

GEOSTAT 4, Project Meeting, 3 February

Venue/time:

On-line meeting, 3 February 2021, 12-14 CET.

Participants

Rina Tammisto, Amelia Wardzińska-Sharif, Antti Santaharju, Arnaud Degorre, David Sousa, Franck Cotton, Hanna Brenzel, Igor Kuzma, Jennika Leino, Jenny Linnerud, Jerker Moström, Joana Santos Pereira dos Reis, Jon Folkedal, Julien Gaffuri, Jørn Kristian Undelstvedt, Karin Hedeklint, Marie-Hélène Kerouanton, Marina Backer Skaar, Mervi Haakana, Oliver Mueller, Outi Ahti-Miettinen, Panu Muhli, Pekka Latvala, Rossano Figueiredo, Simen Somner, Taeke Anton Gjaltema, Tapio Kytö, Thomas Burg, Timo Aarnio, Tuuli Pihlajamaa, Vilni Verner Holst Bloch

InKyung Choi and Steve Vale, UNECE

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

Rina Tammisto presented guests of the meeting, InKyung Choi and Steve Vale from UNECE. They gave a presentation of the work of the UNECE Geospatial task team.

Notes of the previous meeting

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

Presentation of the work of the UNECE's geospatial task team and discussion, Steve Vale and InKyung Choi

InKyung Choi and Steve Vale presented the geospatial task team work. The team was created in 2020 by UNECE HLG_MOS Supporting Standards Group. The scope of the work is to use GSBPM to document activities needed for geospatial information. The team consists of GSBPM and geospatial experts and they will, for example review the relevant work done at the international or regional level as well as in other consortiums and projects, such as GEOSTAT projects. Other aim is to produce needed guidance on how to use GSBPM with geospatial information by extending the description in GSBPM focusing on activities needed for geospatial information. This work does not produce a new version of GSBPM, but a new update will be published in 2022 or 2023.

The GSGF principle 4, Statistical and geospatial interoperability, is the immediate connection point to implement GSBPM, but the other principles are relevant as well. At this point the task team is recognising the sub-processes in GSBPM that



could include geospatial-related activities or considerations. It is not always easy to find the right level where to connect the geospatial activities into GSBPM, some of them may go all the way to the corporate level, where the statistical organisations and the map agencies meet. Now the first seven phases are covered, and the last phase will be covered. This work is expected to be completed in April 2021.

Other important aims are to create a common understanding between the statistical and the geospatial communities and facilitate the integration of statistical and geospatial standards. The quality and metadata issues are very important on the statistical side, so taking these practices more on the geospatial side is also in focus.

Some future directions are already planned too. A task team on geospatial and statistical standards with the UN-GGIM Europe is on the way. Phase 1: Scoping and prioritizing is starting in 2021. Also fostering geo-statistical architecture is under consideration, for which the GSBPM work is a first step.

After the presentation some discussion arose. Thomas Burg inquired whether only GSBPM processes were considered here. InKyung Choi noted that at first geospatial processes were studied too, but GSBPM was chosen to be the base. The team wanted to stay at a quite high level and not to go into too detailed and technical level. They welcome any suggestions of suitable processes. Steve Vale added that it is worth to clarify the relationship between EU, EU statistical system and the global statistical system. A wider view is needed and to understand the impacts on global geospatial framework. It should not be focused only in requirements of one standard. Arnaud Degorre wanted to know about describing statistical pipelines using geospatial data with GSBPM, is that the functional way? InKyung Choi replied that the top level the GSBPM suits the production of geospatial statistic data.

It was also discussed about the importance of cooperation between GEOSTAT 4 project and Geospatial task team. Jerker Moström noted that there is a lot going on in GEOSTAT4 that has links to the work of the task team and there is a risk of doing the same thing twice. Steve Vale agreed and proposed a brainstorm of the directions the task team is aiming at next. The advantage is that Antti Santaharju and Amelia Wardzińska-Sharif are participants in the task team too. Rina noted that both GEOSTAT4 and the Geospatial task team are part of a larger continuum for the previous GEOSTAT projects while the UNECE brings the global aspect. The cooperation is really important, and a brainstorm meeting/workshop is supported. Oliver Mueller supported the idea.

It was agreed that GEOSTAT4 project will contact Geospatial task team to arrange a meeting. Rina thanked InKyung and Steve on behalf of the others for the informative presentation and good conversation.

Planning of the first part of the coordination meeting 18th Feb. Suggestions, discussion, selection of topics for joint work

The workshop that was planned for Vienna in May 2021 cannot be arranged because of Covid-19. It will be replaced with two virtual workshops in April and

May. A Doodle will be provided to survey the most suitable dates for the workshops.

Jerker presented suggestions for planning the publications of the project outputs. It would be worthwhile to clarify who we expect our customers to be, who will need our information. We should create user stories to figure out the customers and their roles to conclude their needs. This helps us to create our outputs into useful products. The idea was supported. Jenny Linnerud noted that in the GSIM work, the group created a reader's guide to help the user to understand which documents they need to read. In any case, it is good to create documents for different levels. Some of them more general, some in more detailed levels. It was agreed that Jerker and perhaps Mervi Haakana will plan this work for the March coordination meeting.

For the February meeting Rina suggested a session about the strategy map and branding from WP6. From WP5 Hanna Brenzel agreed to present the first thoughts of the EFGS conference 2021 in February meeting and then in March more detailed plans.

The service map could be taken in the agenda in April or May after the quality issues and user stories are a bit further. The processes could be in the agenda in April.

Other issues

Rina reminded that the intermediary report is open for comments by 12 February. In the next GISCO meeting the GEOSTAT4 project will be presented.

Next project meeting

Next meeting is the coordination meeting on 18 April.