



WORKING GROUP ON CORE DATA REPORT TO UN-GGIM: EUROPE NINTH PLENARY 20-21 JUNE 2022

Working Group Core Data Context and Objectives

Core Data has been defined by Working Group on Core Data (aka Working Group A) as the geospatial data that are the most useful, either directly or indirectly, to analyse, to achieve and to monitor the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

INSPIRE constitutes an important foundation for the interoperability and harmonisation of geospatial data in Europe. Although INSPIRE aims to harmonise existing data through common data models which supply a first level of interoperability, INSPIRE data are still heterogeneous between Member States, therefore there remains a need to further interoperability and harmonisation. This is why Core Data aims to complement INSPIRE by ensuring common (minimum) content for supporting SDGs.

The current WG A Work Plan includes the work package about Recommendations for Content for the 14 selected core themes.

State-of-Play of the Working Group on Core Data Themes

In 2016, WG A determined the scope of core data by selecting a list of fourteen priority INSPIRE data themes¹:

- INSPIRE Annex I: *Geographical Names, Administrative Units, Addresses, Cadastral Parcels, Transport Networks, Hydrography*;
- INSPIRE Annex II: *Elevation, Land Cover, Orthoimage*;
- INSPIRE Annex III: *Statistical Units, Buildings, Land Use, Basic Services, Regulated or Managed Zones*.

By mid-2022, recommendations for content of all core themes have been published either as final version (v1.1) or at least as consolidated version (v0.1) (in italics above).

The methodology of WG A implies submitting draft recommendations for content to the European geo-statistical community. Such review takes time but enables to improve the quality of the recommendations, and as well to foster their future implementation by raising stakeholders' awareness and by involving them in the decision process of establishing recommendations.

Since the last plenary meeting, for themes 'Address', 'Administrative Units', 'Statistical Units', and 'Regulated or Managed Zones', final versions have been delivered and are published on the UN-GGIM: Europe website.

For themes 'Land Cover', and 'Land Use', a consolidated version of the deliverable has been submitted in May 2022 to the review of the geostatistical community.¹ The review is open until end of July 2022

For the remaining themes ('Geographical Names', 'Transport Networks', 'Elevation', 'Hydrography', 'Buildings', 'Basic services', 'Orthoimage') comments from the review of the geostatistical community have yet to be taken in account and the final version has to be delivered.

The recommendation for content for all the 14 selected core themes will be finalised by the end of this year.

¹ Cf. Working Group A deliverables and drafts at: <https://un-ggim-europe.org/working-groups/working-group-core-data/>



Other WG A actions

WG A has carried out communication actions by presenting its outcomes to the GISCO Working Group meeting on integration of statistical geospatial information in March 2022, which has been an opportunity to focus on opportunities to implement core data and the interest expressed by several stakeholders (EuroGeographics for instance).

Such events are also opportunities together with other actions (review of documents, participation to meetings and teleconferences) to foster coordination actions between Working Group on core Data, the geo-statistical community and the Working Group on Data Integration.

This year, EuroGeographics launched the project *Open Maps for Europe 2.0*, to elaborate and produce a new larger scale pan-European dataset, focusing first on themes 'Administrative Units', 'Transport Networks' and 'Hydrography'. WG A's Core Data Recommendations for Content has been adopted as the basis for the data specifications.

This month, the European Commission published for consultation the draft implementing regulation with a list of 'high-value' datasets. The WG A has contributed to UN-GGIM: Europe's comments, encouraging absorbing the Working Groups recommendations for content of core data to fill several lacks in data definition.