

# UN-GGIM: Europe Strategy



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# Annual sessions of the Committee of Experts

- Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements.
- Contribution of regional committees to the global geospatial information agenda.
- Contribution of thematic networks to the global geospatial information agenda.
- The future geospatial information ecosystem.
- Integrated Geospatial Information Framework.
- Global geodetic reference frame.
- Geospatial information for sustainable development and climate resilience.
- Integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information.
- Application of geospatial information related to land administration and management.
- Geospatial information and services for disasters.
- Integrated marine geospatial information.
- Policy and legal frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data.
- Implementation and adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community.
- Collaboration with the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.



Global Webinar on The Future Geospatial Ecosystem: What is the Role of UN-GGIM?



United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management

## Authoritative Data in an Evolving Geospatial Landscape: An Exploration of Policy and Legal Challenges

E/C.20/2023/16/Add.2



EMPOWERING GOVERNMENTS TO RESPOND TO AND MANAGE SHARED GLOBAL CHALLENGES THROUGH THE USE OF INTEGRATED STATISTICAL AND GEOSPATIAL DATA

### Introduction

This report constitutes a Background Document to the report of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Management Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management, established by the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management as E/C.20/2023/9/Add.1. It also highlights the SDG Data Alliance's journey, achievements, and

## Geospatial Information for Climate Resilience – What Does UN-GGIM Do?

A Discussion Paper



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# UN-GGIM: Europe Strategy and Work Plan

The refreshed strategy of UN-GGIM: Europe was adopted at the Eighth Regional Plenary in October 2021. Work has since then turned to designing and implementing a Work Plan to achieve the Strategy.

## Regional Strategy

### Vision & Mission Statement

Building on the overarching vision of UN-GGIM of *positioning geospatial information to effectively address global challenges*, UN-GGIM: Europe mission is:

***Maximise the use of geospatial information in Europe for a safer and more sustainable world.***

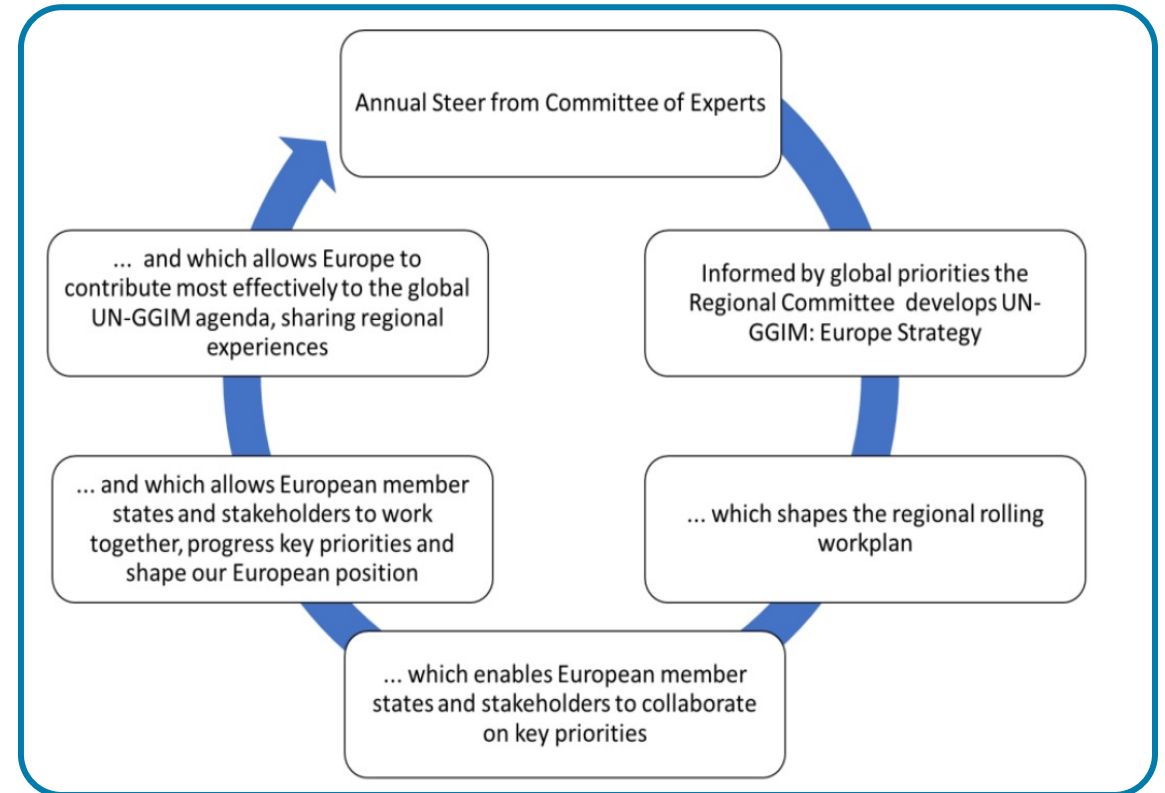
***Through identifying opportunities, understanding and solving common challenges across the Europe Region. By collaborating with partners to enhance the use of geospatial data and its integration with statistics to inform and drive action.***

Sharing  
knowledge

Raising  
awareness

Strategic  
leadership

## Work Plan





# The Strategy is supported by three pillars

Pillar	Sharing knowledge	Raising awareness	Strategic leadership
Aim	Providing the tools for society	Bringing everything and everyone together	Providing strategic alignment, and showcasing the added value
Focus	Prioritising contributions and informing the work plan to take action	Determining relevant partnerships and initiative to leverage the work	Setting out the core areas of work focus



# The Strategy is delivered through a Work Plan

*blueprint that facilitates the collaboration of European Member States, European Institutions and observer bodies to work together to progress key priorities that are relevant to the region*

## Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

- Provides support and input to European Members of the HLG-IGIF
- Contribute to the global tasks of HLG-IGIF making sure regional concerns are raised and addressed
- Understand issues and obstacles the Regional Members may face when looking to implement IGIF

## Geodetic Reference Frames

- Contribute to the activities of the Subcommittee of Geodesy
- Focus on growing and sustaining the geodesy profession

## Sustainable Development Goals

- Showcasing the added value of integrating geospatial data with other data to address SDG indicators
- Explore further requirements and practices on the use and integration of Earth Observation data

## Data Strategy and Policy

- Contribute to the development of relevant policy and data strategies
- Understand the links between European policy and the IGIF



## Data Integration

- Maintain the active contribution on data methods and showcasing the value of integrating geospatial data with other data
- Explore ways to support activities promoting geospatial and statistical data integration



## DASHBOARD | IMPLEMENTING THE WORK PLAN

This dashboard presents three sets of Key Performance Indicators (KPI) on the implementation of the five lines of work identified in UN-GGIM: Europe Work Plan 2022. It follows a traffic-light system of evaluation: **round green light** - KPI has been achieved; **triangle yellow light** - KPI in progress; **round blank circle** - activity has not started yet; **diamond red light** - KPI has not been achieved.

	IGIF	GRF	DI	SDG	DS&P	
 Kick-off activities	Has a WG/CoI Lead been defined?	●	●	●	●	
	Have the ToR been drafted?	●	●	●	▲	
	Has the Concept Note been drafted?	●	▲	●	▲	
	Has a kick-off meeting taken place?	●	●	●	●	
	Has a scoping paper been drafted?	●	▲	●	▲	
	Has a shared workspace space been set up?	●	●	●	▲	
Additional update						
 Engagement	No. of active participants	25	24	53	43	8
	No. of Member States	18	14	22	16	6
	No. of Observers	3	0	6	5	2



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## Line of Work - Data Integration



No. of web/physical meetings	●
No. of webinars	●
No. of webinar summary reports	▲
Has an online dissemination page been set up?	●
No. of conferences/workshops/seminars	○

All three planned webinars have been conducted  
Two of three webinar evaluation reports have been compiled so far

## Line of Work - SDG



No. of web/physical meetings	●
No. of webinars	●
No. of webinar summary reports	▲
Has an online dissemination page been set up?	●
No. of conferences/workshops/seminars	○

All four planned webinars have been conducted  
Two of four webinar evaluation reports have been compiled so far





## Community of Interest - IGIF



- Initial activities discussed and agreed ●
- Identify sub-group leads for initial activities ▲
- Regular meetings with HLG-IGIF Working Groups ▲
- Design webinar series ▲
- Contribute to HLG-IGIF tasks ▲

Good progress has been made in the first seven meetings.  
A key milestone was the delivery of the first webinar in the webinar series  
It is encouraging to see the growth in Membership of the group.

## Community of Interest - GRF - Europe



- Has an online dissemination page been set up? ●
- Kick-off meeting (new LoW) ●
- No. of web/physical meetings ▲

First meeting 24/03/2023 to determine focus for Europe.  
Activities will be agreed upon together with scoping paper.  
Quite some interested members after presentation at EUREF23 Gotheborg.  
Development work plan on hold until alignment with activities UN-GGCE Bonn possible.








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## Line of Work - Data Strategy & Policy



- No. of web/physical meetings 
- Engaging with regional stakeholders 
- Has an online dissemination page been set up? 
- ToRs agreed by the LoW
- Participating in the INSPIRE Conference



Thank you for  
contributing to the  
success of  
UN-GGIM: Europe!



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