



## GEOSTAT 4, Coordination Meeting 2/2, 10 March

### Venue/time:

On-line meeting, 10 March 2021, 11-15.00 CET.

### Participants

Rina Tammisto, Aldina Piedade, Ana Santos, Anna Sławińska, Arnaud Degorre, Clément Guillo, Francisco Caldeira, Hanna Brenzel, Igor Kuzma, Ingrid Kaminger, Jennika Leino, Jerker Moström, Jon Folkedal, Jørn Kristian Undelstved, Kathrin Gebers, Magne Bugten, Marie-Hélène Kerouanton, Marina Backer Skaar, Mervi Haakana, Oliver Mueller, Outi Ahti-Miettinen, Panu Muhli, Pekka Latvala, Rossano Figueiredo, Simen Somner, Tapio Kytö, Timo Aarnio, Vilni Verner Holst Bloch

### The purpose of the meeting

The purpose of a coordination meeting is to draw together the project to see where we are now and what we should focus on next. Originally it was planned to arrange the coordination meeting in Helsinki, but it is now divided into two virtual meetings. This is the second meeting. The first meeting was held in the 18 February.

### Agenda

#### General information, Rina Tammisto

The intermediary report has been delivered to Eurostat. It covered the status and first results of this project. Also, the Covid-19 effects on the work of the project were described.

The Working Group meeting on Integration of Statistics and Geospatial Information (Gisco meeting) is on 23 March. The work of Geostat 4 project will be presented there.

#### Scope of the meeting, Rina Tammisto

In this meeting the aim is to reach a common understanding of how to create guidance for users of the GSGF Europe and ESS Methodology. There are users in different user groups of different levels (national, high-level management, project/product, application developers, statisticians, etc.) and they all need different documentation and guidance. Today we started working with the GSGF Europe Methodology User Guide. We also need a way to distribute the outputs. A proposed material bank is one way to store all the material and access it.

#### Users of the GSGF Europe and introduction to group working, Mervi Haakana, Jerker Moström, Anna Sławińska

In the previous meeting, we went through user stories and what kind of material they would need. Mervi Haakana presented the material bank and the idea how to clarify the needs of different groups. There are outlined filters in three user



perspectives that can be used to clear the needs. They are divided into Activities (Policy, Strategy and leadership, Production, Support), Aspects (Processes, Actors/governance, Data/metadata, Methodology, Technology) and Levels (Ministry/strategy level, High-level management/strategy level, Middle level management/ project management, Operational level/Statistician/Expert level). The groups are invited to evaluate if these all are relevant, if all relevant users are covered, if something is missing, and will we have material for all relevant users in the material bank. The participants of the coordination meeting are divided into five groups. Each group represent one of the five GSGF principles. Leader of these groups will write down the discussion. The groups will go through the named principle and recommendations and reflect them on the three user perspectives. The groups are also invited to discuss how the recommendations could be realized and what kind of links there are to other items in the methodology bank, especially quality (CoP/QAF), and whether there are recommendations that are obsolete, should be revised, merged or split.

Before starting the group work, Anna Sławińska presented a demo-page of the material bank: what it could include and how it could be arranged. The materials could be for example, grouped by the GSGF principles, themes and topics to enable the filtering. Also, to help the user to find information they need, the most used key words are possible to be collected and presented with a key word cloud.

### Users of the GSGF Europe: Results of group working

The groups examined the five GSGF principles and each group had made observations of the specific recommendations but there was not enough time to go them all through. It was decided that the groups will continue working with the recommendations and we will later decide how to continue with them.

Some common observations were made of the principles in general on the groups: There are too many recommendations, some of them are overlapping and some recommendations are quite long. Some of them might already be outdated. Furthermore, it is sometimes challenging to define the level they are targeted because they seem to fit for several levels.

The groups agreed that some clarification and making them more concise is needed. It is possible that some of them can be removed or improved in other ways. The user levels should be clarified as well and checked that all needed levels are included. The appearance of cross-institutional level for example was a bit unclear. The data security should also be more visible in some recommendations. The innovation process was suggested to be a new activity.

### Themes of the EFGS 2021, Hanna Brenzel & Kathrin Gebers

The EFGS Conference 2021 will be held in Wiesbaden<sup>1</sup>, Germany on 7 and 8 September. Hanna Brenzel and Kathrin Gebers presented the planning schedule. The first milestones in the planning are to decide the logo and motto for the conference. To come up with ideas for the motto Hanna and Kathrin performed a Mentimeter for other participants. There came up quite many good ideas and it was agreed that Hanna and Kathrin will make the decision later.

Another important decision to make is the theme of the conference. Team Germany presented two initial ideas: “Next generation data” and “The Scenery of

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<sup>1</sup> Due to the current insecure Covid-19 situation, Statistics Germany decided for a virtual conference.

the GSGF – Inputs, Outputs and Key Elements.” With another Mentimeter poll the participants got to vote for their favorite. The “Next generation data” got more support. The participants supported the idea of presentations about how to use the data and how to create new data<sup>2</sup>.

In April the aim is to invite key speakers and in May release the call for proposals. In June the call closes and in July the applicants are given feedback.

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<sup>2</sup> A decision was made in favour of the motto “Unlocking value from data”.