

# Report from the UN-GGIM: Europe



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# UN-GGIM: Europe

The refreshed strategy of UN-GGIM: Europe was adopted at the Regional Plenary in 2021.

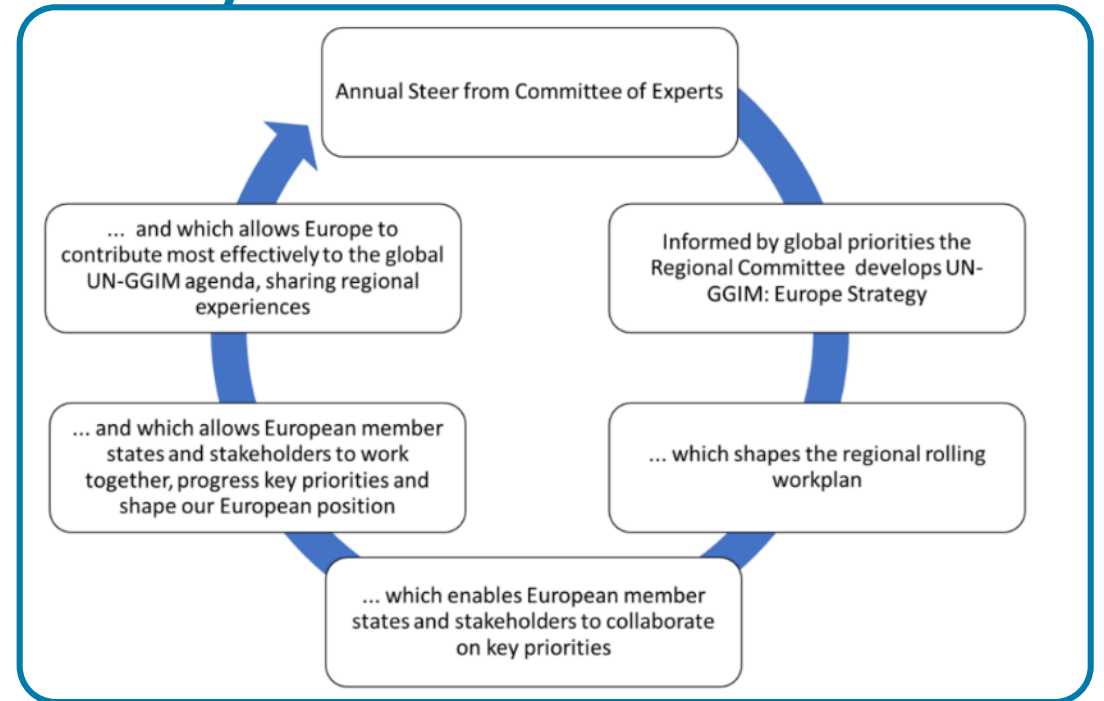
We adopted the new Work Plan at the Regional Plenary in 2022.

## Vision & Mission Statement

Building on the overarching vision of UN-GGIM of *positioning geospatial information to effectively address global challenges*, UN-GGIM: Europe mission is:

*Maximise the use of geospatial information in Europe for a safer and more sustainable world.*

*Through identifying opportunities, understanding and solving common challenges across the Europe Region. By collaborating with partners to enhance the use of geospatial data and its integration with statistics to inform and drive action.*



# Work Plan – 5 ‘lines of work’

## Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

- supports the regional representatives on the HLG-IGIF, provide the views of the European Region as the IGIF matures, and consider activities which will benefit members of UN-GGIM: Europe.

## Global Geodetic Reference Frames

- Aligns and support the UN-GGIM Subcommittee on Geodesy's priorities for the Global Geodetic Reference Frame, and to translate them into actions relevant for UN-GGIM: Europe

## Data Integration

- Explore ways to contribute and support activities promoting geospatial and statistical data integration, including reinforcing the involvement of the EO community

## Sustainable Development Goals

- Maintain the active contribution of UN-GGIM: Europe on showcasing the added value of integrating geospatial data with other data to address SDG indicators

## Data Strategy and Policy

- contribute to the development of relevant policy and data strategies regarding the management and use of geospatial data to maximise its value in addressing the challenges of a green, sustainable and digital Europe



# The strategy is delivered through a Work Plan

*... a blueprint that facilitates the collaboration of European Member States, European*

## Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

- Provides support and input to European Members of the HLG-IGIF
- Contribute to the global tasks of HLG-IGIF making sure regional concerns are raised and addressed
- Understand issues and obstacles the Regional Members may face when looking to implement IGIF

## Geodetic Reference Frames

- Contribute to the activities of the Subcommittee of Geodesy
- Focus on growing and sustaining the geodesy profession

## Sustainable Development Goals

- Showcasing the added value of integrating geospatial data with other data to address SDG indicators
- Explore further requirements and practices on the use and integration of Earth Observation data

## Data Strategy and Policy

- Contribute to the development of relevant policy and data strategies
- Understand the links between European policy and the IGIF

## Data Integration

- Maintain the active contribution on data methods and showcasing the value of integrating geospatial data with other data
- Explore ways to support activities promoting geospatial and statistical data integration



# Vision documents

- Diversity, equity and inclusion
- Collaboration with private sector
- Climate resilience
- Future geospatial information ecosystem
- Geospatial data and the Post-2030 Agenda



## UN-GGIM: Europe Vision Document on: Strengthening collaboration within UN-GGIM between the public and private sector

*This short paper has been drafted to support discussion on strengthening collaboration between the public and private sector within UN-GGIM. By discussing this topic during the...*



## UN-GGIM: Europe Vision Document on: Diversity, equity, inclusion and...

### Background

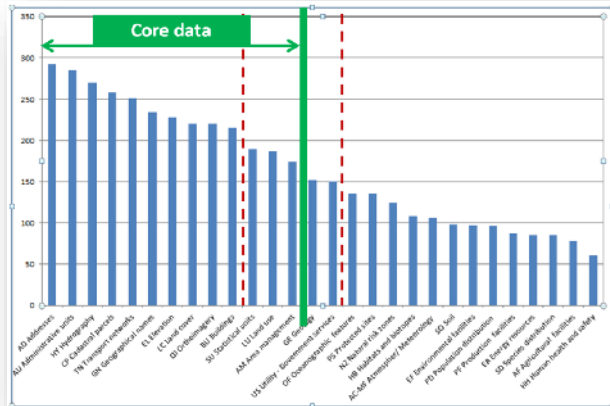
The geospatial industry, like other industries, has recognised that it is important to focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). We know that diverse and inclusive environments contribute to a sense of identity and drive better business performance.

During the Thirteenth Session of the UN-GGIM Committee of Experts in 2021, a meeting was held on the topic of 'Inclusion and Diversity in geospatial information management'. This led to a [decision](#) by the Committee to *integrate the subjects of inclusion and diversity into the Committee's agenda items, and encourage working groups and thematic networks to integrate this topic in their work plans.*

# Core Data for Europe

Identified the core geospatial data which meets essential user needs in Europe and proposed recommendations of content of the core data themes through extensive consultations with the wider geospatial community.

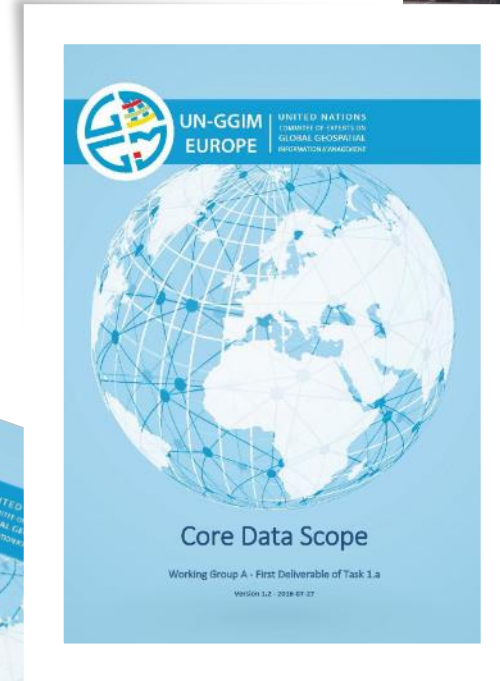
The core data model has been integrated into the Open Maps for Europe 2 (OME2) project specifications, a practical implementation of the work of UN-GGIM: Europe.



Preparatory work about core data

Selection of core data themes – Core data scope

Core spatial data themes – Recommendations for content





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### Policy Outreach Paper

- ✓ Promotes the benefits of data integration
- ✓ Recommendations on data integration

- ✓ Focuses on the **contribution of geospatial data** and its integration with statistical data at a global, European and national perspective
- ✓ Provides **recommendations** towards a more effective geospatial data integration to address SDG indicators

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What happens where?

### Leaflet

- ✓ Strengthen information
- ✓ Effective examples of data integration



THE TERRITORIAL DIMENSION IN SDG INDICATORS: GEOSPATIAL DATA ANALYSIS AND ITS INTEGRATION WITH STATISTICAL DATA

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WORKING GROUP ON DATA INTEGRATION

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# Data integration in Europe



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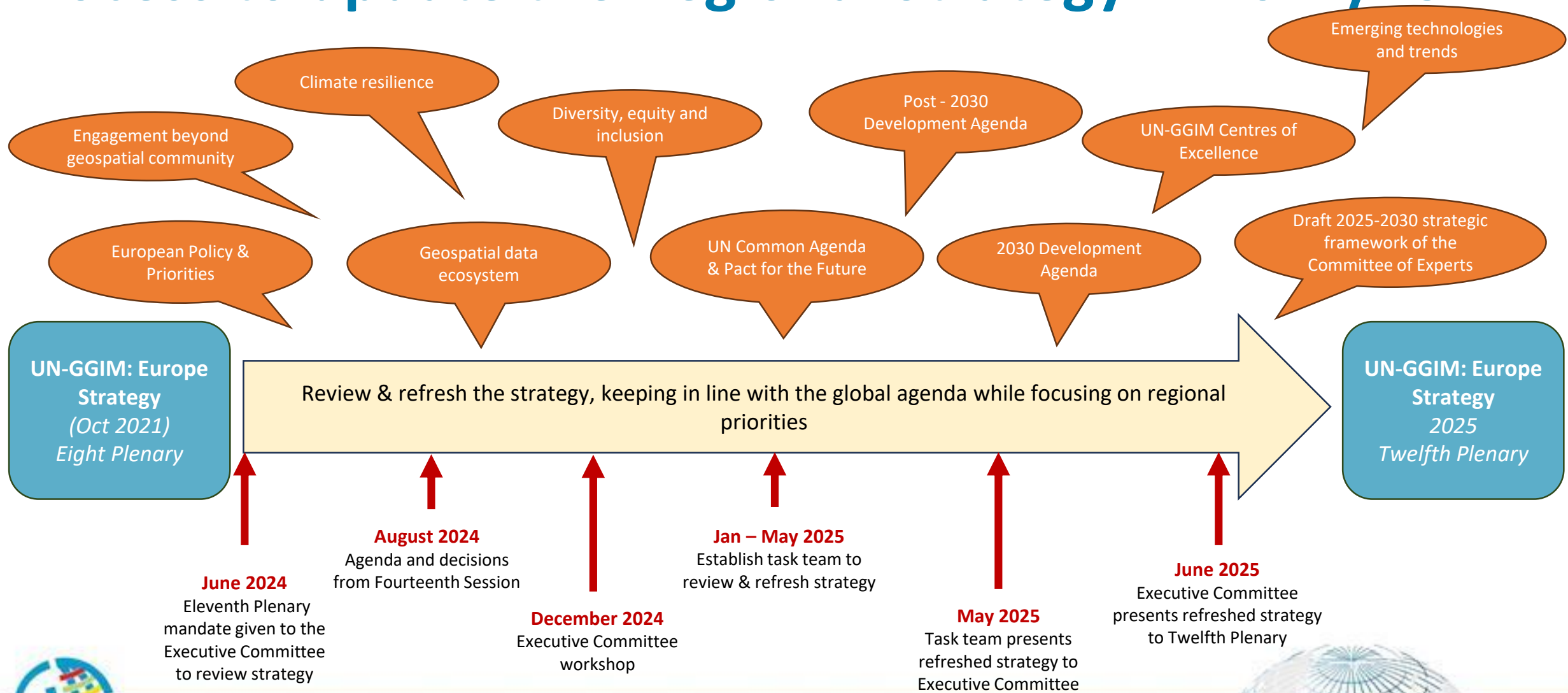
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# Process to update the Regional Strategy in 2024/25



# Looking forward to 2025

- ***European Forum for Geography and Statistics Conference***, Brdo pri Kranju, Slovenia, 10 - 12 December 2024.
- ***Geodesy Capacity Development Workshop for Europe***, GGCE UN Campus, Bonn, Germany 17-21 February 2025
- ***11th Joint UN-GGIM: Europe – ESS – UNECE Meeting on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information***, Luxemburg, Spring 2025 tbc
- ***Twelfth Plenary Meeting UN-GGIM: Europe***, Date & Venue tbc



# Call to action

- Continue our joined-up approach to working across the UN-GGIM Regional Committees.
- Promote key themes of diversity and inclusion across all UN-GGIM's activities.
- Commit to support the development of the UN-GGIM Strategic Refresh 2025-2030



# Thank you for listening.



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