

European Forum for Geography and Statistics

MINUTES - EFGS/GFGS SC

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1. Minutes and Agenda

- Corrections from last meeting
- AOB

2. Future meeting calendar

October	Oct 16-17 in Helsinki General assembly	Personal meeting – dinner together
November	To be decided	Tele-meeting
December	To be decided	Tele-Meeting
Jan 2019		
Feb 2019		
March 2019	March 28-29 GISCO meeting Luxembourg	Personal meeting

3. EFGS Conference

- **Helsinki Oct 16-18 2018 – update & status** <http://efgs2018.fi/> => Marja
 - No of registrations today > 200 Delegates from >45 countries
 - **Ten sessions** with 52 presentations, parallel on Day 2. Overall tight in order to fit everyone in.
 - **Abstracts** = 60 reviewed and accepted. **Poster** place offered to ‘not accepted’.
 - **Panel Session Day 3 – Input is needed for a discussion around the topic ‘ The way forward’** – discussion around the future role of EFGS. **Pls contribute with input for the panel discussion directly to Marja.** Panel to be with representatives from NSI, NMA, EUROSTAT and other relevant organisations.
 - **Key-Note Speakers** - Julien Grunfelder, Toni Ahlqvist, Ed Parson and Steven Vale
 - **Academic and Research** No submission from Univ.Southampton. Instead other academic and research organisations have contributed.

Lars Backer Award

- **Nomination group is ready for a nomination among the candidates. Winner to be ready by end of this week.** => **Nominationgroup** = Janusz, Marja, Ekkhard, Pierre Gorgio and Marina.
- Price gift – diploma and statuette ready. If two, same solution as last year => **Marina**
- Hand-made ‘bow-tie’ pins to all winners by – 5 will be ready! => **Ingrid**
- **EFGS PINS – No solution!** Hopefully solved at EFGS 2019 => **Marja**

• **EFGS Future Conference**

- 2019 – ‘Call for Tender’ – to be announced at Helsinki conference => **Ekkehard**
- Beyond 2020 – to be further discussed in GEOSTAT 3 final report.
A statement by EFGS SC members to be forwarded in regards to managerial, financial and implementation aspects. How to proceed to be discussed and agreed => **Everyone /Jerker**

4. GEOSTAT 3 – update

- 3rd round for comments of current draft. Input before Oct 3rd.
- A final physical meeting scheduled for Monday Oct 15 in Helsinki => **Jerker**

5. GEOSTAT 4 – ‘Call for proposal’ according to the scope presented at GISCO meeting => Everyone

- Ekkehard underline the need for a good consortium – in place hopefully before end of GEOSTAT 3, Dec 2018. To be further discussed in Helsinki

6. EFGS WEB

=> **Janusz/Anna**

- Statistics Poland submitted an input to ‘call for tender’ regarding service and maintenance starting Jan 2019. To be confirmed in Helsinki at the latest.

7. SDG - status

=> **Dermot**

- n/a

8. GFGS – update

=> **Vilni, Ian**

- GFGS is progressing in project FairHair, to be presented at EFGS 2018 Helsinki conference. Hexgrids (ISEA3H16) using DGGRID has been produced for all GFGS participating countries. In addition also for Haiti, Rwanda, Pakistan and Mozambique. Possible also for Kenya in near future. A hexgrid for all of Europe is also to be made. GFGS plan to make a “grid challenge” in Europe.
- DGGRID is one of many possible grid tools that may be used, none of them are however certified, and most of them are rather demanding to use.
DGGRID has been developed by Kevin Sahr from Southern Oregon University, and he has done a lot of work to stream line the process of generating country specific grids using GADM as input files. So far experiments have been done for Portugal, Norway, Haiti, Rwanda, Pakistan and South Korea. US census plan to do internal tests with provided hexgrids. Australia also plan to do testing.
- GFGS see the need for having a meeting in front of or during the EFGS conference. Different options were discussed; parallel meeting, or prolonged Geostat 3 meeting on Monday 15th of October, or during the EFGS dinner meeting in the afternoon. GFGS will have a Webex meeting Thursday 27th of September and discuss this. Vilni will after that talk with Marja and Jerker for final decision.
- Development of Geospatial standards - contribution from Ian
As part of the development of geospatial standards for statistics, a Statistical Domain Working Group is being set up within the Open Geospatial Consortium to help identify requirements and use cases of the statistical community. The establishment of this Domain Working Group will be put to an electronic vote of the OGC members in the coming weeks and attention can then be turned to the establishment of a programme of work. Topics of interest already identified include discrete global grids, table joining service, linked data, geopackage, data cubes, disclosure control, data partitioning and metadata. The statistical community will now be consulted through upcoming events such as EFGS, the World Data Forum and World Geospatial Information Congress to help refine these into a programme of work

9. AOB

- **Contribution to EFGS Piggy Bank**

- For a contribution, pls use the following Euro bank account
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- For cost involved and contribution over the years – see below.

Year	Type	Cost €	Contribution	By	Comment
2016	Paris - LB Award incl. flowers to winners and organisers	260	+260	MBS	1 winner incl. thanks to the organisers
2017	Dublin - LB Award incl. flowers to winners and organiser	300	+300	MBS	2 winners
2017			+ 50 cash	Ekkehard	Dublin
2017			+ 50 cash	Janusz	Dublin
2018			+ 50 cash	Niek	Stockholm
2018			+100	Ekkehard	Account
2018			+ 50	Vilni	Account
2018	'Bow-Tie' Pins	??	??	Ingrid	In-kind
2018	Helsinki - LB Award incl flowers to winners and organiser	??		MBS	

10. Next SC Meetings

- **Oct 15** – dinner in Helsinki **at 19hrs** for GEOSTAT3 and SC members.
Pls confirm your attendance directly to Marja. Location to be decided. => **Marja**