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10th Joint UN-GGIM: Europe – ESS – UNECE Meeting, Luxembourg, 13 March 2024



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2018



2019



2020



2021

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1. UN-GGIM: Europe celebrated its Tenth Plenary
2. Executive Committee members appointed
3. Two new co-Chairs appointed
4. Reports from all four thematic networks
5. Plenary reviewed and agreed the Working Groups activities

Tenth Plenary meeting of UN- GGIM: Europe *November 2023*



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Governance of UN-GGIM: Europe

- UN-GGIM: Europe is coordinated and managed by an Executive Committee approved at Regional Plenary Meetings
- The current Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe:

Co-Chairs

- Frank Tierolff, Netherlands
- David Henderson, United Kingdom

Members

- Ingrid Vanden Berghe, Belgium
- Paul Becker, Germany
- Janusz Dygaszewicz, Poland
- Darko Vucetic, Serbia
- Tomaz Petek, Slovenia
- Susanne Ås Sivborg, Sweden



- The Netherlands is responsible for providing the secretariat to UN-GGIM: Europe. The function of the Secretariat of UN-GGIM: Europe is funded and executed by EuroGeographics AISBL through a Service Level Agreement with Kadaster Netherlands which has been renewed for another two years until the end of 2024.



Nine annual joint meetings with the geospatial and statistical communities

Created a forum for technical exchange of knowledge and good practice.

Forged working relationships and networks across the two communities.



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Collaboration agreement between UN-GGIM: Europe and UNECE

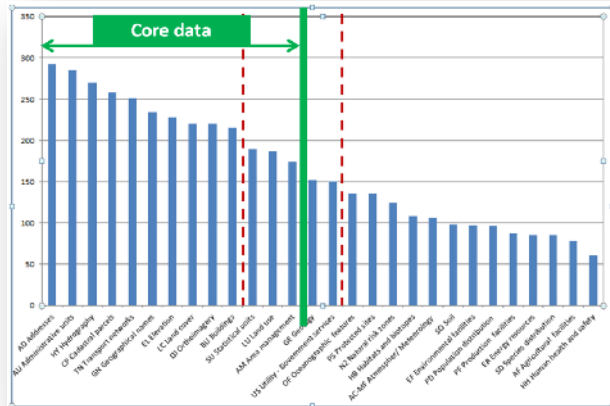
The focus of the collaboration agreement, in place since 2018, is capacity development, identifying areas of collaboration between the two communities.



Core Data for Europe

Identified the core geospatial data which meets essential user needs in Europe and proposed recommendations of content of the core data themes through extensive consultations with the wider geospatial community.

The core data model has been integrated into the Open Maps for Europe 2 (OME2) project specifications, a practical implementation of the work of UN-GGIM: Europe.



Preparatory work about core data

Selection of core data themes – Core data scope

Core spatial data themes – Recommendations for content



The integration of statistical and geospatial information — a call for political action in Europe

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Policy Outreach Paper

- ✓ Promotes the benefits of data integration
- ✓ Recommendations on data integration

- ✓ Focuses on the **contribution of geospatial data** and its integration with statistical data at a global, European and national perspective
- ✓ Provides **recommendations** towards a more effective geospatial data integration to address SDG indicators

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You need reliable, accessible information about any situation; providing you with a full and clear picture combining data ...
What happens where?

Leaflet

- ✓ Strengthen information
- ✓ Effective examples of data integration



Data integration in Europe



THE TERRITORIAL DIMENSION IN SDG INDICATORS: GEOSPATIAL DATA ANALYSIS AND ITS INTEGRATION WITH STATISTICAL DATA

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WORKING GROUP ON DATA INTEGRATION

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ESTADÍSTICA PORTUGUESA | Edited by Statistics Portugal

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Thirteenth session of the Committee of Experts



<https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/13th-session/>



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UN-GGIM: Europe

The refreshed strategy of UN-GGIM: Europe was adopted at the Regional Plenary in 2021.

We adopted the new Work Plan at the Regional Plenary in 2022.

Regional Strategy

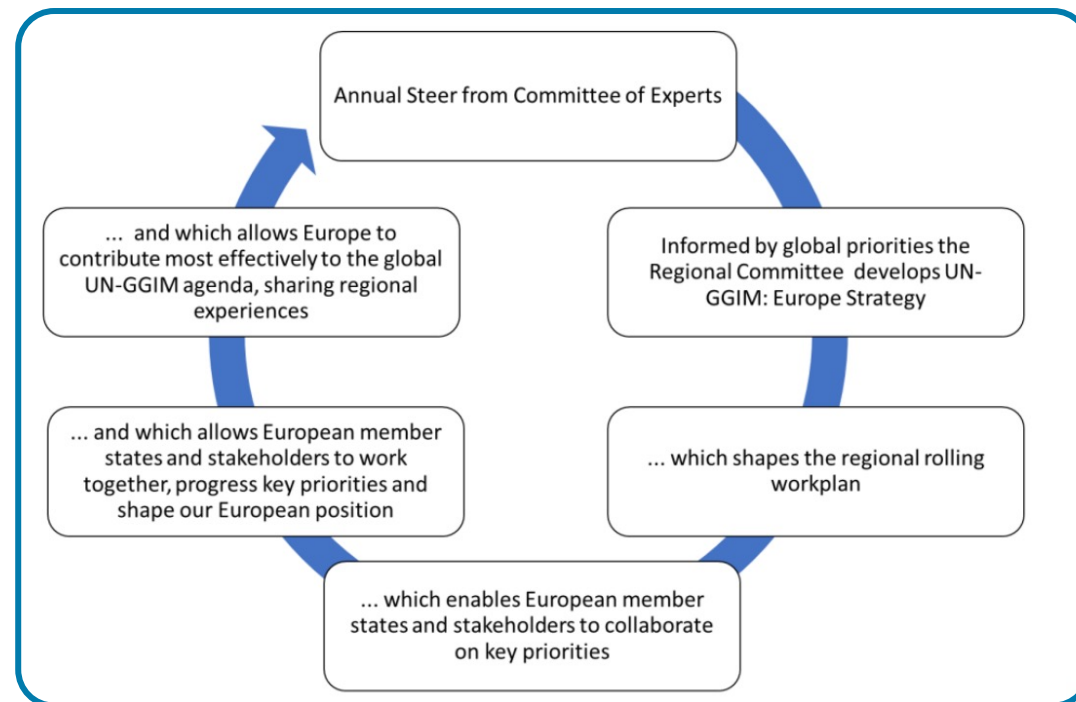
Vision & Mission Statement

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.

Work Plan



The strategy is delivered through a Work Plan

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



Work Plan – 5 ‘lines of work’

Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

- supports the regional representatives on the HLG-IGIF, provide the views of the European Region as the IGIF matures, and consider activities which will benefit members of UN-GGIM: Europe.

Global Geodetic Reference Frames

- Aligns and support the UN-GGIM Subcommittee on Geodesy's priorities for the Global Geodetic Reference Frame, and to translate them into actions relevant for UN-GGIM: Europe

Data Integration

- Explore ways to contribute and support activities promoting geospatial and statistical data integration, including reinforcing the involvement of the EO community

Sustainable Development Goals

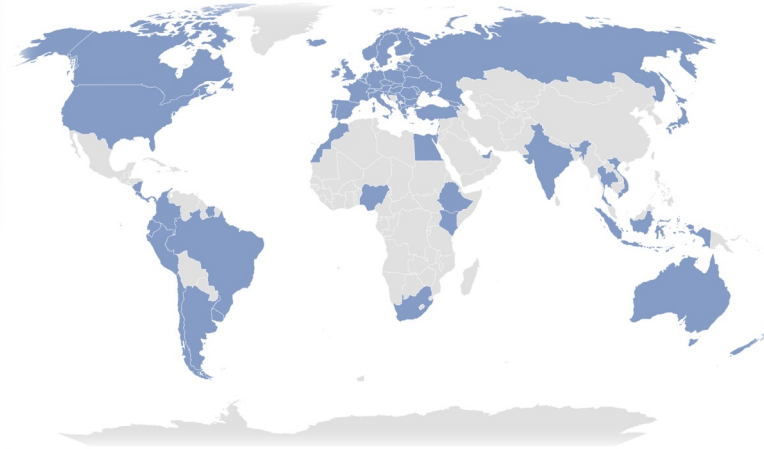
- Maintain the active contribution of UN-GGIM: Europe on showcasing the added value of integrating geospatial data with other data to address SDG indicators

Data Strategy and Policy

- contribute to the development of relevant policy and data strategies regarding the management and use of geospatial data to maximise its value in addressing the challenges of a green, sustainable and digital Europe



UN-GGIM: Europe Webinar Series



Started in 2023:
eight webinars, over 850 attendees from
75 countries in all UN-GGIM Regions

[United Nations Geospatial Network Data Hub: "One UN Geospatial Situation Room"](#)

[Linked Data in the European spatial data infrastructure – an operational view](#)

[Geospatial information for territorial policy support in the context of SDGs](#)

[An introduction to the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework \(UN-IGIF\)](#)

[The way towards a Geospatial Knowledge Infrastructure](#)

[Earth Observation and SDGs: uses cases and workflows](#)

[Showcasing the added value of geospatial and statistical data integration to compute SDG indicators](#)

[Data integration in Europe – A perspective on challenges, findings, added value and cost savings in the EU context](#)

Recordings available online - <https://un-ggim-europe.org/un-ggim-europe-webinar-series/>



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Some activities

- *Panel session at the GWF2023*, Rotterdam, May
- *Regional Conference of NMCA from Western Balkan*, Belgrade, September
- *9th Joint UN-GGIM: Europe – ESS – UNECE Meeting on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information*, Belgrade, October
- *Joint UNECE / Eurostat / UN-GGIM: Europe Workshop on Integrating Statistical and Geospatial Data*, Belgrade, October
- *EuroGeographics EP Event*, Strasbourg, October
- *Panel Session at the INSPIRE Conference*, Brussels, November
- *Listening World Tour - Virtual Meeting between UN-GGIM: Europe and UN-GGCE*, Online, 16 February
- *Joint workshop with UN-GGIM WG Policy & Legal*, Leuven, 21 – 22 February



Activities planned for 2024

- ***10th Joint UN-GGIM: Europe – ESS – UNECE Meeting on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information***, Luxemburg, 13 March 2024
- ***Meeting Lines of Work on Data Integration & SDG***, Lisbon, 15 - 16 April
- ***Eleventh Plenary Meeting UN-GGIM: Europe overlapping with the Conference of European Statisticians***, Geneva, 19 – 20 June
- ***Fourteenth Session UN-GGIM***, NYHQ, 7 – 9 August
- ***Seventh High-Level Forum UN-GGIM***, Mexico City, 8 – 10 October



Call to action

- Continue our joined-up approach to working across the UN-GGIM Regional Committees.
- Promote key themes of diversity and inclusion across all UN-GGIM's activities.
- Participate, join and contribute to our Lines of Work and follow our webinars and follow us on LinkedIn



Thank you for
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Get engaged - UN-GGIM: Europe Secretariat (carol.agius@eurogeographics.org)



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