

GEOSTAT 4, Project Meeting, 13 January

Venue/time:

On-line meeting, 13 January 2021, 9-10.30 CET.

Participants

Rina Tammisto, Amelia Wardzińska-Sharif, Ana Santos, Anna Slawinska, Clément Guillo, Ingrid Kaminger, Igor Kuzma, Jennika Leino, Jerker Moström, João Geirinhas, Jørn Kristian Undelstvedt, Karin Hedeklint, Marianne Vik Dysterud, Marie-Hélène Kerouanton, Marina Backer Skaar, Mervi Haakana, Oliver Mueller, Outi Ahti-Miettinen, Pasi Piela, Pekka Latvala, Rossano Figueiredo, Simen Somner, Tapio Kytö, Thomas Burg, Timo Aarnio, Tuuli Pihlajamaa, Vilni Verner Holst Bloch

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

Oliver Mueller has now officially started as the Eurostat contact person in this project.

Marina Backer Skaar pointed out that the position for the EFGS president will be opened up for applications in the GISCO meeting on March. Before that the role of the EFGS should be defined more precisely as well as what the role and duties of the president are in the community. The candidates should be aware on what they will commit themselves. The goal is to be able to announce the new president in the EFGS conference on autumn. But this presumes that in this project we provide the needed definitions. This is work that could be done in the WP6, anyone that is interested in this work is welcomed to volunteer.

Notes of the previous meeting

[Notes of the previous meeting](#) are ready for comments.

Planning of the Coordination meeting on 18th February and 10th March (at 11 to 15 CET on both days)

Two coordination meetings are booked on February and March and they are counted in as milestones of the project. Originally it was planned to arrange a two-day meeting in Helsinki but in the status quo the meeting is divided into two on-line meetings. The aim of the meetings is to ensure common understanding of the project final documents GSGF Europe and ESS Methodological document.

Rina Tammisto presented some suggestions for the first meeting on the 18th February. The main goal of the project depends on the work of all work packages which all have started well. An important topic now is to discuss the dependences



between different work packages. There may be tasks in some WPs waiting input from other tasks in other WPs to be able to continue. We need to find these kinds of connections and plan the next steps.

In the kick-off meeting an idea of “fast-track” was presented and some suggestions were brainstormed. In a fast-track one task is carried through all work packages, to get input and feedback, to evolve and test it and finally publish the output. Now could be a good time to check the suggestions again and see if we could proceed with them. The suggestions were e.g. “Good geocoded business register” and “Linking quality to all work packages”.

These suggestions were discussed. Jerker noted that it is true that we have been working a bit like in silos but that is some way unavoidable because we all cannot participate in everything. It is good to draw things together every now and then. The challenge might be though that the links between tasks in different WPs can differ a lot. Thomas agreed that the links are different and noted that another challenge may be that the workload is underestimated. But it is very useful to define the links between quality issues and other work packages, because this haven't been done. Rina suggested that in the meeting we go through all relevant tasks (from links point of view) and try to define the interlinks. It is recommended that in every WP the tasks are checked and the ones that need input from other WPs are acknowledged beforehand.

Another issue is that how all the outputs of this project will be published. We need to start working with this with the work package 4. And this is also a task for the meeting, to define the links to WP4. This was considered important, it requires a lot of planning how different outputs will be published. Amelia noted that if we don't know yet what to publish, it is challenging to figure out what is needed. Will there be different kinds of products, for example web pages with complicated tables or graphics, links to other sites? And how is it with the previous Geostat project materials, should they be republished? It was agreed that this needs to be discussed in the coordination meeting as well.

It was also agreed that team Finland produces a template for WPs to outline their needs beforehand. These should be ready by 5th February.

In the March coordination meeting the aim is to produce a common understanding of the final products of this project, but the agenda is planned later. Jerker suggested that the publication strategy is taken under way as well although we are not yet sure what to publish. It was agreed that Amelia and Anna will contact the WP leaders to sort out their visions at this point to get a preliminary outlook of what is needed. It was also agreed that team Finland will provide a list of the outputs to Amelia and Anna to help in this work.

Oliver Mueller encourages the WPs to have also more informal communication outside of the coordination meetings and share the results.

Current situation in work packages (+Planner tasks)

WP1, Mervi Haakana

WP1 has two workshops next week. The aim is to study 8 different frameworks and link them to GSGF Europe. In the end of January there is a WP1 meeting to review the tasks.



WP2, Jerker Moström

The challenge with WP2 is that there are quite many tasks but only few participants. The tasks also differ quite a lot from each other. The aim next is to go through all the started tasks and see where they are and what should be done next with them. Also the work with the business cases is ongoing.

WP3, Thomas Burg

The work is starting now after Christmas and next a support document for WP1 will be produced.

WP4, Anna Slawinska

The notes of the meeting 7 are published on the website.

WP5, Amelia Wardzińska-Sharif

The conference report is almost done, only the Lessons learnt section is under way.

WP6, Igor Kuzma

The graphical design is almost ready, next the purpose is to check the situation with the agreed deliverables. The templates will be stored in the Teams and open for review and comments. Igor will arrange a meeting once Amelia, Marina and Rina have been able to go through the templates.

The deadline for the strategy map was in the end of last year, next a discussion how it will affect on the management of EFGS is needed.

WP7, Rina Tammisto

The intermediary report is under way. In the report we need a short description from each work package how the work is going and if some outputs have already finished. It was agreed that the WP leaders will provide a short, max. 10 lines description for the report. The used workdays are also needed and the WP leaders are asked to send them for Rina by email. Also a few words how the covid-19 has affected in the work on WPs are welcomed.

Rina also recommends the WP leaders to update the Planner task lists so we will have an overall vision of the project situation. The WPs 4, 5 and 6 are encouraged to add their tasks in the Planner as well.

Other issues

No other issues

Next project meeting

The next meeting will be on 3 February 2021 at 12-14 CET