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**United Nations Economic Commission for Europe  
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# **UNECE Geospatial Activities: Collaboration with UN-GGIM: Europe**

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# Strengthening the partnerships





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# 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



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



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# 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

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# Events and Activities: 2019



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**UN-GGIM**  
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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>



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# 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





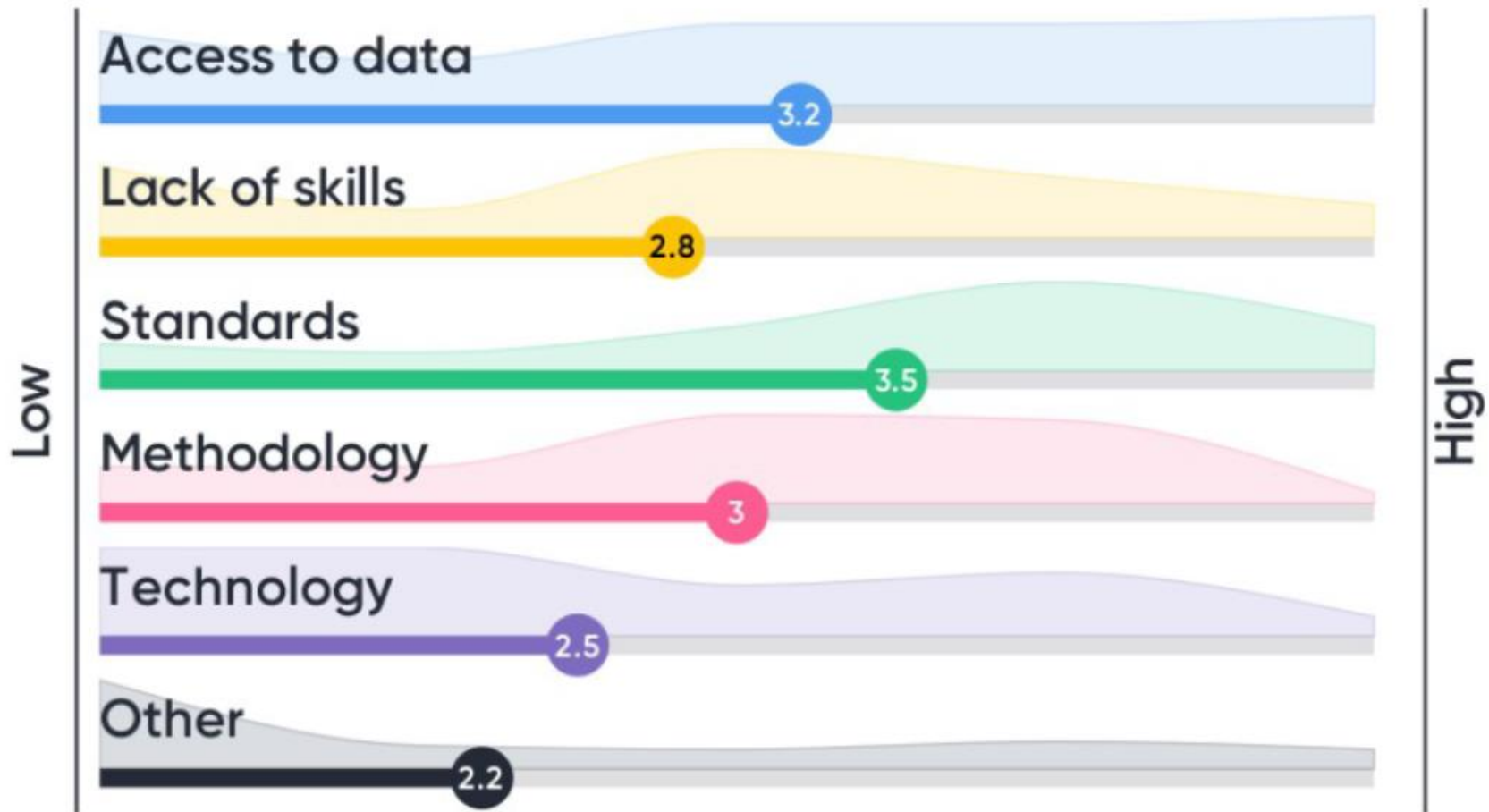
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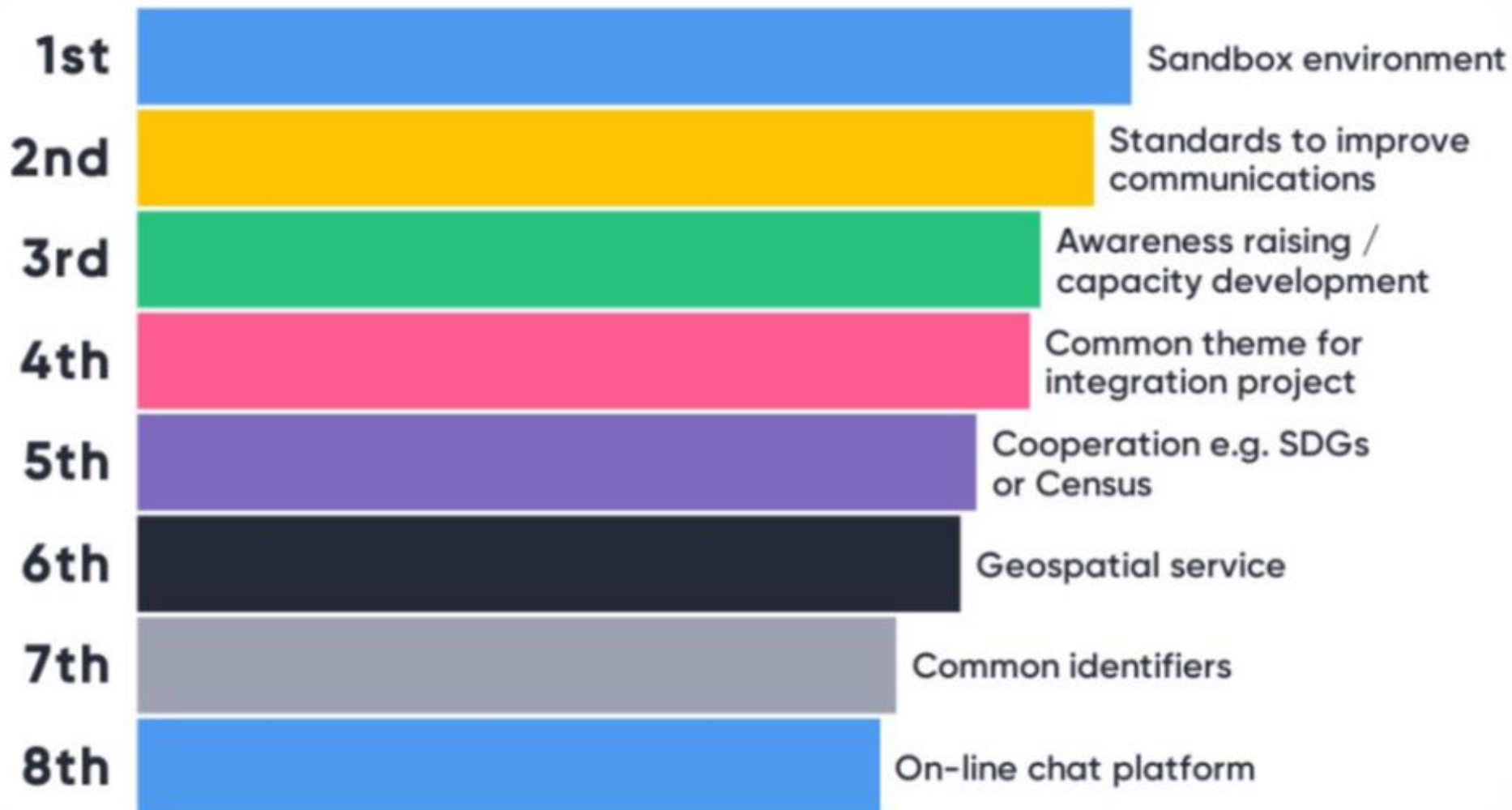


# Biggest challenges





# Priorities for future work





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



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# 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



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# Plans

- ❖ Investigate data integration sandbox
- ❖ Partnerships for SDG data
  - Environment?
- ❖ Geospatial information and census outputs
- ❖ More joint workshops?
  - Ideas welcome!



**Any questions?**

