
GEOSTAT 3 project – Minutes from Coordination meeting

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Agenda

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1 WP-1: Report from UN GGIM: Europe meeting

Jerker gave us a brief summary of the discussions during the UN GGIM: Europe meeting in Bern a few weeks ago. Jerker then presented our feedback of the working group's comments on the GEOSTAT 3 report draft, plus a summary of the up-coming activities within our project. There were some discussions, mainly concerning definitions within the indicators that we will test.

2 WP-2: Discussion of indicators and definitions

Marianne presented some slides showing:

1. Which indicators that will be tested by each participating country,
2. Draft template for the reporting of indicator testing,
3. Draft definition of indicator *11.3.1 Land consumption by population growth*.

We did some changes during this meeting. Marianne will send us an updated version of the slides. Within the upcoming week Marianne will send us draft definitions of the other two indicators.

We should all consider the content of the slides and the indicator definitions. If you would like any changes, send them to Marianne within two weeks, i.e. by April 26.

Marianne will call us to a separate meeting within two weeks. That will only concern those who will participate in the indicator testing. That sub group should meet more often than the whole project group. One meeting per month was suggested.

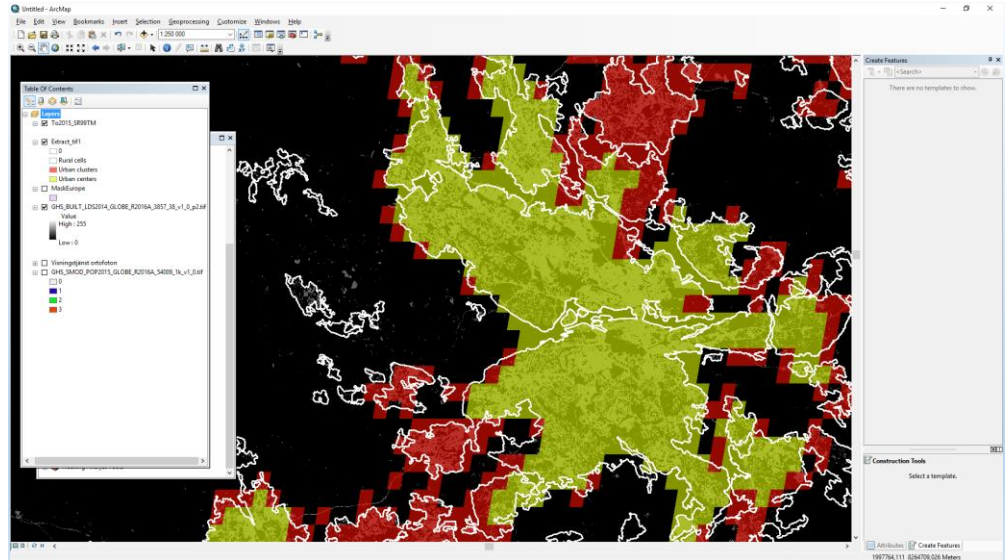
Comments from the discussion:

Template for the reporting of indicator testing:

- For every SGF principle we should highlight what is supporting or not supporting our work with the indicators.
- The comments are probably more useful than the grading.

Draft definition of indicator *11.3.1 Land consumption by population growth*:

- It is a difficult task to decide what data to use, as it is not described in the indicator's metadata.
- We should prioritize the use of urban areas data.
- We could also study built up areas, for comparison with the output from the urban areas testing.
- If you have access to national data for urban areas, you should use that primarily. The GHSL should be the second choice, as it is probably not as accurate as national data.
The GHSL is a global dataset created by JRC, using the GEOSTAT grids and other data for population and built up areas. Jerker showed us an example of the GHSL dataset compared to the Swedish national urban areas/ locality dataset.

GHSL data set in red and green. Swedish national dataset in white borders

- The GHSL could also be used when comparing data between different countries, when you need to use the same dataset and definitions for all countries.
- Differences in data quality could be accepted, if the output is to analyse a trend and the exact numbers are less important than the trend during a time period. The advantage with the GHSL is the long time series of it, stretching from 1975, with one dataset for each ten years.
- The GHSL built up areas could be used to identify the open spaces that you need for testing the indicator *11.7.1 Built up areas of cities, open space for public use*.
- We will skip the income disaggregation.
- JRC has presented an alternative to the logarithmic formula that is in the indicator's metadata.

3 WP-1: Report from Technical Task Force

The WMS and WFS of the GEOSTAT 3 participating countries, and Belgium, are available as the URL's were presented at the meeting in Stockholm 2018. Next the Netherlands converted grid data from CSV into SDMX, which data format will be the second cornerstone. Developing the TJS as the last cornerstone will be started very soon.

To contribute in testing the TJS Niek invited more countries to convert data into SDMX and participate in the TJS. He will send us a manual how to derive SDMX data from CSV data, so more will be able to participate in testing the forthcoming TJS. Pieter will make the same request at the GISCO meeting next week.

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Jerker will briefly present the progress within the project, with focus on WP-1 and WP-2. He asked Niek and Marianne to send him a couple of slides that summarizes their parts of the project.

Marja will present the progress within WP-4, concerning the planning of the EFGS conference.

Ekkehard asked us to look at the GEOSTAT 4 discussion paper, that will be presented at the GISCO meeting.