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Abstract

UN-GGIM: Europe Working Group A aims to propose recommendations for content of core data pertaining to core data themes. It conceives core data as the geographic data that is the most useful to analyse, achieve and monitor Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In a first step, 14 data themes have been selected as core among the 34 INSPIRE themes. The on-going step is to prepare “recommendations for content” for the 14 selected themes, using as starting points both INSPIRE data specifications and user requirements with focus on those related to SDGs. The presentation will provide a state-of-play on the progress made to develop “recommendations for content” of core data themes.

Important news also comes from the external context. On the user side, a document about “Priority Geospatial Datasets for the European Commission” has been recently issued by Eurostat; its requirements include the recommendations for content proposed by the UN-GGIM: Europe Working Group A for themes Cadastral Parcels, Administrative Units, Statistical Units, Buildings, Addresses and Transport Networks. On the producer side, EuroGeographics is preparing a product on Core Reference Data; in its first version, it is limited to themes ‘Transport Networks’ and ‘Hydrography’ and aims mainly to fulfil the requirements for ancillary data for the production of the CLC Backbone, the first component of CLC second generation, but in future it might be extended to other core data themes.

These two initiatives might foster the implementation of core data recommendations for content during next years.