

# Reporting on the UN-GGIM: Europe Work Plan 2022 - 2025

## Introduction

The aim of UN-GGIM: Europe is to contribute to the more effective management and availability of geospatial information in Europe and ensuring that the work of the Regional Committee is aligned to the global UN-GGIM programme<sup>1</sup>.

At its ninth plenary meeting in June 2022 the Regional Committee approved and adopted the UN-GGIM: Europe Work plan 2022-2025<sup>2</sup>, the blueprint for implementing the strategy of UN-GGIM: Europe agreed and approved in October 2021<sup>3</sup>.

This strategy, structured around three the main strategic pillars of Sharing Knowledge, Raising Awareness and Strategic Leadership, outlines the mission of UN-GGIM: Europe; to **maximise the use of geospatial information in Europe for a safer and more sustainable world**. This will be achieved *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.*

It is important to note that the steer to the work of UN-GGIM: Europe comes from the global UN-GGIM programme, agreed and adopted annually at the Committee of Experts sessions in August. This ensures the work of the Regional Committee remains aligned with the global agenda while focusing on the needs and priorities of Europe. The regional experiences from UN-GGIM: Europe are then shared with the Committee of Experts closing the loop of a circular process.

Aligning the regional priorities with the global programme



<sup>1</sup> Article 2 - Purpose and Activities of the [Rules and Articles of UN-GGIM: Europe](#)

<sup>2</sup> [UN-GGIM: Europe Work Plan 2022](#)

<sup>3</sup> [UN-GGIM: Europe Strategy](#)



The UN-GGIM: Europe Work Plan 2022 – 2025 focuses on the five key priority areas which had been agreed by the Regional Committee at its eighth plenary session as meeting the strategic needs and requirements of Europe within the global programme of the Committee of Experts:

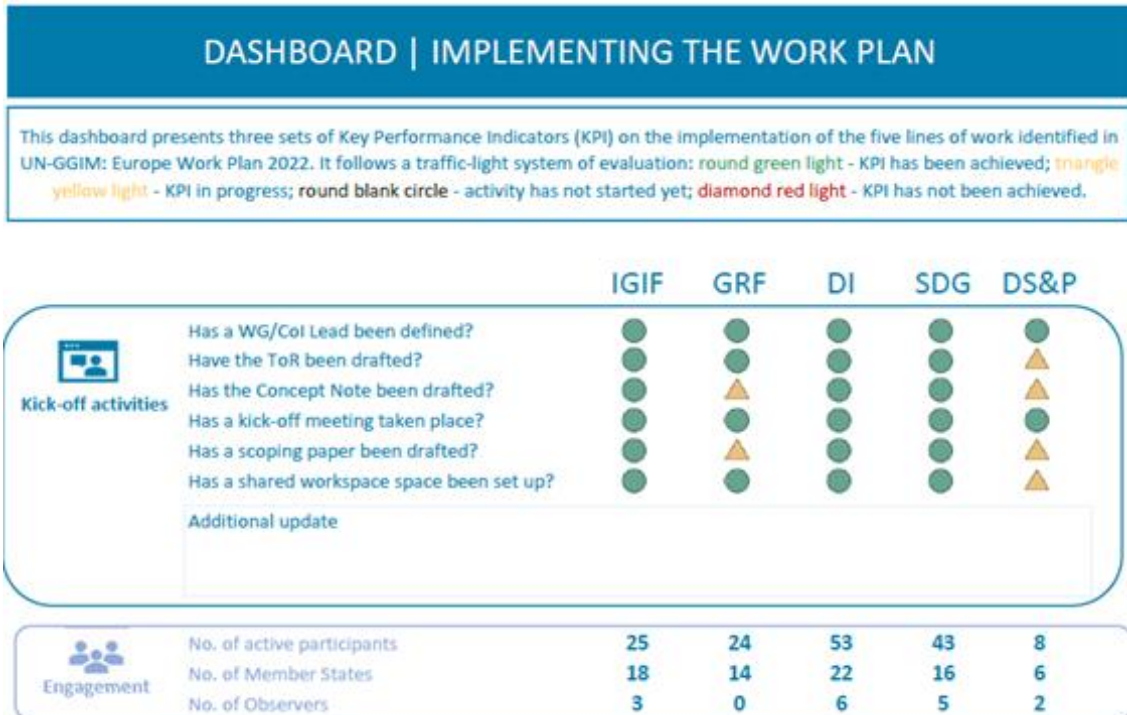
- Data Integration
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Data Strategy and Policy
- Integrated Geospatial Information Framework
- Geodetic Reference Frames

The relevance and importance of these five key priority areas were established and confirmed through a region-wide survey conducted at the end of January 2022, to gauge the relevance of the lines of work with the members of UN-GGIM: Europe and to identify the Member States and observers interested in taking part in implementing them.

The rationale and aims for the key priority areas were translated into five lines of work with proposed activities and expected outputs outlined in the work plan the Regional Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe planned to focus on for the next three to four years starting from 2022. Following its adoption at the ninth plenary the implementation of the work plan commenced to realise the ambitions of the five lines of work.

## Reporting on the Lines of Work

The Lines of Work are reporting on their work and progress in implementing the work plan to the UN-GGIM: Europe Regional Committee at this tenth Plenary Session. The dashboard below provides a high-level overview of activities and progress for each of the five lines of work:





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.

### 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

### 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

### 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.



As can be seen from the dashboard all the five Lines of Work have started implementing their respective work plans, progressing at different rates in realising their aims and outcomes. The work is expected to be developed in a time-frame of 2 – 4 years.

The Lines of Work Data Integration and SDG are following up on the work already conducted by the Working Group Data Integration established in the previous work programme of UN-GGIM: Europe and benefited from a strong and motivated network of experts from Member States and observer organisations.

The lines of work on the IGIF and Europe-GRF were both established to facilitate, at the regional level, the global programme of specific agenda items of functional groups of the Committee of Experts. Specifically, the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the Subcommittee on Geodesy. Progress on these working groups, established as Communities of Interest, relies on the advancement of the work being carried out by the global groups.

The Line of Work Data Strategy and Policy is a new working group, established mainly to address and understand the linkages of European data policy with the UN-GGIM agenda and programme of work, such as the UN-IGIF. The progress of this line of work is increasing slowly, activities are expected to grow in the coming months.

Further details of the work and activities on the implementation on the UN-GGIM: Europe Work Plan 2022 - 2025 are available in the individual status reports of the Lines of Work<sup>4</sup> provide as papers to the tenth plenary and being made available on the UN-GGIM: Europe website.

## Putting the lines of work into practice

### Governance

It is the task of the Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe, the UN-GGIM: Europe Secretariat, and Regional Committee (though Lines of Work and Communities of Interest) to implement the work plan.

The overarching role of the Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe is to provide guidance and oversight in the implementation of the work plan in accordance of the UN-GGIM: Europe Strategy. The lines of work are not siloed, there is significant overlap and interaction between them, it is the task of the Regional Executive Committee to assume an overarching role ensuring synergies and communications, between and across working groups, and other regional forums.

The Regional Secretariat supports the Regional Executive Committee in the exercise of its function and assistance in the overall achievement of activities of UN-GGIM: Europe work plan. While also actively communicating the UN-GGIM: Europe activities and achievements to all relevant stakeholders across multiple channels.

### Call to Action

The implementation of the lines of work and the priority areas is through the contribution and active input of the members of UN-GGIM: Europe. Each line of work already has a group of interested members who are working together to deliver the work plan.

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<sup>4</sup> LoW status reports are available online on the [UN-GGIM: Europe Tenth Plenary page](#)



The Regional Committee promotes and encourages the collaboration between national mapping and cadastral authorities and national statistical institutes in the European Region, along with European Institutions and observer bodies. Members States and observers are therefore invited to express their interest and join the UN-GGIM: Europe activities and in participating in the lines of work.

### Action proposal

The Executive Committee asks that it be given the mandate to continue to implement the UN-GGIM: Europe Work Plan 2022 – 2025 and to decide on how best to coordinate the regional work on the different topic areas and lines of work.