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# EFGS future plans

## The EFGS development plan



## EFGS Motto “If you cannot describe it, you cannot manage it!”

- voluntary collaboration of professionals in various aspects of statistical and geospatial data integration
- strongly linked to the GEOSTAT projects (core of the EFGS activities) for over a decade, greatly supported by Eurostat
- Organisation of conferences and meetings that built bridges between the statistical and geospatial communities



- Implementation of our long term vision (grid statistics, case studies, guidelines and recommendations)
- Guidance for a harmonised implementation of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework in Europe (GSGF Europe)
- GSGF Europe information service <https://www.efgs.info/gsgf-europe-geostat-information-service/>
- → time for a new EFGS vision



# Revision of the EFGS vision

- Strategy map (presented at EFGS GA 2020 & GISCO 2021)
- Vision fundamentals
  - Capacity development and community building
  - Innovative ideas and implementation support
  - EFGS development (organisational issues)
- EFGS development plan ([link](#) to devel. plan & strategy map)

What?

Why?

Who?

How?

+ further actions  
to consider



- Develop and maintain a high capacity for **statistical-geospatial data integration** in Europe. And a strong community of experts and collaboration to sustain a common and consistent **statistical-geospatial operating environment** in the European context.
- Statistical-geospatial integration is a small but crucial field of expertise (manage crisis, timely and usable data)
- EFGS SC & Thematic Working Groups (EFGS & European actors)
- EFGS Conferences; Workshops, meetings, webinars; EFGS Journal; EFGS Website and its information service



# Actions to consider

- Safeguard the financing of
  - The annual EFGS conference
  - Maintenance of the EFGS website
  - Administration and travel costs
- Form a thematic working group within the EFGS SC to draft a promotional and educational plan
- Form other thematic working groups as needed
- Set up follow up grants projects (exploitation of GEOSTAT 4)
- Ensure the visibility of the EFGS work in other relevant working groups



- Driving force of new ideas for further development of statistical and geospatial data integration within the ESS.
- Need for a platform for open discussion on relevant issues for both statistical and geospatial data producers.
- EFGS SC in collaboration with EFGS Thematic Working Groups and EFGS Community
- Monitoring the needs of both data producers and data users.



- Role of the EFGS is to support the NSIs in their implementation of new methods and new technologies with their expertise.
- GEOSTAT project deliverables can be taken as a framework. E.g. it identified new ideas and principles as possible future actions to fully utilise the GSGF Europe framework
- The GFGS Europe: Requirements and Recommendations can serve as a guide for future actions.
- The Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF) is generic and permits application of the framework principles





# Actions to consider

- The EFGS Steering Committee proposes a plan of activities that would best assess the current new user needs. Users can be NSIs, NMCAs, Eurostat or end data users.
- Based on user needs assessments, the EFGS Steering Committee proposes ways to address these user needs from implementation and financial perspectives.



- Communication and provision of expertise on authoritative statistical and geospatial data integration.
- Communication and exchange of expertise between statistical and geospatial communities is crucial for a sound data integration that can meet user needs
- Involvement of experts from statistical and geospatial communities, academia and statistical geospatial data users.
- EFGS as a voluntary network with a well-established governance that acts as a co-ordination and representative body.



# The EFGS as a professional network

- EFGS community: NSI, NMCA, other organisations and partners from academia, private sector producers and data users → addressing common needs at the European level
- Governing body, formalised at General Assembly, has role to coordinate and represent
- President, Executive Directors / Secretariat, Steering Committee, Task Forces, General Assembly
- GISCO and this working group <3



# Actions to consider

- Preparation of the **EFGS Code of Conduct** that defines ways of working and roles of the SC organisation.
  - selection and election process of governing bodies
  - roles & responsibilities of SC
  - coordinators of Thematic WG
  - rights to be a member of the SC
  - possibility to include a role of observer (e.g. Eurogeographics)
  - position for the Chief Executive Director/Secretariat
- The EFGS should remain an independent brand



A new era of EFGS, more mature...

EFGS 2022 ???

Comments are welcome!



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**THANK YOU !**



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