



UN GGIM Europe consultation ESGF – some fundamental issues



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ESGF vs GSGF?

- Is it really a European version of the GSGF or rather a guide to implementation of the GSGF in Europe?
- We want to stick to the principles of the GSGF but elaborate the content for the European scene.
- So ESGF or GSGF: Europe?





The geographical scope

- Concerns raised regarding the geographical scope of the framework (Geographical or political Europe)?
- The answer must be both: The ESS has assigned us the task to draft the framework (political), building on INSPIRE (political) but its recommendations can include a wider Europe (geographical)
- From the start we kept it an ESS business but this was considered too narrow. Now extended, is it too broad?





The mandate

- "Who" is the ESGF? The ESGF is making recommendations but what is its mandate?
- The mandate of the ESS can only cover part of the framework. What about the rest?
- To whom are the recommendations made and who is responsible to enforce the implementation?





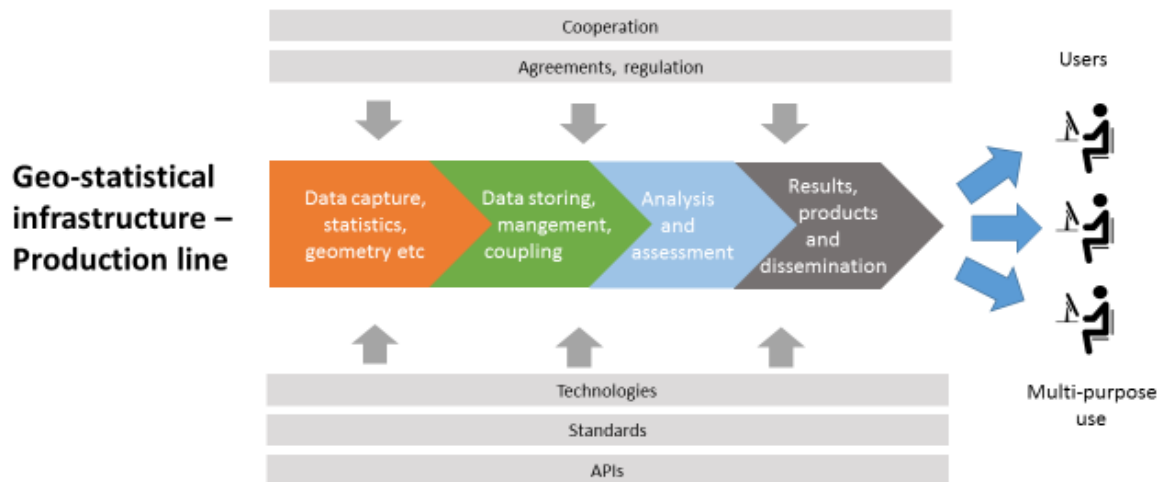
The statistical focus

- Still considered a "strong" statistical focus
- Although NSDIs and geospatial agencies are mentioned, much of the discussion and many of the recommendations for action are directed at NSIs.
- Especially principle 2. "In fact, it is usually the NMCA which does geocoding of spatial features"?
- Problem: again the only clear mandate we have is the ESS, which is a statistical framework.



A processual perspective

- Proposal to illustrate the ESGF from a workflow point of view
- This was mainly the approach of GEOSTAT 2
- How to deal with this in GEOSTAT 3?





References to harmonised data

- UN-GGIM global fundamental geospatial data themes
- UN-GGIM Core data specifications
- INSPIRE specifications
- Different partially duplicated concepts
- What should we use?





Terminology/explanations

- Need for glossary/explanation of acronyms
- “Statistical Unit” – big language barrier. INSPIRE should have chosen another term...!!
- “Geographies” – seems established at least in the statistical community but a lot of questions on this.
- “Geocode” needs to be clarified!





Miscellaneous

- Point-based foundation needs to be further clarified (that other types of data also qualify for geocoding, eg. building polygons, cadastral parcels and road segments)
- A stronger emphasis on service oriented architecture and services
- Linked Open Data. May be to early to make good proposals.
- GDPR – what impact?
- Classification of recommendation (long-term, short-term). Has already been proposed by Pier-Giorgio



