS Meeting](#), March, Webinar
- [Joint Cadastre and Land Registry KEN and PCC workshop](#), June, Webinar



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Annual Session of the Committee of Experts

- GGIM9, August 2019 UNHQ
- Regional Meeting
- Side events
- Participation in global event
- Expanded bureau

<http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/9th-session/>



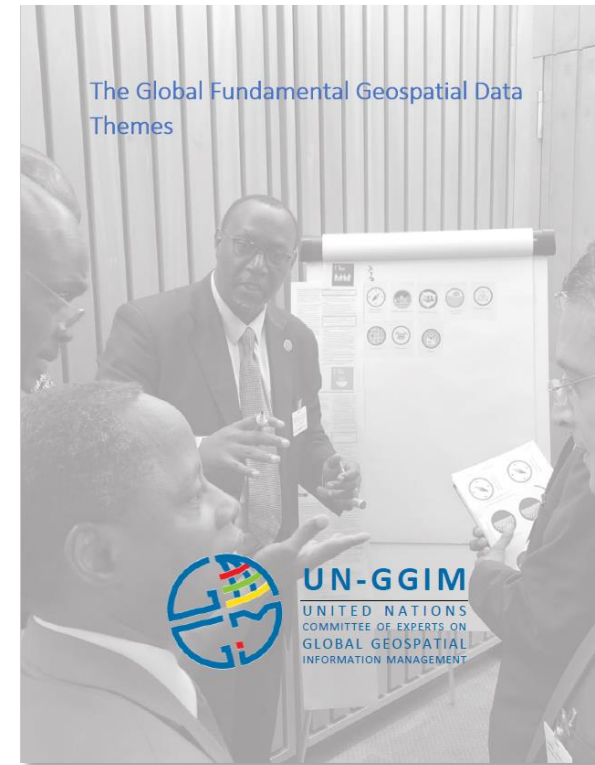
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Contribution to UN-GGIM - Fundamental Data

The Experts Committee mandated UN-GGIM: Europe to establish and lead a Global Working Group to draw together current projects from different UN-GGIM regional bodies to determine The Working Group continued with its work, and successfully fulfilled its mandate and terms of reference. The global fundamental geospatial data themes and their high level descriptions have been adopted by the Committee of Experts and are embedded in the broader work of the Committee.



[The Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes](#)

[Publication](#)

[Story Map Cascade](#)



Global Geodetic Reference Frame



Geographical Names



Addresses



Functional Areas



Buildings and Settlements



Land Parcels / Properties



Transport Networks



Elevation and Depth



Population Distribution



Land Cover and Use



Geology and Soils



Physical Infrastructure/ Service Points



Water



Imagery



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Contribution to UN-GGIM – IAEG-SDG WGGI

UN-GGIM: Europe continues with its active participation and contribution to [Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicator \(IAEG-SDGs\) Working Group on Geospatial Information](#). Participating in the meetings and aligning the work of the regional Working Group on Data Integration to provide European input to the Expert Group.



Engaging with the wider geospatial and statistical communities in Europe:

- Encourage a high level of active participation from the wider geospatial community
- Raise interest from observing bodies, relevant professional, research and academic organizations and associations
- Engage with the observer organisations to integrate their participation in UN-GGIM: Europe activities



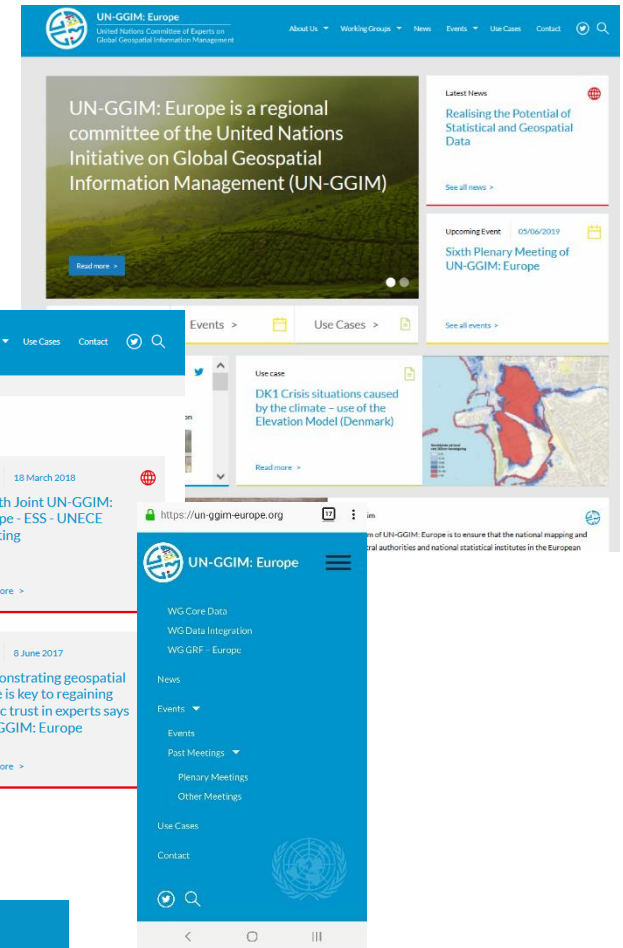
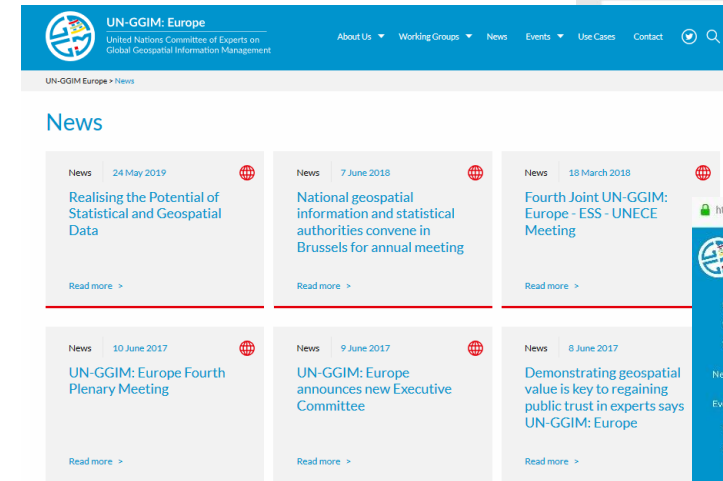
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Keep up with UN-GGIM: Europe

- Updated and relaunched the UN-GGIM: Europe website
 - Providing a modern interface for the Regional Committee's website on a secure platform
 - Optimised to work well across different device types
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- <https://un-ggim-europe.org/>
 - [Twitter](#)



Priority Issues and Challenges

The Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe consider that some of the priority issues for the coming period include:

- The Sustainable Development Goals
- The Integrated Global Geospatial Framework
- Improved collaboration between the statistical and geospatial communities
- Capacity Development



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Looking forward – Future Events

UN-GGIM: Europe is planning to organise/actively participate in the following future events in the next few months:

- 10th UN-GGIM Session, August 2020 – virtual event
- European Forum for Geography and Statistics Conference, October 2020 – virtual event
- Seventh Joint UN-GGIM: Europe-UNECE-ESS Meeting, Spring 2021, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg – *to be confirmed*
- INSPIRE Conference, 11-14 May 2021, Dubrovnik Croatia



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