

# Report from the UN-GGIM: Europe



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*Twelfth Joint UN-GGIM: Europe – ESS – UNECE meeting on the Integration of  
Statistical and Geospatial Information*

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# Twelfth Plenary meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe – June 2025



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# Twelfth Plenary meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe - Outcomes

- 60 Participants from 23 Members States and 12 International Bodies and Observer Organisations
- Discussion on climate preparedness; GNSS infrastructure resilience; role of policy frameworks; FELA; role of GGCE
- Enhancing interregional cooperation
- Approval of the new UN-GGIM: Europe Strategy 2025-2030



# 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:

## Chair (ad-interim)

- Ingrid Vanden Berghe, Belgium

## Members

- Tomaz Petek, Slovenia
- Darko Vucetic, Serbia
- James Norris, United Kingdom
- Mikko Lindholm, Finland
- Neoclis Neocleous, Cyprus

- 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.



# UN-GGIM: Europe

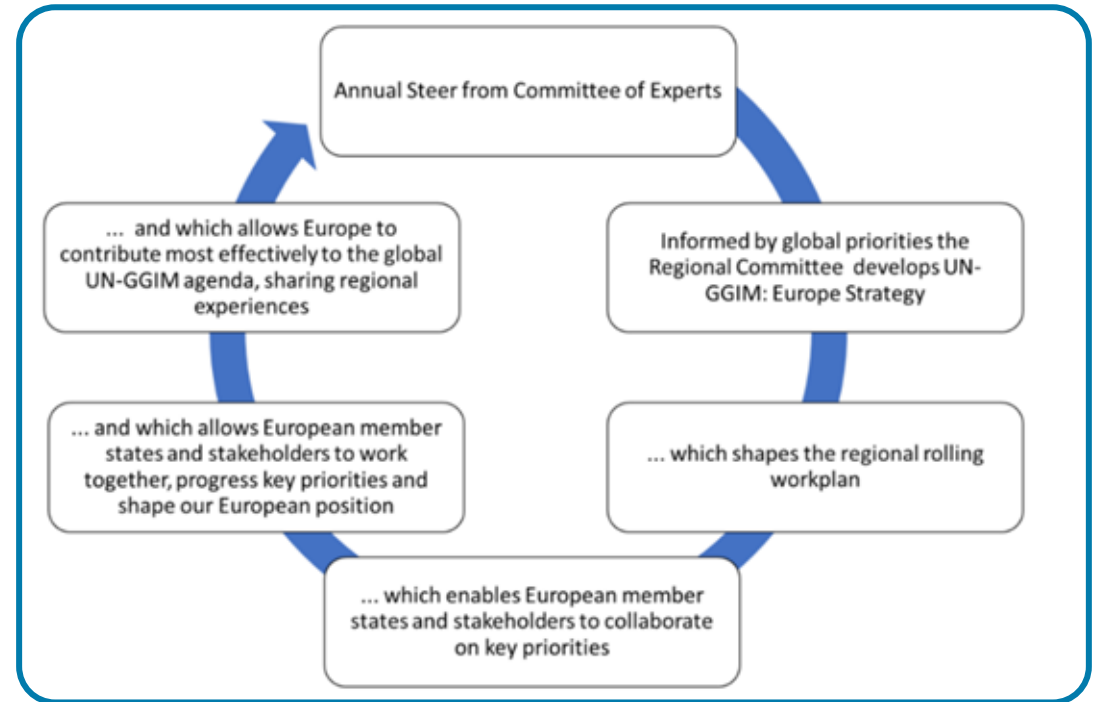
Updated strategy of UN-GGIM: Europe was adopted at the Regional Plenary in 2025. Currently developing a new workplan to support the updated.

## 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.*





## Fifteenth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)

6 - 8 August 2025

# 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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# 11<sup>th</sup> 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».*



# Fifteenth session of the UN-GGIM - Outcomes

*“Transformative power of interregional collaboration”*

- Active participation in the “road to GGIM15” series of events
- Strengthening ties between NMCA and NSIs
- Support of key frameworks such as UN-IGIF and GSGF
- Adoption of the UN-GGIM: Strategic Framework 2025-2030
- UN-GGIM: Europe report calling for a Land Admin Hub



# Webinar series

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



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# The Vienna week

- Expanded Bureau Meeting
- High Level Forum on UN-IGIF
- Workshop on geospatial information management arrangements and the wider integrated data ecosystem for Europe/Eastern Europe and the neighbouring regions.



# Thirteenth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe and Joint day with the Conference of European Statisticians

- 23 – 24 June 2026, in Geneva
- Regional plenary on the afternoon of the 23rd of June and the morning of the 24th
- Joint meeting on the afternoon of the 24<sup>th</sup> of June → unique occasion to keep strengthening the ties between NSIs and NMCA
- Enhancing the cooperation between the UN-GGIM: Europe Executive Committee and the CES Bureau



# 2026 – Looking forward

- Thirteenth Plenary of UN-GGIM: Europe and Common day with the Conference of European Statisticians. Geneva, 23 -24 June 2026
- Sixteenth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management
- European Forum for Geography and Statistics, Brussels, 30<sup>th</sup> of September to 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2026



# 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



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



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