One of the main objectives of the GEOSTAT 3 project is to draft a guide for implementation of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF Europe) in Europe. GSGF Europe is believed to contribute to a more coordinated approach to integration of statistical and geospatial information in Europe. The ultimate objective of GSGF Europe is to increase resource efficiency, to obtain a higher degree of harmonisation between countries and to support creation of a more flexible production involving geospatial information and statistics.

Whereas the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework is a high-level framework consisting of five generic principles broad enough to apply to any region around the globe, the GSGF Europe provides recommendations as regards to the specific European situation. It builds on the major achievement already been done for the availability of geospatial information through the INSPIRE directive and the Spatial Data Infrastructures set up by Member States and the work currently being undertaken by UN GGIM Europe on core data and data integration.

The presentation will focus on the key-elements of the framework and the recommendations proposed by the project.