



## UN-GGIM: Europe – Secretariat

### Report to Thirteenth 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 few years. As of January 2026, a group of Member States<sup>1</sup> have agreed to form a coalition willing to contribute to collectively cover the cash costs of the Europe Secretariat. EuroGeographics continues to cover the human resource cost.

The role and responsibilities of the Secretariat are defined in the approved articles of UN-GGIM: Europe<sup>2</sup> 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 twelfth Plenary Meeting held in in June 2025

- Support the effective and smooth operation of UN-GGIM: Europe:
  - Coordinated the administrative work to set up the functioning of the Coalition of the Willings;
  - arranged and acted as secretary to the Executive Committee at their meetings - eight meetings were held following the twelfth plenary in June 2025, four of which were in-person meetings;
  - regularly maintained and updated the UN-GGIM: Europe website<sup>3</sup>;
  - developed a new website for UN-GGIM: Europe, thus improving the accessibility and the stability of the website;
  - undertook and managed communication about the activities of UN-GGIM: Europe through news items, direct emails and on the UN-GGIM: Europe LinkedIn account<sup>4</sup> which was created in July 2023 and has since grown to 1293 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;

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<sup>1</sup> Belgium; France; Germany; Norway; Slovenia; Sweden; The Netherlands; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

<sup>2</sup> <https://un-ggim-europe.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/UN-GGIM-Europe-Articles-and-Rules-v2-Adopted2014.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://un-ggim-europe.org/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.linkedin.com/company/un-ggim-europe/>



- provided support to UN-GGIM: Europe members in preparation for their participation at the fifteenth session of the Committee of Experts which was organised in August 2025. 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;
  - forwarded communications and outputs from the UN-GGIM Secretariat and Committee of Experts to the Regional Members and relevant stakeholders;
  - worked in collaboration with UNECE to organise and hold the thirteenth plenary meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe and the Joint Session with the 74<sup>th</sup> Conference of European Statisticians in Geneva in June 2026;
  - Supported the Executive Committee in the development of the UN-GGIM: Europe Workplan 2026 - 2030;
  - Organised a joint meeting between the EuroGeographics Management Board and the UN-GGIM: European Executive Committee, in December 2025 in Brussels.
- 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 inter-Regional Committee meetings to foster the collaboration and communication between the five UN-GGIM Regional Committees;
    - liaised with UNECE to maintain the collaboration between the UN-GGIM: Europe and UNECE;
    - Liaised with UN-GGIM Secretariat and UN-GGIM Arab States for the preparation of the side events composing the webinar series on the “digital road” to the Sixteenth session of UN-GGIM.
  - 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;
    - Closely worked with the UN-GGIM Secretariat, Eurostat and the High-Level Group on IGIF to deliver the Workshop on geospatial information management arrangements and the wider integrated data ecosystem for Europe/Eastern Europe and the neighbouring regions, held in Vienna on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2026;
    - worked in collaboration with UNECE and Eurostat to organise the *12th Joint UN-GGIM: Europe - ESS - UNECE Meeting on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information* in Luxemburg in March 2026;
    - contributed to the steering committee of the European Forum of Geography and Statistics (EFGS).