

UN-GGIM: Europe – Challenges for an effective Sustainable Development Goals monitoring and for efficient Data Integration processes

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Abstract

UN-GGIM: Europe strategy, adopted in 2022, defines five key priority areas translated into five Lines of Work (LoW): Integrated Geospatial Information Framework; Geodetic Reference Frames; Data Integration (DI); Sustainable Development Goals (SDG); and Data Strategy and Policy.

SDG are of high priority to the global agenda for sustainable development. UN-GGIM: Europe has addressed and provided operational and technical guidance for the calculation of SDG indicators. The main aim of the LoW SDG is to continue to address SDG indicators by building on the previous deliverables, focus on common problems and technical, methodological solutions.

DI is crucial for the European region when discussing about data-driven innovation and evidence-based decisions and policies. The main aim for LoW DI is to explore requirements and practices on the integration of different geospatial data sources and earth observation data.

Both LoW aim at establishing bridges between geospatial, statistical and other communities. In 2023 an online webinar series' program was conducted bringing together different stakeholders and perspectives to better raise awareness, to reach a larger audience, to improve the dissemination of outcomes and findings and to avoid duplication of work against other organizations and fora. In April 2024 a joint meeting was conducted in Lisbon, Portugal, in order to identify the relevant areas of work and to agree upon concrete tasks for 2024-2025.

The presentation describes the current activities and presents the main conclusions: common concerns, gaps, requirements and challenges for the SDG indicators calculation and monitoring as well as for data integration issues in Europe.