

Eurostat: Update on latest activities

12th Joint UN-GGIM: Europe – ESS – UNECE Meeting on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information

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Integration of statistical and geospatial information at Eurostat & in the ESS

- Eurostat collects, validates and provides **reference geographical information** and develops related services for use within the European Commission and broader
 - ✓ Infrastructure and tools, relevant geospatial data
- **Focus on statistical needs**
 - ✓ Increased provision of geo-referenced data: example of gridded statistics
 - ✓ Population census : in the future ESOP should allow annual updates to population grid
- Supports **implementation and monitoring of EC existing legislation**
 - ✓ Importance of harmonized provision of core geospatial datasets (e.g. statistical and administrative units, buildings, etc.)
- Supports activities both at **national level** (e.g. between NSIs and NMCAAs) and via **international cooperation** (implementation of GSGF & IGIF)



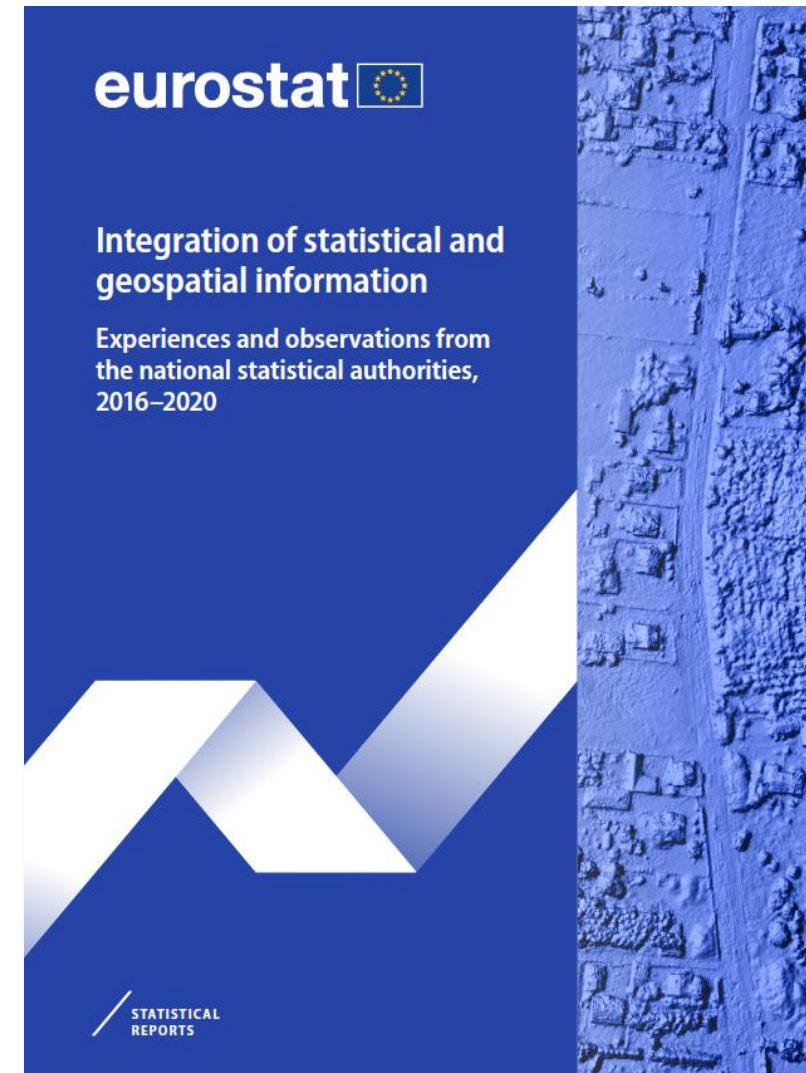


Support to national activities



Supporting EU/ESS Member States

- Eurostat contributes to, and coordinates activities of integration of statistics and geospatial information via the dedicated Commission/**ESS Working Group**
 - ✓ Provide a **forum for technical discussions** between NSIs + NMCAs methodological guidance and training, share information and good practices
- **GEOS grants** supporting activities related to geo-statistical data integration and Earth observation for statistics
 - ✓ Every 1-2 years
 - ✓ Focus on multi-beneficiary / multinational and multi-domain activities





Collaboration with international organisations / associations



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✓ **EG-ISGI (UNSC – UNGGIM)**

- Further developing the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF) to facilitate the integration of statistical and geospatial information
- Overarching framework IGIF (Integrated Geospatial Information Framework)
- ✓ Eurostat also contributes to the **WGGI-IAEG-SDGs** (Working Group on Geospatial Information of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on the Sustainable Development Goal Indicators)
- ✓ **Grant** via UNSD



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- ✓ Contributing to the **Executive Committee**
- ✓ Following and contributes to the **work** of the working groups
- ✓ Supporting the organisation & financing of the UNGGIM: Europe **Plenary meetings**
 - 12th Plenary meeting UN-GGIM: Europe, 24-25 June 2025, Brussels, Belgium
- ✓ **Regular exchanges** at technical and management level



Further international collaboration

UNECE



- Member of the Task Team on geospatial information
- Hosting the Joint UNECE – UN-GGIM: Europe – ESS meeting every year
- Grant

EFGS – European Forum for Geography and Statistics



- Observer in Steering Committee
- Supporting the work of the EFGS, including the EFGS conferences
 - **EFGS conference 2025: Norway, Oslo, 23 + 24–25 September 2025**
 - **EFGS conference 2026: Belgium, Brussels, 30 Sept. –2 October 2026 (tbc)**
- Promoting the integration of statistical and geospatial information in a European context



Thank you!



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UN Global Statistical Geospatial Framework

