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Luxembourg, 25 March 2025*



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
- Tomaz Petek, Slovenia
- Janusz Dygaszewicz, Poland
- Darko Vucetic, Serbia

- 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.



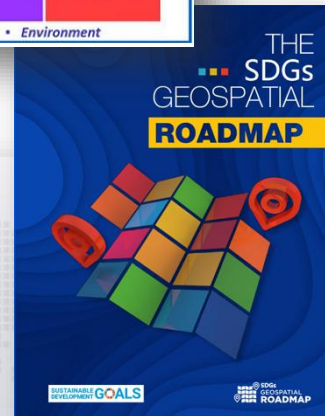
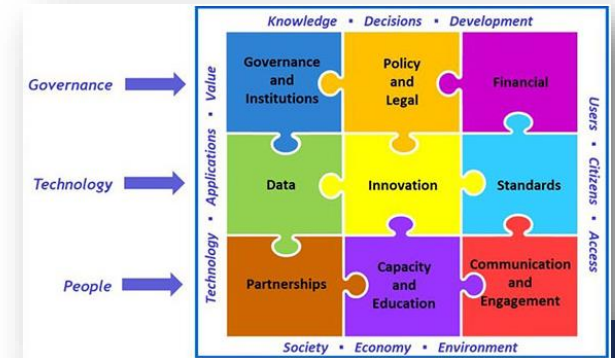
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UN-GGIM Areas of Work & Programme

- Strengthening geospatial information management
- Contributions to the global geospatial information agenda
- Nationally integrated geospatial information management
- Geospatial information for Sustainable Development
- Geodesy
- Integration of statistical and geospatial information
- Land administration and management
- Geospatial information and services for disasters
- Marine geospatial information
- Policy and legal frameworks
- Implementation of geospatial standards



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Eleventh Plenary meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe

June 2024

- Experts from 18 Members states
- 13 international bodies and observers → WHO; WMO; UNECE
- For the first time, all four other UN-GGIM Regional Committees participated in a Europe plenary, providing the opportunity for continuing our inter-regional collaboration.



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- Highlighted the importance of integrating geospatial and statistical data to enhance national and international development programmes
- High level themes → Data Integration, Artificial Intelligence
- Drafting the post-2030 Development Agenda
- Strongly encouraged the geospatial and statistical communities to actively contribute to its development



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 adopted 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.

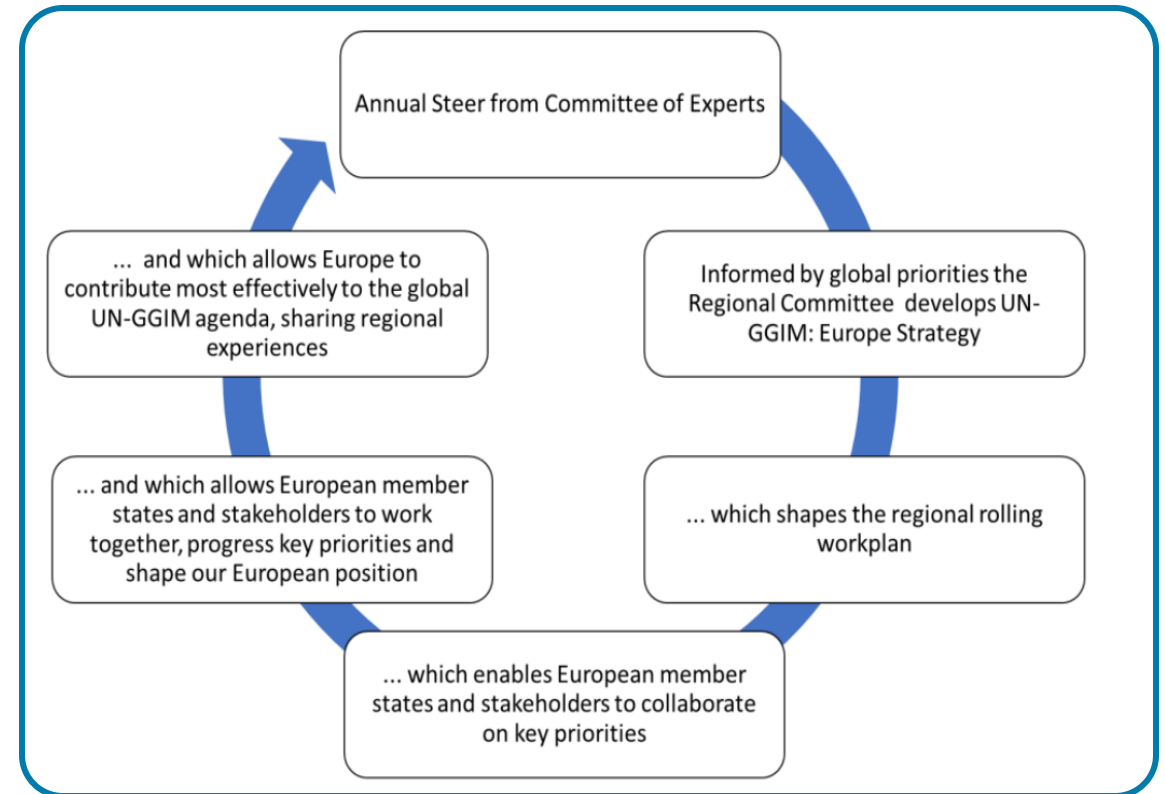
Through identifying opportunities, understanding and solving common challenges across the Europe Region. By collaborating with partners to enhance the use of geospatial data and its integration with statistics to inform and drive action.

Sharing
knowledge

Raising
awareness

Strategic
leadership

Work Plan



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Work Plan – Implementing the lines of work ...

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



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.
- Commit to support the development of the UN-GGIM Strategic Refresh 2025-2030
- UN-GGIM: Europe strategy has been reviewed and updated in view of the Twelfth Plenary meeting



Looking forward to 2025

- Eleventh Joint UN-GGIM: Europe – ESS – UNECE meeting, 25th March, Luxembourg
- FIG Working week, 6 – 10 April, Brisbane
- Cambridge Conference, 7—10 April, Cambridge
- World Bank Land Conference, 5 – 8 May, Washington DC
- EuroGeographics General Assembly, 17 – 21 May, Riga
- Twelfth Plenary Meeting UN-GGIM: Europe, 24th and 25th June, Brussels
- High Level Political Forum, under the auspice of ECOSOC, 14 – 23 July, New York City
- Fifteenth Session UN-GGIM, 6 - 8 August, New York City
- EFGS Conference Norway, 22– 26 September



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Thank you for listening.



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