

EUROPEAN FORUM FOR
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21 October 2020



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EFGS CURRENT WORK PROGRAMME

- Development of the best practices in the production of geostatistics in Europe.
- Development of partnership between NSIs and NMCA's on equal terms.
- A fully geocoded 2021 population and housing census.
- Completion of the GSGF Europe and support its implementation in the organisations (on going GEOSTAT 4 project).
- Organizing annual EFGS conferences strengthening the importance of statistical and geospatial integration and cross-domain collaboration.



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EFGS CHALLENGES

- Supporting Eurostat and NSIs for a fully geocoded 2021 population and housing census.
- Works on cooperation and common approach to linking statistical data with geospatial information with UN-GGIM Europe, UNECE and Eurogeographics
- Statistical-geospatial information system for sustainable development
- Finalise the methodological work on the GSGF for Europe and encourage Member States to implement the framework.
- Harmonization a statistical reference system with a geodetic reference system on the base of Global Statistical Geospatial Framework and „The 10 Level Model”.



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EFGS CHALLENGES (cont.)

- Need for a cross-domain co-ordinated collaboration and organisation in dealing with statistical geospatial information.
- *COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2018/1799 of 21 November 2018 on the establishment of a temporary direct statistical action for the dissemination of selected topics of the 2021 population and housing census geocoded to a 1 km² grid.*
- New data sources and tools.
- Open data policy.
- *Harmonised protection of census data in the ESS* – deliverables of the ESS project.
- Further debate on grids in European and global perspective.



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Next Year – 2021

Important issues to be discussed

EFGS Vision and Leadership

- Strategic outlook and long term program – the EFGS Strategy Map
- Driving force for new ideas for the ESS in developing integration of statistics and geospatial information
- Broaden the SC committee and the network of experts
- Role of President and tasks for SC members
- Long term maintenance of the EFGS web
- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)



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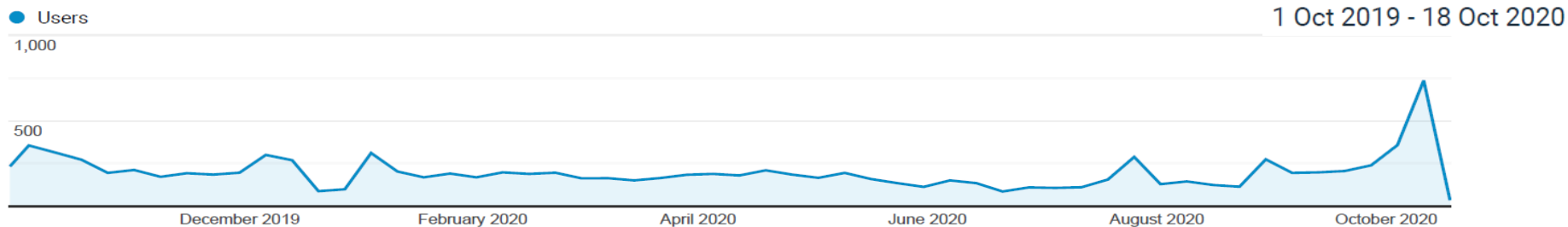
2-3 years ahead

- Statistical-geospatial information system for SDG
- New sources of data
- Experimental statistics
- Exploratory geostatistical data analysis
- Quality issues
- Where and how to operate? to be discussed

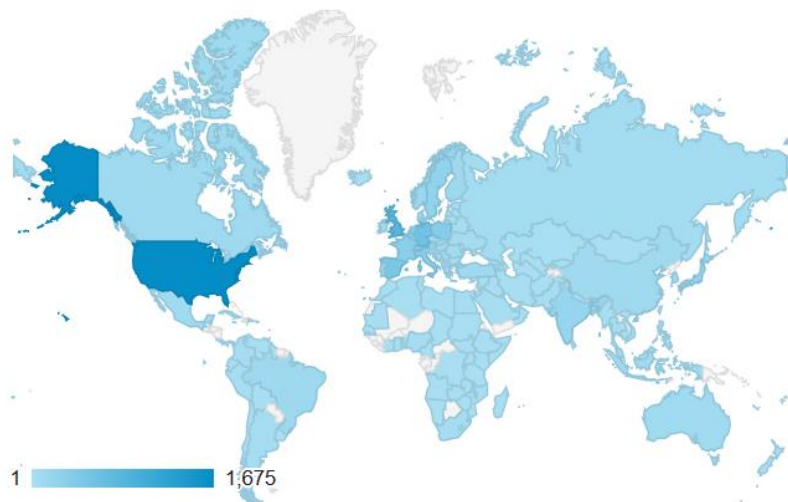


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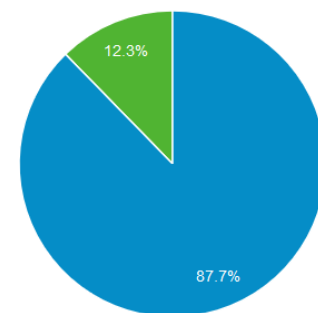
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6. Italy	347	(3.60%)
7. Belgium	323	(3.35%)
8. France	315	(3.27%)
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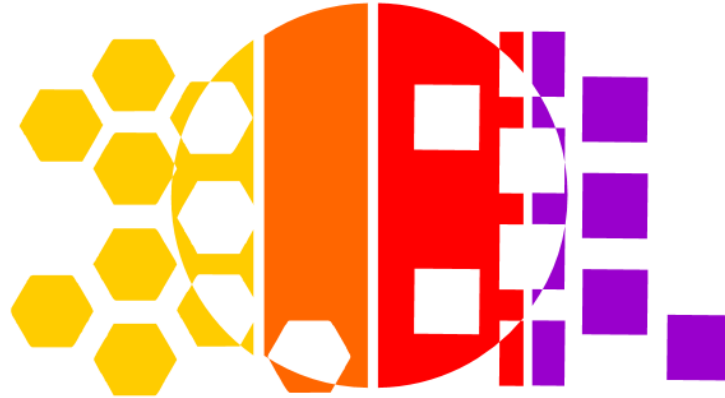
■ New Visitor ■ Returning Visitor





Steering Committee 2020

- EFGS SC meetings with re-occurring agenda
 - EFGS Webinar 2020 - preparation and planning
 - Webb updates - Hosted by NSI Poland
 - GEOSTAT 4 - Project started Feb 2020
 - Feb 2020 – March 2022
 - 9 NSI and 4 subcontractors
 - Other issues – e.g.
 - EFGS Strategy Outlook beyond GEOSTAT 4 project
 - PIGGY bank account to cover expences for EFGS activities
Hosted by EFGS Secretary Marina Backer Skaar
 - 6 Webex meetings and due to C19 NO 'face to face' meetings
 - SC members: 12 NSI, EUROSTAT, EFGS President and EFGS Secretary
 - No new members during 2020
 - Guest members: ONS UK
- GFGS – to be commented by Vilni Holst



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Report to the EFGS 2020 GA

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- Voluntary cross disciplinary forum
(est. 2014, as task force to EFGS)



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20th of May

Webinar on Geo-statistical Responses to the COVID-19 Crisis



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Moderator and presenters

- Steven Vale (UNECE)
- Vilni Verner Holst Bloch (GFGS / Statistics Norway)
- Ana Santos (Statistics Portugal)
- Kevin Sahr (Southern Oregon University)
- Julien Gaffuri (Eurostat)
- Kevin McCormack (CSO Ireland)
- Hugo Poelman (EC - DG Regional and Urban Policy)
- Kytt MacManus (CIESIN/ Columbia University)
- Isaak Pacheco (INEGI, Mexico)

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Medio December Global coffee talks

- **Under planning** – a series of coffee talks
- Short webinars with few presentations
- Professional networking and discussion
- Focus on cross disciplinary issues
- Topics with local to global relevance
- Present issues where feedback is needed

Actions for 2021 to be discussed

Thank you!



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Lars H. Backer Prize

postponed to the next face to face meeting



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Topics to discuss:

- Strategy map – by Igor Kuzma
- Challenges
- Next term of presidency
- Any other business..?