

## European Forum for Geography and Statistics

### MINUTES - EFGS/ GFGS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

<b>Time:</b>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> of November 2017 16-17hrs	
<b>Place:</b>	Dublin Castle, Dublin	
<b>Chairman:</b>	EFGS President Janusz Dygaszewicz	
<b>Participants:</b>	Ana Santos	- Statistics Portugal
	Anna Slawinska	- Statistics Poland
	Dermot Corcoran	- Statistics Ireland
	Dominik Kopciersich	- Statistics Poland
	Ekkehard Petri	- Eurostat
	Erik Sommer	- Statistics Denmark
	Hugo Poelman	- EC DG REGIO
	Igor Kuzma	- Statistics Slovenia
	Ignacio Duque	- Statistics Spain
	Ingrid Kaminger	- Statistics Austria
	Irena Dudova	- Statistics Bulgaria
	Joshua Commenetz	- US Census Bureau
	Maria Bueno	- IBGE Brazil
	Marina Backer Skaar	- EFGS Secretary
	Matina Halkia	- EU Joint Research Centre
	Neil Sutherland	- EuroGeographics
	Stephan Arnold	- DESTATIS Germany
	Ülle Valgma	- Statistics Estonia
	Uso Maack	- KORIS German
	Vilni Verner Holst Bloch	- Statistics Norway

The chairman of EFGS Janusz Dygaszewicz welcomed everyone by presenting EFGS achievements during 2017 together with current work program and activities - see attached presentation.

EFGS/GFGS challenges were discussed where the following was agreed upon

- Support of harmonization of a geostatistical reference system based on “the 10 Level Model
- Full support should be given to fully geocoded 2021 population and housing census
- Spatial statistical indicators for sustainable development goals (SDGs) should be harmonized with national indicators in the countries and by EUROSTAT on EU/EFTA level
- Statistical Disclosure Control (SDC) on population grid will be taken care of within the ESSnet GEOSTAT 3 project where conclusions will be distributed within the group for further comments
- All participants agree to reconsider the modernization of the GSBPM model by adding geospatial sub-processes to some phase of the model. Communicating the explicit statement of the necessity to add the spatial component to the statistical production.
- The chairman of the GFGS subgroup of EFGS, Vilni Verner Holst Bloch summarized current activities from a meeting held the same day.
  - The group will work towards a global demonstration project. To focus the global effort. The Discrete Global Grid Systems specification proposed by the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC DGGS) should be harmonized with the 1km grid developed by GEOSTAT/Eurostat projects.
  - Need for complementary effort to other international initiatives (such as UN-GGIM and IAG) on global geospatial data was emphasized. GFGS will make a global mission paper
  - The Korean Research Institute on Human settlements (KRIHS) was announced as new member.
  - Aim is to have a global session at the next EFGS 2018 conference
- **Next GA meeting:** EFGS Conference in Helsinki, Oct 16-18, 2018