

UN-GGIM: Europe activities



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Each UN-GGIM regional committee plays a vital role liaising with the UN-GGIM Secretariat on topics of interest and major developments between meetings of the Committee of Experts, facilitating regional development and discussion, and formally feeding into the Committee of Experts. The five regional committees provide a mechanism for a strong and streamlined regional infrastructure that brings important regional perspectives to the global level and for the outcomes and benefits of the global activities to be disseminated to all Member States in each region.

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Countries

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Republic of North Macedonia, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, and, Uzbekistan.

Annual sessions

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Sixth Plenary Meeting UN-GGIM: Europe

- The Sixth Plenary Meeting was held from 5 – 6 June 2019 in Brussels, Belgium hosted by Eurostat.
- The Event brought together senior executives and experts from the national geospatial information and statistical authorities of 24 Member States, and 11 international and observer organisations.
- It included a half day workshop on developing the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework Implementation Guide, and presentations on global and regional issues and items, together with an overview of the work being carried out by UN-GGIM: Europe.
- Approved the Regional Work Plan 2019 – 2022 and nominations to the Executive Committee for UN-GGIM: Europe



<https://un-ggim-europe.org/past-meetings/plenary-meetings/sixth-plenary-un-ggim-europe-june-2019/>



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Governance of UN-GGIM: Europe

- UN-GGIM: Europe is coordinated and managed by an Executive Committee of nine approved at Regional Plenary Meetings
- The current Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe:

Chair

- Tomaz Petek, Slovenia

Vice-Chairs

- Francisco Vala, Portugal
- Antonio Arozarena Villar, Spain
- David Henderson, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Members

- Colin Bray, Ireland
- Ezio Bussoletti, Italy
- Frank Tierolff, Netherlands
- Janusz Dygaszewicz, Poland
- Susanne Ås Sivborg, Sweden

- 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 which has been renewed for another two years until the end of 2020.



UN-GGIM: Europe – Regional Working Groups

- [Working Group on Core Data](#) is focusing on increasing data interoperability and harmonisation by proposing core geospatial data which meets essential user needs
 - issued recommendations for content for four themes since last plenary
- [Working Group Data Integration](#) works to ensure that the regional entity focuses on how geospatial data can enhance sustainable development and the 2030 Agenda in Europe.
 - Delivered on all scheduled tasks outlined in work plan
- [Working Group on Geodetic Reference Frame - Europe](#) has a close connection to the various geodesy-related organisations in Europe, and actively contributes to the of the SCoG.
 - Currently reviewing its scope to avoid regional duplication

[UN-GGIM: Europe work plan 2010 - 2022](#)



Concrete proposals for collaboration activities in 2018-2020

The UNECE Secretariat and the Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe have agreed to pursue the following collaboration activities in the period 2018-2020:

- Geospatial information for sustainable development
- Building networks and promoting communication
- Integration of geospatial, statistical and other information
- Capacity building
- Involvement of other UNECE work programmes
- Cross-representation in the activities of the other body
- Reporting on progress / work accomplished



By: Establishing reciprocity and participating in each other's regional meetings, organising joint events on topics of mutual interest, collaborating in producing outputs on relevant topics, collaborating on exchange of good practices, developing joint capacity building activities in member states, developing the concept of core data for geospatial and statistical communities, promoting easier access to data, and developing wider communication networks



Regional Events



- [Realising the Potential of Statistical and Geospatial Data in May 2019 in Serbia.](#)
- Balkans Regional Conference, September 2019, Neum, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- [Digitally Enabled Development for a Sustainable Future in Eastern Europe, 18 - 20 September, Vrdnik, Serbia](#)
- [Sixth meeting of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, 8 - 9 October 2019 Manchester, UK](#)
- [European Forum for Geography and Statistics Conference, 10-11 October 2019, Manchester](#)
- 135th Board of Delegates EuroSDR, 13-15 November 2019 Nicosia, Cyprus
- [Third International Workshop on Operationalizing the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, 26 – 28 Nov, Minsk, Belarus](#)
- IGF workshop in Western Balkans, 4- 6 February, Skopje, North Macedonia



Annual Session of the Committee of Experts

- GGIM9, August 2019 UNHQ
- Regional Meeting
- Side events
- Participation in global event
- Expanded bureau



<http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/9th-session/>



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Contribution to UN-GGIM - Fundamental Data

The Experts Committee mandated UN-GGIM: Europe to establish and lead a Global Working Group to draw together current projects from different UN-GGIM regional bodies to determine global fundamental geospatial data themes. The Working Group continued with its work, and successfully fulfilled its mandate and terms of reference. The global fundamental geospatial data themes and their high level descriptions have been adopted by the Committee of Experts and are embedded in the broader work of the Committee.



[The Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes](#)

[Publication](#)

[Story Map Cascade](#)



Global Geodetic Reference Frame



Geographical Names



Addresses



Functional Areas



Buildings and Settlements



Land Parcels / Properties



Transport Networks



Elevation and Depth



Population Distribution



Land Cover and Use



Geology and Soils



Physical Infrastructure/ Service Points



Water



Imagery



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Current Agenda Items

- [Third Edition of Future Trends](#)
 - Global consultation of the document closed in August 2019, will be presented at the HLF
- [The Global Statistical Geospatial Framework \(GSGF\)](#)
 - Adopted by UN-GGIM in Aug 2019 and endorsed by the UN Statistical Commission March 2020
- [Integrated Geospatial Information Framework \(IGIF\)](#)
 - Part 2: Implementation Guide global consultation currently open for three months until the end of May 2020



Contribution to UN-GGIM – IAEG-SDG WGGI

UN-GGIM: Europe continues with its active participation and contribution to [Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicator \(IAEG-SDGs\) Working Group on Geospatial Information](#). Participating in the meetings and aligning the work of the regional Working Group on Data Integration to provide European input to the Expert Group.



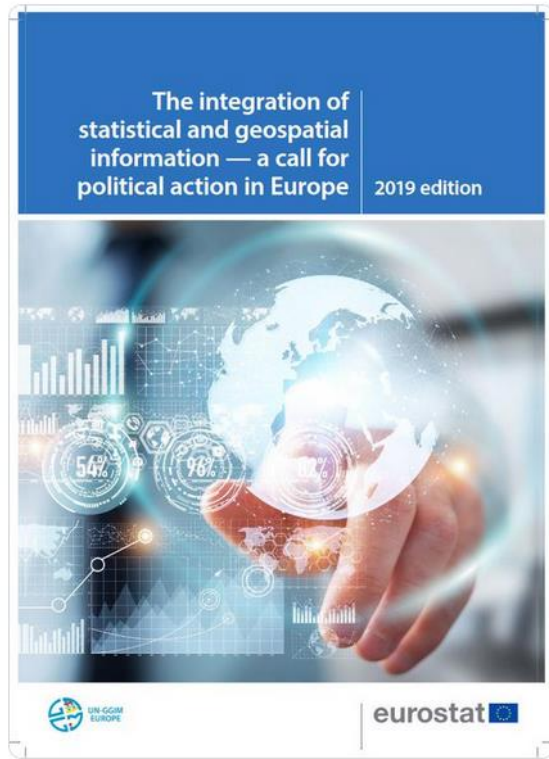
Engaging with the wider geospatial and statistical communities in Europe:

- Encourage a high level of active participation from the wider geospatial community
- Raise interest from observing bodies, relevant professional, research and academic organizations and associations
- Engage with the observer organisations to integrate their participation in UN-GGIM: Europe activities





The integration of #geospatial & #statistical data is an important method for providing more timely, reliable, relevant & detailed info for #SDGs Recommended reading for policy makers is paper just published by @UNGGIMEurope WG Data Integration & @Eurostat bit.ly/2OEctKH



Spreading the message

- [The territorial dimension in SDG indicators: geospatial data analysis and its integration with statistical data](#)
- [The integration of statistical and geospatial information — a call for political action in Europe 2019](#)



Keep up with UN-GGIM: Europe

- Updated and relaunched the UN-GGIM: Europe website
 - Providing a modern interface for the Regional Committee's website on a secure platform
 - Optimised to work well across different device types
- <https://un-ggim-europe.org/>
 - [Twitter](#)



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Priority Issues and Challenges

The Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe consider that some of the priority issues for the coming period include:

- The Sustainable Development Goals
- Improved collaboration between the statistical and geospatial communities
- Capacity Development
- The Integrated Global Geospatial Framework



Looking forward – Future Events

UN-GGIM: Europe is planning to organise/actively participate in the following future events in the next few months:

- Sixth Joint UN-GGIM: Europe-UNECE-ESS Meeting, 26-27 March 2020, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg – **web meeting**
- National Spatial Data Infrastructure: Towards a Digital Society, 2-4 April 2020, Baku, Azerbaijan – **cancelled/postponed**
- [UN-GGIM High Level Forum](#), 20-22 April 2020, Windsor, United Kingdom – **web sessions**
- [INSPIRE Conference](#), 12-15 May 2020, Dubrovnik Croatia – **postponed Sept/Oct**
- ISPRS Conference, 15-19 June, Nice France
- Seventh Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe, 22-23 June 2020, Geneva, Switzerland
- 10th UN-GGIM Session, 3 – 7 August 2020, New York
- European Forum for Geography and Statistics Conference, 10-12 November 2020, Gdansk Poland



Thank you!



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