

GEOSTAT 4, Project Meeting, February 24, 2022

Venue/time: On-line meeting, February 24, 2022, 09.00-11.00 CET.

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The purpose of the meeting

A GEOSTAT4 consortium meeting to review the situation of the work packages, concerning the status of final deliveries. Project formalities and shared views of the whole project time.

Power Point slides presented at meeting is available in Teams; WP7 Management; Project Management; Project meetings; *GEOSTAT4_consortium_20220224.pptx*

Agenda and notes

1. General project issues, project status, last deliverables
2. Review of WPs
3. Final reporting of GEOSTAT4
4. GISCO meeting
5. Other issues

General project issues

- a) Most of the deliveries are now approved by Eurostat. A new version of Del 2.3 will be uploaded to the portal. According to Eurostat it is not needed to upload the 4.1 to the portal, since the website is enough.

Question on how the documents from WP3 should be named at the web site. What parts could be included in the GSGF scope? There is a different structure of the web than the structure of the project's organisation.

- b) Comments from Eurostat (Oliver):
- a. Eurostat are reading the deliveries now. They are generally very happy with the result. The result will be of help for many.
 - b. All deliveries in WP3 are approved.
 - c. An informal task force will be presented soon. It will be a continuation of this work, but in a more informal way.
 - d. There will be a new GISCO team leader after the GISCO meeting, as Oliver will move on to other assignments.
- c) Del. 7.2: Final technical report (Final management report). A first version is uploaded on Teams¹. The content is:
- Description of work done in WPs, including deliverables and milestone tables. WP leaders are welcome to review and contribute with more text.
 - Estimated final costs and working days.
 - Suggestions for future actions.

The estimation of total working hours says that there will be more time spent on the project, than planned in the application. In total, there will be almost 280 more working days than planned. Most of them are within WP1. However, the total cost of the project will be less than planned, due to less travelling and time spent on conferences and workshops. The final report needs to explain the financial result. The amendment done in June 2021 was not official and will not be included in the final report.

Comments on the final financial results are:

- The new, emerged tasks during the work of the project increased mostly the workload of the WP1.
- The vast amount of work in the WP1 took resources from the WP2.
- The project has been a huge entity. The management of the project itself and numerous connections between WPs have demanded extra efforts from the coordinator and the WP leaders
- The cancellation of the EFGS conferences gave more room for increased number of working days. Also, the Vienna workshop and other project meetings were performed as digital instead of physical ones.
- Insecurities of content when the application was made. It is not due to bad planning, rather than a difficult challenge to predict the full content of the project.

Proposal for further work. (D7.2, Chapter 5 and Annex 3):

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https://tilastokeskus.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/tms_GEOSTAT4/Jaetut%20asiakirjat/WP%207%20Management/Project%20Management/Reports/Geostat4_Final%20report.docx?d=w0986ff0390684131bc69b98ad083e176&csf=1&web=1&e=Jd5Zsr

- Capacity development activities at European level, e.g. training and promotion activities to support implementation of GSGF Europe (based on the GEOSTAT 4 material). Thematic and/or regional scope. Proposed content:
 - How to use the GSGF Europe Reference Architecture as a method for national or European integration activities. Interpretation of the reference architecture and good practice.
 - How to use the GSGF Europe Requirements & Recommendations as a roadmap for implementation. Interpretation of the requirements & recommendations and good practice.
 - Development of self-assessment tools for implementing GSGF Europe demands (based on the GSGF Europe: Requirements and Recommendations)
- Capacity development activities at national level, e.g. support implementation of GSGF Europe (based on the GEOSTAT 4 material) in Member States. Includes enhancing national co-operation (institutional collaboration) in fulfilling the GSGF Europe's demands. National efforts could be combined/related to activity (1).
- Community building efforts at European level, e.g. organising conferences, like the EFGS Conference and thematic seminars and webinars where the aim is sharing of knowledge
- Further work on shared concepts and terms. The actions should consist of proper conceptual and term work leading to more concepts and terms that are easily available, intuitive, and free.
- Develop data quality assessment methods, quality indicators, good practices within the statistical-geospatial production process.
- Develop and publish/share scalable tools and generic geospatial services to enable data integration of statistical and geospatial information and standardise statistical production processes.
- Exploitation of “new/under-utilised” data domains for geospatial statistics with the goal of new, harmonised European datasets (business registers, health and emergency data, earth-observation-data etc) to meet the needs from emerging policy areas (such as the green deal, energy etc).

There has not been much time for the consortium to review the final report. The consortium may now put comments in the Del 7.2 document on Teams (link in footnote on previous page). Rina will need the comments within the next couple of days, to make the delivery on time.

Work package reviews and specific presentations

WP1 (Mervi Haakana)

Deliveries are in time. Thanks to a great work from the participants. Now we have a discussion on how to put the results on the website.

WP2 (Amelia Wardzińska-Sharif)

Amelia presented information on her part of the final delivery in WP2. It will be sent to Jerker within the next couple of days.

Jerker was not present at the meeting, to give a general review of the WP.

WP3 (Ingrid Kaminger)

Ingrid asked how to present the WP3 annexes as a project result. It is probably better to present them at the website than to include them in the final deliveries as uploaded documents on Eurostat platform.

WP4, Web site efgs.info (Anna Slawińska)

Anna presented the result of the project, as it appears on the website. The authors of the published material should review the presentation of their work. Are the headlines and filters correct?

Questions and comments from the consortium:

- Is it possible with more than one entrance to the information base? It can be done later if the time is short now.
- Great work, it looks good. Easy to understand and find the information.
- Very good work with handling all the late deliveries.
- There could be more cross references for information, to make it easier to find.
- Very good with filtering function.
- The document of the EFGS development strategy will be placed in the library section since it is only a suggestion for the EFGS SC.
- The logos should not be placed at open files at the public website.
- How should duplications of use cases be handled? Some of the materials have already been presented at the web. We need to think about how this should be arranged.

WP5

Everything is delivered and approved.

WP6, EFGS Development plan (Igor Kuzma)

The result will be a good support to EFGS. There are no other updates from last meeting.

Final reporting

Final reporting will be done at the Eurostat portal, within 60 days after the reporting period. Rina will upload the technical report (del 7.2).

Each participating country must do their own financial reporting at the portal. It consists of structured forms from the grant management system, including:

- Individual financial statements (Annex 4 to the GA) for each beneficiary (and third parties).
- Explanation of the use of resources and the information on subcontracting and in-kind contributions provided by third parties, from each beneficiary for the reporting period concerned (if applicable, for example it is not applicable to lump sum pilot projects).
- Periodic summary financial statement including the request for payment.

Meetings

The project and project-related issues will be presented at the GISCO meeting in March:

- March 23: GEOSTAT 4 (Rina, Jerker)
- March 24: EFGS (Ingrid)

Other issues

The original word documents for deliveries should be stored at one place. Statistics Finland will arrange an archive for this. The Teams platform for this project will be deactivated a couple of months after the end of the project.

Rina thanked the consortium for great work during the project. We can be proud of ourselves and the result that we have produced. Several members of the consortium thanked Rina and Statistics Finland for managing this complex project. A lot of parts turned out different than planned, with the pandemic and the content turning in new directions during the work. Very good job, managing all that. Oliver and Eurostat also thanks Rina, Statistics Finland and the consortium for a great work. Rina gave thanks to Oliver and Eurostat for good support during the project.