
GEOSTAT 3 project – Minutes from Coordination meeting

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Venue: Web conference

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Agenda

Progress and problems within each WP

WP 0: Management (coordination)

The common space for sharing documents is in progress. Ekkehard is working on that. Hopefully this week we will have a space where we can put documents instead of circulating them by e-mail.

The new web solution for meetings is working much better than the old one. We will continue using it. Ekkehard will send out a link before each meeting.

WP 1: European SGF

Technical task force

Niek presented a plan for the work within the technical task force. The plan will be filled with more activities during the progress of the work. The plan will be put on the project's space for documents and Niek will give us short briefings of the progress.

They will now investigate available technique and coordinate their work, so they don't spend time on work that has already been done by others.

Pieter has downloaded national grids from the EFGS website and started to harmonize them to the Inspire data model. The tests will then be evaluated. The plan is to test grids from all countries within the project, but Ekkehard suggested that data from more countries is tested, as there are so many differences in the geography between countries. There might be problems with countries that have a large total area or that have a very varied coastline, with many fjords and islands.

Strategical task force

The work within this TF will start during May. To begin with it will be an internal work at Statistics Sweden, in order to define and work out a plan. It will be presented to the rest of the project group at our next coordination meeting.

WP 2: Testing the ESS-SGF

Erik presented the state of progress. They have discussed the choice of indicators with UNGGIM Europe WG B, where Pier-Giorgio is the contact. As we have a lot in common we will cooperate with WG B regarding the SDG indicators. They will look at synergies in order to avoid any overlap and redundancy.

WP 3: Maintaining the EFGS website

Latest updates on the website are:

- Information about the EFGS 2017 conference in Dublin,
- News about the UNECE workshop in Stockholm,
- Presentations from the GISCO meeting,
- Updates of contact information of EFGS, GFGS, NFGS contacts,
- Photo gallery from the EFGS 2016 conference in Paris.

WP 4: Organisation of EFGS conferences

The conference website will be launched in 2 weeks. The registration for the conference will then be open. Dermot is working on the send list for invitations.

The dates for the conference is November 2-3. We will have a Geostat 3 meeting on November 1st. Dermot has reserved a room for us.

We will ask delegates at the UNECE Workshop in Stockholm to join the conference. Some of them might be key note speakers. Statistics Ireland and Eurostat could send joint invitations to possible key note speakers.

The conference venue is arranged so that parallel sessions are possible.

An idea for the Lars Backer prize is that it is given to best presenter during the conference. It could be a nice way to close the conference. Dermot will present this idea to the EFGS steering committee.

WP 5: Exploitation, distribution and dissemination

Karin will put the communication plan on the document common space, so that it may be updated by all in the project. All conferences and meetings where we promote this project should be put in the communication plan.

This year's Inspire conference (September 4-8), is an important forum for us. Pieter Bresters will go there and give a presentation on the harmonisation effort of Statistics Netherlands, which includes the Geostat3 efforts.