

GEOSTAT 4 Project Meeting, 15 May

Venue/time:

On-line meeting, 15 May 2020, 13-14.30 CET.

Participants

Rina Tammisto, Antti Santaharju, Pasi Piela, Tuuli Pihlajamaa, Outi Ahti-Miettinen, Tapio Kytö, Jennika Leino, Nikolaos Roubanis, Karin Hedeklint, Ingrid Kaminger, Ana M. Santos, Anna Slawinska, Amelia Wardzińska-Sharif, Arnaud Degorre, Igor Kuzma, Vilni Verner Holst Bloch, Marianne Vik Dysterud, Timo Aarnio, Frack Cotton, Jörn Kristian Undelstvedt, Kathrin Gebers, Hanna Brenzel, Essi Kaukonen

The purpose of the meeting

A monthly GEOSTAT4 project group meeting to review the situation of the work packages and to inform members on ongoing matters.

Agenda and notes

Announcements

Project Workshop in Vienna postponed

The workshop in Vienna planned for May 2020 has now been postponed to May 2021. This is because it is not likely possible to travel this year.

This may cause challenges for participants with the resource allocations. It may not be possible to reassign resources to next year. It was discussed would it be possible to reassign resources from travels that have not been realized. Nikos pointed out that if this affects on some results, a change to project agreement should be made. This should be inquired from Eurostat.

It was agreed that Rina and Ingrid will produce a proposition and present that to WP leaders.

EFGS 2020 situation

Amelia brought out that the EFGS steering committee has discussed about the risks covid-19 causes on face-to-face events. The committee decided that the EFGS 2020 conference will be held only as a webinar. The planning has started, and it is yet to be discussed should the conference be shortened to two days. When the structure for the webinar is planned, the steering committee will approve it.

This change will require an official amendment to the project plan.

Notes of the previous meeting

Notes of the previous meeting were submitted with the meeting invitation. It was agreed that the project members comment the notes by the end of the week 21 and after that it will be published on the website.

Project Webinar on May 26, 27 and 28 May

Rina presented the webinar agenda and the small groups. The two first days have a common start and then the participants will be grouped in small groups to work with specified questions. The idea is that all participants will discuss of all presented items – this ensures that issues are considered from the perspective of the whole consortium. The third day of the webinar will be common for all attendees.

The webinar will be arranged with Webex and links to Webex sessions will be provided later. Some other meetings during those days will be arranged as Teams meetings and links for those will as well be provided later.

A list of participants was attached, if anyone is missing, team Finland can be informed of that. It was agreed that project members can also, with good reason, forward the webinar invitation for persons they see would be relevant to participate.

Current situation in work packages (+Planner tasks)

WP1

Antti reported that work with the tasks 1.2.1 (actors) and 1.1.1 (the key documents) is currently on-going and they will be presented more precisely in the webinar.

Antti asked if there is something in progress in France or Portugal in the task 1.1.2.1 with survey data requirements. Ana and Arnaud pointed out that it was agreed to start the work later on June.

WP2

Some subtasks have been finished already. Timo told that the Table Joining Service PoC has started but access to UN Global Platform has not yet granted.

WP3

The fast track task has been started and a meeting for next week is organized. It was agreed that all documents, even the drafts will be stored in the WP3 workspace in Teams.

WP4

The conference web site is in process and the notes of kick-off is published on the Geostat4 site.

WP5

The conference 2020 was already discussed in the item Announcements. About the conference 2021 Hanna pointed out that the venue is chosen.

WP6

Igor reported that the work with the strategy map of the EFGS is in progress. EFGS is a network of experts and defining its role is in target. The work will be presented and discussed further in the webinar. The strategy map needs to be accepted also by the EFGS Steering Committee.

Other Issues

Nikos reminded that if there is a need to change schedules of the events or any other changes, he should be informed.

Next project meeting on 17 June at 11-12.30 (CET).