

## European Forum for Geography and Statistics

### MINUTES - EFGS SC Meeting

**Time:** Thurs Jan 31, 2019 at 10-11 CET

**Participants:** EFGS SC Members

Attendance

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- **Welcome of new SC Members and**
  - ONS UK - Chris Gale and Nick O'Rourke
  - Pieter Bresters replacing Niek from Statistic Netherlands
- **Farwell to our long lasting member Ekkehard**
  - We warmly thank you for your long lasting contribution to the development of the successful EFGS community. We wish you all the best in your new position. We look forward to meet in future to continue discussing strategic topics around integration and harmonisation of geospatial statistics. Pls see attachment!
- **Minutes and Agenda - Corrections from last meeting**
  - AOB
    - GISCO Meeting
    - Ekkehard replacement EUROSTAT
    - Greetings to Niek

- **2019 meeting calendar**

|                                      |                             |                  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>February 28</b>                   | 10-12                       | Tele-meeting     |
| <b>March 27/28</b>                   | GISCO meeting in Luxembourg | Personal         |
| <b>(April) in May 2<sup>nd</sup></b> |                             | Tele-Meeting     |
| <b>June</b>                          | To be decided               |                  |
| <b>July – August</b>                 | To be decided               | Personal meeting |
| <b>Sept – Oct</b>                    | To be decided               | Tele-meeting     |

- **EFGS Conference**

- **Manchester Oct 10-11 2019** =>ONS UK
  - A kick-off meeting between EUROSTAT and ONS was held Jan 31,2019 at 13-1430hrs.
  - Together with EUROSTAT and EFGS SC, Nick O'Rourke and Chris Gale represent the conference core programming committee. EUROSTAT will be represented by Hannes REUTER and Julien GAFFURI until a replacement of Ekkehard has been recruited.
  - Dates were confirmed as well as the venue Radisson Blue in Manchester where the social dinner will take place. For 9 October afternoon ONS is looking into organising a joint event with the EuroGeographics general assembly which is hosted in another hotel in Manchester from 7 – 9 October. A non-traditional format for this joint event is welcome e.g. a hackathon or workshop type of event.

- The conference website should go live beginning of March. The EFGS SC must therefore have the opportunity **to review the website before its launch**. As the next meeting of the EFGS SC will be held on 28 February, this would be a good occasion to provide comments on the draft website. A few days delay for the launch of the website to take the EFGS comments on board are acceptable, so launch **at the latest ~8 March**.
  - The website should already contain
    - **Motto**
    - **Key themes**
  - ONS has identified list of Key Note Speakers and VIPs from where the programme will be structured around background and topics covered by the speakers.
  - Other possible contributors to the programme are UN-GGIM, EuroGeographics and UNECE
  - **An option of parallel sessions** is important
  - A conference logo derived from the standard EFGS logo might be an option. The EFGS logo and the Eurostat and European Commission logo should be visible together with the logos of the conference organisers.
  - **Call for abstracts and promotion of the conference** will be supported by Statistics Finland
    - To be announced at GISCO WG meeting in March 2019
    - Leaflet for distribution provided by May 2019
    - Official invitation letter from ONS, co-signed by EUROSTAT & EFGS
  - Progress meetings of the contract will be integrated into the regular EFGS SC meetings but ad-hoc meetings are always possible
  - Rina Tammisto from Statistics Finland as the host of the 2018 EFGS conference will share her experiences with organising the latest EFGS conference. She is also a member of the EFGS steering committee. Dermot Corcoran from CSO Ireland can also be contacted for advice.
  - Conference Handbook - there is a hand-book with the full body of experiences from all EFGS conferences. Rina will provide this to Nick and Chris.
  - To be remembered from 2018 conference **EFGS PINS** – perhaps to be solved 2019. Rina pls ensure this thought is followed up.
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- **GEOSTAT 3** – final report was submitted earlier in the week. Next step feedback from Eurostat. Final version to be presented at the GISCO meeting in March **=>Jerker**
  - **GEOSTAT 4** – call will be launched after GISCO meeting in March. Interest shown today by Finland, Norway, Slovenia (probably) Portugal and Austria. As there is no plan for GEOSTAT5, to participate in GEOSTAT4 will therefore be of high importance for EFGS and its future strategic impact in the area of geospatial integration and its harmonization world-wide. **=>Everyone**
  - **EFGS WEB** – will be hosted and maintained by Statistics Poland from 1 February, 2019 until March 2020. **=>Anna**
  - **SDG** –as Ekkehard’s new position is to work with SDG we hope to stay in contact with the area through him. It was also clear that SDG will not be included in the GEOSTAT4 call. **=> Ekkehard**
  - **GFGS – status** **=> Vilni**
    - The GFGS was challenged by the EFGS 2018 General Assembly to make a paper on comparison of OGC DGGs hexgrid and traditional national square grids.
    - The GFGS now consists of 21 people, with representatives from 9 countries and 3 international institutions.
    - UNECE/Steven Vale Has contributed with a WikiSpace
    - Preliminary ideas to enlarge grid testing’s including more topics, like land cover/land use, and set up test bed.
    - Nordic region suggested as common challenge for NSIs and NMAs in front of next Nordic Forum for Geography and Statistics on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of May in Helsinki.
    - Web mapping will be on the agenda for the NFGS 2019 conference.
    - Next GFGS meeting is set to 22:00 CET on 14<sup>th</sup> of February.

- **Status to EFGS Piggy Bank**

- Thank you Ekkehard and Vilni for your recent contribution
- Expenses and contribution over the years – see below

| Year | Type                                 | Cost € paid by | Contribution by      | Comment                            |
|------|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2016 | Paris - LB Award incl. flowers       | 260 /MBS       |                      | Incl. cards and flowers organisers |
| 2017 | Dublin – two LB Award incl. flowers  | 300 /MBS       |                      | Incl. cards and flowers organisers |
| 2017 | Contribution                         |                | + 50 /Ekkehard       | Cash Dublin                        |
| 2017 | Contribution                         |                | + 50 /Janusz         | Cash Dublin                        |
| 2018 | Contribution                         |                | + 50 / Niek          | Cash Stockholm                     |
| 2018 | Contribution                         |                | +100 /Ekkehard       | Account                            |
| 2018 | Contribution                         |                | + 50 /Vilni          | Account                            |
| 2018 | ‘Bow-Tie’ Pins                       | 20 /Inger      |                      | In-kind                            |
| 2018 | Helsinki – two LB Award incl flowers | 291 / MBS      |                      | Incl. cards and flowers organisers |
| 2018 | Contribution                         |                | + 50 /Ana            | Account                            |
| 2018 | Contribution                         |                | + 50 /Igor           | Account                            |
| 2018 | Contribution                         |                | + 30 / Dermot        | Cash Helsinki                      |
| 2019 | Contribution                         |                | <b>+100/Ekkehard</b> | Account                            |
| 2019 | Contribution                         |                | <b>+100 /Vilni</b>   | Account                            |
| 2019 | <b>Flowers to Niek</b>               | <b>€35</b>     |                      |                                    |
|      | <b>Expenses total in EURO</b>        | <b>906</b>     | <b>630</b>           |                                    |

- For a contribution, pls use the following Euro bank account  
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- **AOB**

- Hannes Reuter and Julien Julien Gaffuri will represent EUROSTAT until Ekkehard’s successor is in place.
- We hope for the same level of support we are used to from EUROSTAT e.g. practical matters such as WebEx meetings.
- Announcement of Janusz Dygaszewicz as EFGS President for another 2year period at the GISCO meeting will be taken care of by EUROSTAT Head of Unit ROMAN ENESCU Ruxandra (ESTAT)
- Thank you Pieter for delivering flowers to Niek. 35€ has been forwarded to your account.
- Thank you Ekkehard and Vilni för your annual contribution (€100) to the Piggy Bank.
- An annual contribution (€50-100) from other SC members is most welcome.

- **Next SC Meetings**

- **February 28, 2019 at 10-12** – Tele meeting
- **Agenda** will follow a couple of days in advance