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**Abstract**

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Working Group A (WG A) aims at increasing data interoperability and harmonisation by proposing European core geospatial data meeting essential user needs. In terms of methodology, the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) have been taken as the basis by WG A to structure usages and to analyse user requirements. The requirements of national statistics institutes (NSIs) are also investigated by WG A. From its user requirements analyses, WG A has outlined core data scoping, which will have to be consolidated before core data are specified.