

# GEOSTAT 3 project – Minutes from Coordination meeting

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## Agenda

1. Report from UN GGIM Europe meeting
2. Structuring the ESS-SGF

## 1 Report from the UNGGIM Europe meeting

Last week Jerker, Ekkehard, Ingrid and Pier-Giorgio attended the UNGGIM: Europe Working Group on “Data Integration” meeting in Vienna. Jerker presented the project’s task to create an European SGF. Jerker gave us some feedback from the meeting with relevance for the GEOSTAT 3 project:

### European SGF

On the basis of the discussions on the ESS-SGF the following conclusions were made:

- We have support for the idea to draft the ESS-SGF as something concrete and pragmatic rather than something generic and theoretical.
- The recommendations should be concise, possible to follow up and supported by a good selection of best practises.

- The geospatial community and the statistical community have a common quest to provide society with data for evidence based decision-making. This should be the common and overarching rationale for both communities to involve with the implementation of the ESS-SGF.
- For the NSIs, the ESS-SGF should provide a help for modernisation of statistical production and as such it must be forward looking.
- The ESS-SGF should address the different roles of the providers of geospatial information and statistical/administrative information. It is important to take into account that the geospatial community is broader than just NMCAs. This is true also for unit record data which is only partially collected by the NSIs themselves.
- The UN GGIM Europe WG on data integration will be at disposal for further consultation on the draft.
- The WG members expressed an interest in helping us with the terminology.

### Terminology

We discussed the terminology that is published on the EFGS website:  
<http://www.efgs.info/information-base/introduction/terminology/>

It needs to be revised by the NMCA community, and perhaps complemented by more concepts that we use in the Geostat 2 final report. Ekkehard will take care of that.

The terminology should be placed on a more visible place at the EFGS website. Ideally on a steady part of the front page. Monika or Anna will take care of that.

### SDG indicators

Regarding the discussions on the SDG indicators, the following observations were made:

- The division of work between UN GGIM Europe and GEOSTAT 3 is perfectly aligned, with no overlap.
- The timetable of the work is well aligned with the project phases of GEOSTAT 3,
- UN GGIM Europe will continue the work on systematising metadata descriptions and provide input on methodology and data sources for a selected number of indicators.
- GEOSTAT 3 will conduct practical work to calculate a set of indicators from the UN GGIM Europe list (comparing data sources etc).
- The result from the GEOSTAT 3 tests will feed back into the “best practise collection” of UN GGIM Europe.

We discussed the difference between Geostat 3's work with indicators compared to the work being done by the UNGGIM Europe WG. Jerker explained to us that the UNGGIM Europe WG is focusing on descriptions of the indicators, in order to fill in gaps. Their work is mostly on a theoretical level as they are not conducting any practical tests. Geostat 3 is going to use the list of indicators that the UNGGIM Europe WG have selected, choose one or two specific indicators and then conduct practical tests on them. The purpose of our tests is to examine how the ESS-SGF is working in practise. Statistics Norway will present preliminary indicators at the EFGS conference in Dublin.

Comments on the indicators should be sent to Marianne or Erik at Statistics Norway, or to the whole project group.

## 2 Structuring the ESS-SGF

Jerker has made a proposal for the structure of the report, by testing it on Principle 1. The structure consists of a short descriptive text, that is to be supplemented by references to other documents as well as to best practice examples. There were no objections to the structure, so we decided to continue working with it.

Now Jerker needs support from the rest of the project group, with:

- Drafts recommendations for the rest of the principles
- Providing best practise examples

Jerker will send us an e-mail with proposals of tasks.

Jerker recommended that we from now should use this structure when presenting our ideas to NMCAs, as this structure is easier to understand.