

Report from the UN-GGIM: Europe



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Twelfth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe
Brussels, 24-25 June 2025



Eleventh Plenary meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe

June 2024



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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





Fourteenth Session UN-GGIM

- Organised the UN-GGIM: Europe Region Meeting
- Participated in the Expanded Bureau Meeting
- Participated in the Inter-regional meeting
- Reported on the UN-GGIM: Europe activities under Agenda item #4 - *Contribution of regional committees to the global geospatial information agenda*
- Prepared and delivered regional responses on all the agenda items put before the Committee of Experts



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Inter-regional cooperation

Participation in other regional plenary meetings:

- Eleventh Session of UN-GGIM: Americas, 7 Oct 2024, Mexico City, Mexico
- Thirteenth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-Asia Pacific, 26-29 Nov 2024 New Delhi, India
- Twelfth Meeting of the UN-GGIM Arab States – 2 - 6 Feb 2025, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia



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Inter-regional collaboration

- Inter-regional work plan
- Sharing knowledge across the five UN-GGIM Regions

The road to the fifteenth session UN-GGIM
(Online events)

June 2025 (Wednesday)

Morning

Time: 08:00 - 09:00 a.m. EDT
Strategic Framework 2025-2030:
Information session and survey
presentation
🏢 Organizer: Bureau/Secretariat
💻 Online
✍ Register here
[PPT](#) [Video](#)

11 June 2025 (Wednesday)

Morning

Time: 08:00 - 10:00 a.m. EDT
Interregional dialogue: Implementing the
UN Integrated Geospatial Information
Framework
🏢 Organizer: UN-GGIM: Americas
💻 Online
✍ Register here
[PPT1](#) [PPT2](#) [PPT3](#) [PPT4](#)
[PPT5](#) [PPT6](#) [Video](#)

18 June 2025 (Wednesday)

Morning

Time: 8:00 - 09:00 a.m. EDT
Future Geospatial Information
Ecosystem
🏢 Organizer: WT on the Future
Geospatial Information Ecosystem
💻 Online
✍ Register here
[PPT](#) [Video](#)

27 June 2025 (Friday)

Morning

Time: 8:00 - 10:30 a.m. EDT
Interregional dialogue: The Global
Statistical and Geospatial Framework
🏢 Organizer: UN-GGIM: Americas
💻 Online
✍ Register here

3 July 2025 (Thursday)

Morning

Time: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. EDT
Introduction 1: Getting ready before the
session
🏢 Organizer: Bureau
💻 Online
✍ Register here

10 July 2025 (Thursday)

Morning

Time: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. EDT
Interregional dialogue: GeoAI (Artificial
Intelligence)
🏢 Organizer: UN-GGIM: Americas
💻 Online
✍ Register here



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Contribution to the global Agenda

- Fifth plenary meeting of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the meeting of the Bureau and its Expanded Bureau of the Committee of Experts
- Volunteered to support the Secretariat in reviewing and organizing the consultations on the UN-GGIM Strategic framework 2025-2030, to present at UN-GGIM15
- UN-GGIM Europe ExCom members participate in international advisory Committees of the Centres of Excellence and other High Level and Expert Groups



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11th Joint UN-GGIM: Europe – ESS – UNECE Meeting in Luxembourg



Importance of collaboration and integration of statistical and geospatial information. Despite the challenges, progress has been made, and there is a need for continued efforts to overcome barriers and foster cooperation.

«Think big, and start small».





EFGS Conference 2024

This recognition honours their exceptional contributions to advancing the integration of geospatial and statistical data, a cornerstone for evidence-based policy-making and sustainable development. Their efforts have set a benchmark for innovation and collaboration in this critical domain.



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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
- 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 originally signed in January 2015, and regularly extended.
- Kadaster Netherlands covered some of the cash costs for some Secretariat activities for the last few years. Moving forward a group of Member States have agreed to form a coalition willing to contribute to collectively cover the cash costs of the Europe Secretariat from 2026. EuroGeographics will continue to cover the human resource cost.



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Some other activities

- 7th High Level Forum in Mexico City
- Collaboration with the other four Regional Committees to deliver the inter-Regional work plan 2025
- Contribute to the steering committee of EFGS, next
- Worked with Eurostat and the UN-GGIM Secretariat to establish project to further the integration of statistical and geospatial information



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Webinar series

- Delivered 4 successful webinars
- 305 total attendees, of which 244 unique participations
- Covered 50 countries and 5 continents



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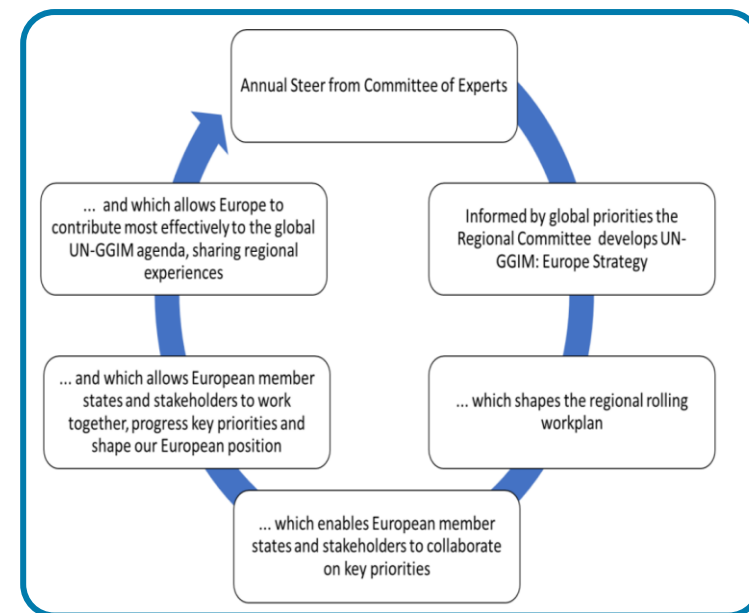
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Moving Forward ...



UN-GGIM: Europe Work Plan 2026-2030



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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 implementation of the revised UN-GGIM Europe Strategy 2025 – 2030 and the development of the Work Plan 2026-2030



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*Thank you for contributing to the success of
our regional committee*



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