

GEOSTAT 4 Project Meeting, 17 June

Venue/time:

On-line meeting, 17 June 2020, 9-10.30 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, Pekka Latvala, Jörn Kristian Undelstvedt, Magne Bugten, Marina Backer Skaar, Marlene Weinauer, Rossano Figueiredo, Simen Sommer, Thomas Burg,

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

Nikos pointed out that Eurostat is encouraging statistical agencies to designate the national map agencies as ONAs (Other National Agency). This way they could participate more easily on co-operation, for example when applying for Grant projects. There has been some confusion with this matter but now the viewpoint of Eurostat is clearer, and some member countries are apparently making these changes.

Notes of the previous meeting and the webinar

The notes were submitted with the meeting invitation. It was agreed that the meeting 3 notes are ready to be published. It was also agreed that the project leaders write short conclusions from their point of view in the webinar notes by the 26 June. Jennika will inform Anna when the documents are ready.

Rina reminded the participants of the webinar to fill the small survey that has been send to them about the feelings from the webinar.

Project webinar on May, discussion

Thomas pointed out that the small group discussions during the webinar could have been more precisely planned and structured. Now some of the discussions remained a bit incomplete and probably the results weren't as clear as they could have been. It was agreed to take a note of the comment when the next webinar is planned.

Current situation in work packages (+Planner tasks)

WP1

Antti reported that the work with GSGF Europe document is going well and they got a lot of good feedback from the webinar to discuss in the group. Also the architectural work has been started by defining the actors. The goal is to present these achievements in the September.

The clearing of the key features of the survey data sets and non-traditional data from the geospatial point of view has as well been started although a bit late. Antti also noted that the connections between the work packages 1 and 2 were clarified in the webinar. There are quite a few links between them that can't even be separated.

WP2

In the work package 2 three tasks are in progress and a benchmark study already finished, as Jerker reported. The tasks 2.1 and 2.2 are unfinished but all the subtasks are started. The structure and plans are ready, and the work will continue after summer. The one big question is the participation of the Finnish Institute for health and welfare (THL) and getting the health data to be used.

Rina informed that the THL has just contacted and asked for more information about the project. Pasi will help Jerker with defining the needs and communication.

WP3

Thomas reported that the work defining the QAF specification is ongoing and contacting the member countries to find out what they have already done to take care of the quality issues has been started. This will help with drafting the quality framework extension. The next quality group meeting is later in the autumn.

Jerker noted that in Sweden they are waiting for the outputs of this project to be utilised. Nikos pointed out that he has the Europe geospatial strategy report ongoing at the moment and would mention about the plans of Sweden in it. As it would be altogether worth of describing the plans of this project in that report.

WP4

The EFGS web pages have been updated as well as the event calendar. Anna also noted that the webinar presentations have been published on the project web pages. Anna will publish the meeting minutes when she is informed they are ready. It was agreed that the WP leaders will add their conclusions on the webinar notes by 26 June. Jennika will inform Anan when it is ready to be published.

Amelia noted that the facelift of the web pages is ongoing, and colours and fonts are being tested. The pages are presented to the project later to get comments.

WP6

Igor informed that the contract with the graphic designer about the visual design is in progress. He will find out if it is possible to include some graphics for the web pages in it.

The work with the strategy map is paused at this moment due to other work. Marina asked if it is possible to get the second version of the strategy map to the next steering committee and Igor supposed it should be available in week or two.



Working with the stakeholders

The project has many kinds of stakeholders with different roles. It was discussed how to work with the stakeholders we already have the letters of intent. It is agreed that when first versions of documentation is ready, the stakeholders (UN EG ISGI, UNECE, UN GGIM Europe: Data Integration) are contacted to get comments and supplements. The project could also ask to be invited in different groups to present about the Geostat4 project.

Also those of the project members that are members of relevant groups are encouraged to keep the Geostat4 work in discussion when needed.

Summer working

Rina presented an Excel made for project members to mark they holidays, so it is easier to arrange meetings and other project work.

Next project meeting

The next meeting will be on 1 September.