



UN-GGIM: Europe – Secretariat

Report to Twelfth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe

Introduction

UN-GGIM: Europe consists of national representatives of European UN Member States, concerned with the management of geospatial, statistical and other information falling within the scope of UN-GGIM activities. In the management of activities, the European UN Member States are represented by the Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe. The Executive Committee is supported by a Secretariat. According to the Articles and Rules the responsibility for providing the secretariat to UN-GGIM: Europe is granted to a member of the regional entity by agreement of the Member States at a plenary meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe. The Netherlands, represented by Kadaster, takes responsibility for the Secretariat, the function of which is funded and executed by EuroGeographics AISBL, the European Association of National mapping, cadastral and land registries, through a Service Level Agreement originally signed in January 2015, and regularly extended. Kadaster Netherlands covered some of the cash costs for some Secretariat activities for the last two years and the current year. 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.

The role and responsibilities of the Secretariat are defined in the approved articles of UN-GGIM: Europe¹ as well as the work plans approved at the annual plenary meetings of the regional committee.

This report provides an overview of the activities and tasks carried out by EuroGeographics, on behalf of the Secretariat, since the last Regional Plenary Meeting.

Overview of work

In accordance with its tasks and responsibilities, EuroGeographics, on behalf of the Secretariat, has carried out the tasks listed below in the twelve months since the eleventh Plenary Meeting held in June 2024

- Support the effective and smooth operation of UN-GGIM: Europe:
 - arranged and acted as secretary to the Executive Committee at their meetings - six meetings were held following the eleventh plenary in June 2024, three of which were in-person meetings;
 - regularly maintained and updated the UN-GGIM: Europe website²;
 - undertook and managed communication about the activities of UN-GGIM: Europe through news items, direct emails and on the UN-GGIM: Europe LinkedIn account³ which was created in July 2023 and has since grown to 1017 users;
 - liaised with the Executive Committee, the leads of the working groups to communicate the working groups' messages to members and facilitate their work in implementing the UN-GGIM: Europe work plan;
 - forwarded communications and outputs from the UN-GGIM Secretariat and Committee of Experts to the Regional Members and relevant stakeholders;
 - provided support to UN-GGIM: Europe members in preparation for their participation at the fourteenth session of the Committee of Experts which was organised in August 2024. Support included drafting reports on the work of UN-GGIM: Europe, contributing to the UN-GGIM interregional report, supporting the Executive Committee develop region-wide perspective and statements on the items on the Committee of Expert's programme of work, and event communications and social media;

¹ <https://un-ggim-europe.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/UN-GGIM-Europe-Articles-and-Rules-v2-Adopted2014.pdf>

² <https://un-ggim-europe.org/>

³ <https://www.linkedin.com/company/un-ggim-europe/>



- forwarded communications and outputs from the UN-GGIM Secretariat and Committee of Experts to the Regional Members and relevant stakeholders;
 - worked in collaboration with Eurostat to organise and hold the twelfth plenary meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe in Brussels Belgium in June 2025;
 - Supported the Executive Committee in the development of the revised UN-GGIM: Europe Strategy 2025 - 2030;
 - Organised a joint meeting between the EuroGeographics Management Board and the UN-GGIM: European Executive Committee.
- Assist the Executive Committee in establishing and maintaining cooperation with UN-GGIM and its regional entities:
 - maintained regular contact and liaison with UN-GGIM Secretariat through emails, regular calls and in person meetings to facilitate work at the regional and global levels;
 - participated in the Expanded Bureau meetings;
 - participated in the XI Session of UN-GGIM: Americas and the 7th High Level Forum in Mexico City;
 - participated in inter-Regional Committee meetings to foster the collaboration and communication between the five UN-GGIM Regional Committees;
 - worked with the other Regional Committees to deliver the inter-Regional work plan 2025;
 - liaised with UNECE to maintain the collaboration between the UN-GGIM: Europe and UNECE;
 - worked with the UN-GGIM Secretariat and the other four Regional Committees to support the development and the update of the UN-GGIM strategic framework for 2025-2030.
 - Support general awareness of UN-GGIM: Europe amongst relevant European organisations:
 - communicated with various UN-GGIM: Europe observer organisations throughout the course of the year;
 - prepared a number of presentations for various events promoting UN-GGIM: Europe;
 - worked with the Lines of Work to host four UN-GGIM: Europe webinars⁴ on the EuroGeographics webinar platform;
 - worked in collaboration with UNECE and Eurostat to organise the *11th Joint UN-GGIM: Europe - ESS - UNECE Meeting on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information* in Luxembourg in March 2025;
 - contribute to the steering committee of the European Forum of Geography and Statistics (EFGS);
 - worked with Eurostat and the UN-GGIM Secretariat to establish the concept for a Eurostat-funded project that will further the integration of statistical and geospatial information.

⁴ <https://un-ggim-europe.org/un-ggim-europe-webinar-series/>