

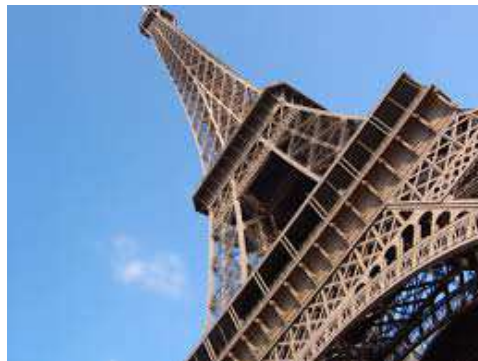
THE EFGS 2016 PARIS CONFERENCE

15-17 NOVEMBER 2016

INVITATION AND CALL FOR PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

Dear colleagues,

The European Forum for Geography and Statistics¹ (EFGS) is pleased to invite you to the **9th Conference** on the integration of geography and statistics, which is to be held in Paris from **15 to 17 th November 2016** at **the Mercure Paris Vaugirard Porte de Versailles Hotel**. This year's conference will be hosted by Insee, the French National Statistical Institute (NSI), with support from Eurostat and in co-operation with IGN, the French National Mapping Agency (NMA), and with the French Ministry of the Environment, Energy and Marine Affairs.



Many programmes and initiatives at European level require frequently updated high quality statistical and geospatial information for evidence-based decisions-making at all levels of public administration, from local to global. The EFGS supports the creation of a professional community dedicated to the development and harmonization of NSI-based systems of spatial statistics and their integration with geospatial information as part of the UN-GGIM initiative. Best-practice studies from both NSIs and NMCAs help inspire and encourage a closer co-operation between the two communities.

The motto of this year's conference is "*Suitable, Reliable, Sustainable*" which stands for the *suitable* tools that both statistical and geographical communities have to provide, in order to feed the growing demand on spatial statistics. These tools will prove useful only if they rely on comprehensive, authoritative and accurate data, in one word on *reliable* data. Finally, fueling the demand will only be achieved in the long run if the bridges built at the previous EFGS conference in Vienna, between NSIs and NMAs, are *sustainable*. Moreover sustainability lies at

¹ The EFGS is a network of experts from NSIs. EFGS promotes co-operation among stakeholders from NSIs, NMAs and Eurostat aimed at providing spatial statistics for Europe. Among other activities, the annual conference is one of the main awareness-raising events for the community.

the heart of the current debate on Development Goals. As such it is included in the following themes to be discussed at the conference:

- **UN-GGIM** - *Current developments at Global and European levels,*
- **Sustainable Development Goals** - *Importance of geospatial information,*
- **Cooperation between NMCAs and NSIs** - *Harmonization of the spatial reference framework for geocoding,*
- **Management of census geography,**
- **Integration of geography in the statistical production process,**
- **Confidentiality issues,**
Web tools for dissemination,
- **Big data and Earth observation data in official statistics,**
- **Geospatial analysis.**

More information on the EFGS 2016 Conference will be made available soon on the conference website : <http://www.efgs2016.eu/>



Participation in the conference is free of charge and participants are encouraged to register via the registration form already available on the conference website. The deadline for registration is **September, 30th 2016**

Participants need to arrange for accommodation. It is recommended to do this as early as possible. A list of accommodations is available on the conference website. If you wish to book a room in one of these places, please have a look at the conference website for special rate booking codes.

Participants, who wish to contribute with presentations, papers or posters are asked to follow the guidelines given on the conference website and to send a short abstract as soon as possible but not later than **September, 16th 2016** to

efgs-2016@insee.fr

We look forward to your participation and contributions!

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