

GEOSTAT 4, Workshop, the 11th May

Venue/time:

On-line meeting, the 11th May 2021, 12-14 CET.

Participants

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The purpose of the meeting

The purpose of this meeting was to get a short overview of the ongoing work in the project, to present the work with GSGF Europe document including the Requirements and Recommendation part and discuss about the work done with it so far and further steps.

Agenda

GEOSTAT4 – General and topical information about the project, Rina Tammisto

An amendment is under preparation due to changes in some project actions and fundamental changes in project budget. At the same time, the expenses from the cancelled travels can be changed into working days and when needed, new tasks or changed redefinitions of existing tasks can be reallocated. It was decided that one travel is left for a possible project's closing seminar. Work package leaders and country coordinators are preparing the matter.

On the 7th of May a meeting with Oliver Mueller and Marta Nagy-Rothengass (E4: Regional statistics and geographical information) was held. The meeting topics included discussions about the detailed plans of developing the GSGF Europe, the architectural issues and review of the previous work. It was agreed to continue the discussion about the actors of the GSGF Europe and European actor map as well as about the future of EFGS.

During this spring, the work in GEOSTAT4 project has concentrated to increase the cooperation between the work packages. Workshops to collaborate with requirements and recommendations as well as architectural and quality issues were arranged. In the requirements and recommendation work Pier-Giorgio Zaccheddu has been invited to participate. Also, a WEB editorial group has started to produce a suggestion how to organise the paths to publish our material in the best way.

WP1 has been working with the GSGF Europe document and guidance and the architecture on which a consultation will be launched on the 24th May (until 11 June).

In WP2 the use cases and business cases have been defined and a proof of concept of the Table Joining Service has been carried out. The results will be presented in the June meeting.

In WP3 the quality indicators are currently under way. Due to the delays of the Eurostat Quality Workgroup, the quality enhancements will be delivered in July.

WP4 has been defining the publishing strategy and studying the technical possibilities to develop the EFGS webpages. Meanwhile the pages are updated.

In WP5 the virtual EFGS 2021 conference (7.-8.9.2021) preparations are under way. The conference webpages will be launched in week 20. The deadline for abstracts is the 15th of June. We should decide together what we want to present about this project in that conference.

In WP6 the EFGS Strategy Map is soon completed as well as the visual design. The maintenance of GSGF Europe is an important next task to be planned and agreed. The development plan for EFGS will be started soon.

The GSGF Europe document, Mervi Haakana

Mervi Haakana was hindered from participating during today's meeting, so Rina Tammisto presented this topic.

One of the main objectives of the GEOSTAT4 project is to enhance the GSGF EUROPE model and create guidance to support the implementation of GSGF Europe. The objectives of the GSGF Europe documentation are to integrate the GSGF framework into the European operating environment, outline the architectural, quality, confidentiality and technical aspects needed in the geospatial statistical framework and to link GSGF Europe to the existing European frameworks.

The content of the documentation is now outlined, and it consists of three main parts. The Global Statistical Geospatial Framework section gives a general introduction to the GSGF, its infrastructure as well as introducing the principles and key elements. The GSGF within the European geospatial-statistical operating environment section describes for example the architecture, quality matters, relationships to other frameworks and technical infrastructure among other important issues. The five principles are handled thoroughly in the third section, The GSGF Principles.

The consortium has been welcomed to comment the documentation plans by the 18th of May. Comments especially about the structure of the document, is there something missing or should something be presented another way, are welcomed.

Requirements and recommendations, Jenny Linnerud, Jerker Moström, Rossano Figueiredo

The GSGF Requirements and Recommendations were originally created in the GEOSTAT 3 project. In a workshop in February there were discussions about the users and their needs for GSGF Europe. From this work arose the need to review and assess the requirements and recommendations as well. This work was done in another workshop where the groups went through all the documentation and produced suggestions to amend the requirements and recommendations. It was noted that some of them are obsolete, some should be split, and some merged and even some additional requirements and/or recommendations are needed. Some

clarification was also required and issues related to non-traditional data and Big Data should also be addressed within this work.

A small group took these results to create a new suggestion for the requirements and recommendations. As outcomes some requirements and recommendations were removed and some new created. There is also a need to discuss with Eurostat about some issues concerning the recommendations of Principle 4. The requirements were also classified already in the workshop into four categories (activities, aspects, levels and actions) to see, for example, do recommendations cover the GSGF principles well enough at all relevant activities, aspects and levels.

Rossano Figueiredo presented the new, clarified version of the Requirements and Recommendations. The recommendations are now named, and descriptions made more compact. Some more work needs to be done, but the consortium is welcomed to comment the work done so far. Are relevant changes made already or should something still be modified? Also, how the requirements and recommendations are presented on the web pages needs to be discussed. It was agreed that the deadline for commenting is the 8th of June.