

## European Forum for Geography and Statistics

### MINUTES - EFGS/ GFGS Steering Committee

**Time:** Thurs Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 10-12 CET

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1. **Welcome new participants today's meeting** – Carol Agius, EuroGraphics & Ian Coady, ONS UK

2. **Minutes and Agenda**

- No corrections from last meeting
- AOB – see below

3. **Future meeting calendar**

<b>February</b>	Thurs 14- Frid 15 - two full days	Personal meeting GEOSTAT3
<b>March</b>	Thurs 22 <sup>th</sup> – 10-12	Tele meeting
<b>April</b>	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> in Luxembourg	Personal meeting – dinner together
<b>May</b>	Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> – 10-12hrs	Tele meeting
<b>June</b>	Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> – 10-12hrs	Tele meeting
<b>July</b>	Before vacation time	Tele meeting
<b>September</b>	Mid- September	Tele meeting

## EFGS

4. **EFGS Conference**

- **Helsinki Oct 16-18 2018** => Marja
  - Follow-up from last meeting:
    - Expected numbers of participants around 200 as in Dublin
    - Plan for parallel sessions, Hope for 50 presentations & 3 keynote speakers
    - Venues are reserved
    - Conference Web hopefully ready by mid-March
  - Draft conference program – see attached file
  - **Themes and Motto** was discussed
    - A input to Themes is '**Quality of Data –confidence and trust**'
    - Further contribution directly to Marja => Everyone

- **Re Key-Note Speakers**
    - There are plenty of proposals for Finish speakers. One example may be a person from Finland Futures Academy.
    - Area of interest is **‘Cloud Computing’/Google Engine** represented by Google Earth. Suggested name is Ed Parsons. Carol will check interest and availability **=> Carol**
    - **Academic and Research** should also be checked out if suitable for key-note speaker. Check with Professor David Martin Univ. of Southampton **=> Ian**  
**and/or** Academic Network established in 2017 within the UNGGIM group. Interest to be checked out by **=> Carol**
  - **Lars Backer Award** Same procedure as last year **=> today n/a**
    - Invitation /Nomination Letter by President Sept / Oct 2017
  - **EFGS Conference 2019 – status** **=> Ian**
    - Ian is working on hosting the 2019 EFGS conference in UK.
    - Possibly mid-October in Manchester parallel with EuroGraphic planned GA
    - To be further investigated – a yes or no by end of March
    - If yes, support funding can be organized from EUROSTAT through an invitation and ‘call for tender’
- 5. GEOSTAT 3 - status**
- Meeting coordination in Stockholm Feb 14-15 2018
  - Start of a new phase conducting operation tests and further work with ESGF
- 6. EFGS WEB – status** **=> Anna**
- Statistics and update on users through Google Analytics enclosed to the intermediary report from GEOSTAT3
  - Follow up Dublin Conference - status of transfer of content from conference web site to EFGS
  - Two new posts in „Latest news” were published on web page
  - Update of events (meeting, conferences) in calendar for 2018
  - Web Structure – further development to be discussed in Stockholm in February 14-15.
- 7. SDG - mutual exchange of information and keeping track of work done** **=> Dermot**
- Dermot did not attend the meeting.
  - The point will therefore be addressed again at the next meeting

## GFGS

- 8. Status – summary of status by Marina**
- Vilni did not attend the meeting
  - Therefore minutes enclosed from the last tele meeting in December
  - To be further developed by Vilni at the next SC meeting
- 9. AOB**
- **Handbook of Spatial Statistics** – for Januz to sign ready by GISCO meeting **=> Vincent**
  - **Conference in Krakow June 26-29** – GEOSTAT 3 has been submitted by SCB’s Karin Hedenklint. If accepted she will attend the conference.
  - **Piggy Bank – Thank you for your contribution of 50€next time we meet** **=> Everyone**  
No need to rush. By today Ekkehard and Janus have contributed with 50€each.
- 10. Next Tele Meeting for all SC members:** Due to Easter holiday - **pls note change of date for the next tele meeting. Suggested new date and time is Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Hope you can all join the meeting.