

European Forum for Geography and Statistics

MINUTES- EFGS/GFGS SC

Time: Thurs June 28, 2018 10-1200 CET

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1. Minutes and Agenda

- Corrections from last meeting?
- AOB – see below => GEOSTAT4 – ‘global grid issues’

2. Future meeting calendar

August	Aug 22 – 10-12	Tele meeting
September	Sept 26 – 10-12	Tele meeting
October	Oct 16-17 in Helsinki	Personal meeting – dinner together
November	Mid November	Tele-meeting
December	Mid December	Tele-Meeting
Jan 2019		
Feb 2019		
March 2019	March 28-29 GISCO meeting Luxembourg	Personal meeting

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3. EFGS Conference

- **Helsinki Oct 16-18 2018 – update & status** => Marja
 - <http://efgs2018.fi/> - number of registrations today **65**.
Previous experience says **Not to worry! Further promotion is needed after summer.**
 - **Pls promote the conference with attached Leaflet** => Everyone
 - Abstracts – review board during Aug 20-31
 - e.g. Ekkehard, Januz, Marja/StatFI, Heli/NLSFI
 - **Key-Note Speakers**
 - *Confirmed*
 - Julien Grunfelder; <http://www.nordregio.se/en/Staff/Julien-Grunfelder/>
 - Toni Ahlqvist; Professor in Geography, University of Oulu

- Ed Parson, Google Earth
 - Representation from UNECE – e.g. Steven Vale
 - **Academic and Research – no specific slot but may fit into many themes**
 - Contact with Academic Network / UNGGIM
 - Further discussion directly with Prof David Martin => **Marja/MBS**
 - **Registration of non-European countries – how to handle?! =**
 - Necessary to find a solution for interest shown from non-European countries. Check mail address and reason behind e.g. previous attendance. Advertised in newsletter and in invitation letter with link Visa dep at Dep Foreign Affairs.
 - **Lars Backer Award** Same procedure as last year
 - Promotion through a Letter by President **Aug/Sept 2018. To be confirmed** => **Janusz**
 - Nomination group start its work mid-Sept => **Nomination group**
Nomination group Janusz, Marja, Ekkhard, Pierre Gorgio and Marina
 - The award will be presented Day 2 at the social dinner
 - Price gift – diploma as last year and as well as a statuette => **Marina**
 - Hand-made bow tie pins by Ingrid is agreed on. **Most appreciated!** => **Ingrid**
see attached photo
 - **EFGS PINS** as a promotion item will be considered – to be decided => **Marja**
 - If yes - a possible solution www.pinsfactory.se and info@pinsfactory.se
 - **EFGS Conference 2019 – status**
 - Call for Tender is open until tomorrow June 29. Final result will be presented after evaluation by EUROSTAT => **Ekkhard**
 - A decision must be taken regarding EFGS conferences beyond 2020. Part of EUROSTAT financed GEOSTAT projects or separated. Aspects of managerial, financial and implementation including ‘proc and cons’ must be listed and evaluated - to be further commented in the final report of GEOSTAT 3 => **Everyone**
- 4. GEOSTAT 3 – status** => **Jerker**
- Regular tele meetings
 - Planned ‘face to face’ meeting in Helsinki Oct 15th
- 5. GEOSTAT 4** => **Everyone**
- Countries interested incl. new coordinator?
 - A committed core consortium in place hopefully before end of GEOSTAT 3 in Dec 2018
 - To be discussed more in detail in Helsinki
 - Draft outline for the ESSnet GEOSTAT 4 project attached. Comments directly to Ekkhard => **Everyone**
- 6. EFGS WEB – status** => **Anna/Marina**
- Info about a site analysis – more info to be forwarded
- 7. SDG – summary of input from - pls correct if incorrect!** => **Dermot**
- Statistics Ireland is working closely with UN to test interoperability between UN & National HUBS. Where Mexico is also a testbed for interoperability between nations
 - Main reasons for Ireland are Data Governance (examine ways for automatizing and smoothing process for exchange of SDG data), as well as submitting results from GEOSTAT 3 into for SDG4.
 - If we want to keep this on the EFGS Agenda, a formal decision is needed by the SC committee based on a short paper including formalities such as rules, reporting and info sharing. Somebody should make a short paper! => to be further discussed next meeting! => **Everyone**
- GFGS**
- 8. Status** => **Vilni**
- GFGS project is related to the ‘Global Grid Issues’ – to be further discussed
 - Tele meeting planned for July 12

9. AOB

- **Contribution to EFGS Piggy Bank**

=> Everyone

- For those interested to contribute, pls use the following Euro bank account.
To be accounted by Marina
- IBAN: SE 626000 0000 0000 5072 2859
BIC: HANDSESS
Account holder: Marina Backer Skaar
Bank: Handelsbanken, Box 10070, SE-10055 Stockholm, tessinparken@handelsbanken.se
- Contribution as of today = 3x50€from Ekkehard, Janus & Niek

10. Next SC Meetings

=>Everyone

- **Aug 22 - 10-12** – pls note Wednesday
- **Sept 26 -10-12** – pls note Wednesday