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EFGS

Recent activities and update



- Communication & Dissemination
- Stakeholder engagement
- Capacity building
- Interoperability – GSGF principle 4
- GFGS, our Global Forum



two main lines of work

- activities referring to the next EFGS Conference
- activities under the EFGS's broader communication and dissemination strategy and EFGS Development Plan
 - Website (status: ongoing)
 - journal (status: design phase)
 - educational/training plan (status: ongoing)

EFGS website: <https://www.efgs.info/>

- management and maintenance of the website
->keep online content updated and relevant to all users
- enrich the [GSGF Europe: GEOSTAT Information Service](#) by uploading new materials, documentation, use cases, etc.
- share relevant information about upcoming events that foster the integration of statistical and geospatial data in the European and global contexts



EFGS Development Plan

→ develop activities that would best assess the user needs

- EFGS Journal
 - share information and relevant content about the ongoing activities in the period between the two EFGS conferences
 - more regular reporting about case studies and best practices
- educational/training plan
 - Various relevant topics and means of communication (webinars, workshops, etc.)



Engagement with other existing working groups and initiatives

- NTS conference 2023
 - Rina & Jerker – Towards standardised geospatial statistics
- UN GGIM: Europe webinars: <https://un-ggim-europe.org/events/>
 - who? UN Geospatial Network Data Hub: “One UN Geospatial Situation Room”
 - Justin – [Webinar - Linked Data in the European spatial data infrastructure – an operational view](#) on November 27th 2023
- UN EG ISGI, UNECE, etc.



- Contributions by strengthening the statistical-geospatial community in Europe (...and globally)
- Promoting common practice (GEOSTAT results) as well as sharing good practice from individual countries
- Currently no dedicated programme or project under EFGS
- Focus on acting through other existing working groups and initiatives
- The EFGS = pool of experts
- A peer-to-peer approach to capacity building



Interoperability – GSGF principle 4

- EFGS 2022 dedicated session on Standards
 - Statistical standards are different to Geospatial Standards
- Task Force on Standards Issues relating to the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information
- EFGS contacts working in NSIs could deliver this knowledge and act as drivers for these standards.
- GEOSTAT 4 material collected in [the GSGF Europe: GEOSTAT Information Service](#)
 - [Annex IV – Geospatial Activities](#) GeoGSBPM (Geostat 2)
 - [Annex V – A List of Generic Services](#)



GFGS, our global forum



- 2016 – Established as a voluntary task force to EFGS

- 2018 – Grid challenge

Results after 2-3 weeks: 15 countries and territories

- 2019 – Border soup experiment

Compare square and hex grids

- 2021 – Grids and confidentiality

Challenges and methodes – UN-GGIM presentation

- Since 2020 – Coffee talks -> ongoing series

To join the mailing list to receive updates and registration details for these coffee talks - please contact Vilni vvh@ssb.no



- Coffee talk 10 in progress
 - [New features and use of grid statistics](#) - Oct 2023
 - [Grid browsing and confidentiality](#) - Jul 2023
 - [Using and visualising gridded data](#) - Feb 2023
 - [Global grids for statistical data](#) - Dec 2022
 - [Geospatial and statistical standards](#) - Sep 2022
 - [Developments in applying global grids](#) - May 2021
 - [Defining and modelling urban area](#) - Apr 2021
 - [The Discrete Global Grid System...](#) - Mar 2021
 - [Innovative methods for defining census areas](#) - Feb 2021
 - [Geo-statistical Responses to the COVID-19 Crisis](#) - Dec 2020
 - [Geo-statistical Responses to the COVID-19 Crisis](#) - May 2020
- Suggestions for additional topics and offers to present work or share experiences are very welcome.



- The EFGs already organised 15 years of annual conferences
- Number of attendees growing from year to year
- 2020, 2021 and 2022 virtual webinars
- Wish for a physical meeting again
 - better engagement
 - better discussions
 - better networking
 - better everything 😊



Still waiting for final decision on

- WHERE we have an idea
- WHEN aiming for mid Februar 2024
- WHO is local host we have an idea

So please mark the dates (foreseen are 2,5 days from 13-15 February) in your calender, but please wait with any booking until official invitation is sent out!



Main topic

Green Agenda and Digital Transformation

On day 1: **high level session**
with ministries and Eurostat DG





Target audience

- statistical and geospatial communities
- key stakeholders involved in data integration
- governmental agencies, public bodies
- academia & research communities
- the administrative data community
- policy and legal makers



- EFGS General Assembly
- Gala dinner
- Lars H. Backer Award
- Social evening

Hope to see you there 😊



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Thank you for your attention

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