



GEOSTAT 4, Project Meeting, 1 September

Venue/time:

On-line meeting, 1 September, 12-14 CET.

Participants

Rina Tammisto, Antti Santaharju, Pasi Piela, Tuuli Pihlajamaa, Outi Ahti-Miettinen, Tapio Kytö, Jennika Leino, Nikolaos Roubanis, Karin Hedeklint, Ana M. Santos, Anna Slawinska, Amelia Wardzińska-Sharif, Arnaud Degorre, Igor Kuzma, Vilni Verner Holst Bloch, Marianne Vik Dysterud, Pekka Latvala, Jörn Kristian Undelstvedt, Simen Sommer, Thomas Burg, Timo Aarnio, Vincent Loonis, Jenny Linnerud, Mervi Haakana, Jerker Moström, David Sousa

The purpose of the meeting

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

Agenda and notes

Announcements/project management

Changes in the project resourcing

Due to the organisational changes in Statistics Finland, some changes are needed in especially work package 1. Antti Santaharju is opting out from the WP leader task but will remain working with the architecture. As a new WP leader, will start Mervi Haakana from Statistics Finland. Mervi has a long career working as a project manager and she also has a lot of experience of the enterprise architecture. Mervi introduced herself and told that the GEOSTAT4 project is quite new to her but she is excited to get to work in it. Mervi was warmly welcomed to GEOSTAT family.

It is also decided that Jennika Leino will take part on the WP1 to help Mervi and Antti. The tasks and roles of Antti, Mervi and others need to be cleared and focused in WP1 to make sure the agreed objectives are reached. It is as well needed to check whether the deadlines need to be altered. It was agreed that members from Statistics Finland will make a suggestion for reorganizing the WP1 work and give it to rest of the group for comments.

Budgetary issues

In the project plan it was originally planned to have a workshop in Vienna in May 2020. This was changed to a webinar because of the Covid-19 situation. The Vienna workshop is postponed to May 2021 (official amendment is made on 13th July 2020 and it was accepted 30th July 2020). The same case concerns the travelling budgets of the EFGS conference that was changed to be virtual as well. The changes have the effect that the travelling budgets will not be totally utilised. It may be possible to use these budgets to some other purposes in the project. It is



agreed with Nikolaos Roubanis that the budget will be reviewed in January 2021. Therefor the member countries will need to go through their budgets before January. Karin Hedeklint has agreed to help with this. For this is good to have for example, information about the working hours used in this project. Drafts of the budged changes can also then be sent (by Rina) to Nikolaos who will consult Eurostat before the official budged changes.

About meetings

So far in this project we have had consortium meetings, WP leader meetings and WP working meetings. It is time to lighten the practices a bit and focus more on the actual project work than on the managerial meetings as the work has started well in the work packages. It was decided that we do not arrange anymore WP leader meetings and on the other hand, try to improve these consortium meetings. One way is to bring more task reviews from work packages to get more communication and interaction. The suggestion is that in every consortium meeting one or more work packages will give a small review of the tasks that are under way. In this meeting Antti Santaharju and Thomas Burg have promised to present the WP1 and WP3.

Other suggestions to improve the meetings are welcomed.

Notes of the previous meeting

The notes were approved to be published.

WP review

WP1, Antti Santaharju

In WP 1 the work has been concentrated on the actors and actor map on the summertime. Arnaud Degorre have made great job describing the actors and generalising them. In the May webinar a lot of good feedback was given for the actors which helped to create a new version for the actor list. The architectural actor descriptions have been updated as well. They are now more generalised, and role elements have been added. The Excel-templates have also been updated. The actors have been grouped into national, European and global levels, which are now clarified and needed new actors added. Although the model is now clearer, some more discussions with the Finnish Mapping Agency is good to have. The plan is to describe the pipelines next, complete the Excels and possibly gather national examples.

Ana Santos noted that in Portugal they have started to produce a national version of the actor map. So far the model has been working well and next they will describe the roles in the statistical production process. It was agreed that creating a national version is recommended to other countries as well, so that they can compare their models to the common model and give comments and suggestions for it.

WP3, Thomas Burg

In WP3 the focus has been in the security issues and a few countries have already given feedback. For the principles there was not any big changes, but for the principles 6 and 7 some suggestions are expected. They can be handled for example, by improving methods by adding geospatial aspects.

The plan now is to summarize the findings and produce a proposal by the end of September. Also, the work for output 2 about the quality indicators will be started.

It was agreed that Portugal and Norway will provide some suggestions for the principles in September.

Current situation in work packages (+Planner tasks)

WP2

All tasks in work package 2 have been started, many subtasks are even completed already. The survey results are gathered, and this has inspired to produce a global survey with a bit different focus.

At this moment under way is collecting the use cases and guidance. There is a template to collect this information, which some have already used during the summertime. In September there are start meetings for actions B and C. Action C is about publishing the results in the ESGF web pages, so Poland has a bit larger role in that. The action D is about conceptualizing the guidance and training and is led by Sweden and Norway together.

Rina pointed out that there is not yet an agreement with the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) but it is agreed that they will take part in this project 2021. Therefore it is better to leave them out from the coming brainstorm event with the stakeholders. If they have no time to participate at all, we have to cut them out from the budget.

Timo Aarnio told that there are still some difficulties on getting in the global platform to set up the proof of concept of the Table Joining Service (TJS). Nevertheless, Pekka Latvala has been at work with the TJS specification. For example, new features have been added, it is now possible to use the GeoJSON. There is the demosever running, so that can be utilised as long as it takes to get in the global platform, but this is not the preferable way. It was agreed that Timo and Pekka will inform Jerker when it is a good time to have a checkpoint meeting on this.

WP4

In the EFGS site there are web pages for the EFGS 2020 webinar as well as the registration page. The event calendar has been updated too. The new version of the EFGS web pages has been set up on Statistics Poland's own server and Anna will provide screen shots to the consortium to review.

WP5

The registration and call for abstracts are ongoing. So far only three abstracts are provided and some registrations. A reminder of the webinar will be sent to the EFGS community. If there will not be enough suitable abstracts, the organizers will approach straight some potential presenters.

The webinar platform will be Teams. Poland has their own Teams platform in use and it will be tested.

WP6

The strategy map has been given for the steering committee to be reviewed. The graphic designer has been chosen and by the next week should first drafts be

available. Igor will set up a meeting with Rina, Marina and Amelia to go through them.

Other issues

Rina announced that UN GGIM Europe meeting is coming up. A discussion about it will be later.

Next project meeting

The next meeting will be in a month, Rina will inform later.