



**United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
Statistical Division**

UNECE Activities on Geospatial Information Management

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A new mandate

- ❖ July 2016 ECOSOC Resolution:
 - “requests that the regional commissions provide relevant support, upon request and as appropriate, to the work of the regional bodies of UN-GGIM”

- ❖ June 2017 CES Plenary Session
 - “recognized the importance of joint work between statisticians and geospatial experts
 - “supported greater collaboration between UNECE and UN-GGIM: Europe”



Building a new partnership

- ❖ Discussions with UN-GGIM: Europe Chair and Executive Committee
- ❖ Agreed proposal for greater collaboration
- ❖ Approved at the political level by the UNECE Executive Committee





How we already collaborate

- ❖ Joint UNECE / UN-GGIM Europe Workshop on Integrating Geospatial and Statistical Standards, Stockholm, 6-8 November
- ❖ High-Level Seminar on Strategic Partnerships in Official Statistics, Geneva, 11-12 April 2018
- ❖ Joint Eurostat / UN-GGIM: Europe / UNECE Meeting on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, Luxembourg, 18 April 2018





Priorities for the future

- ❖ Geospatial information for sustainable development
- ❖ Building networks and promoting communication
- ❖ Integration of geospatial, statistical and other information
- ❖ Capacity development



Why is this important?

- ❖ Sustainable Development Goals
- ❖ Growing interest and pressure from UNECE member countries
- ❖ Demand for workshops and capacity development activities
 - **More about this tomorrow**

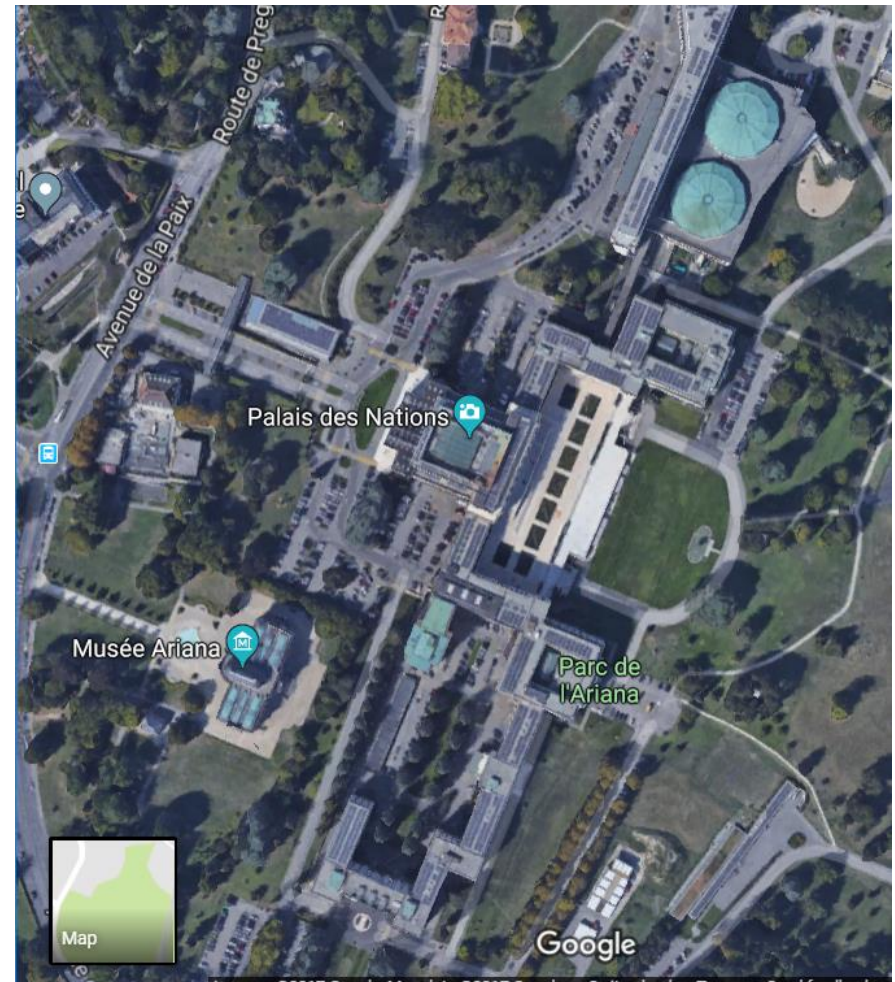


Planned activities

- ❖ Joint workshop on data integration in 2019
- ❖ Joint work on satellite image data
- ❖ Proposal for 2020:
 - CES and UN-GGIM: Europe plenary sessions back-to-back in Geneva, with a joint part on topics of common interest

Example - Satellite images

- ❖ Useful for:
 - Land-use and agriculture statistics
 - Identifying new settlements
 - Census planning
 - SDGs!!
- ❖ Standard source for all countries
- ❖ Standard methods and tools?





Questions

- ❖ Does the CES Plenary Session:
 - Endorse the progress so far in developing a partnership with UN-GGIM: Europe?
 - Support the proposal for back-to-back plenary sessions in 2020, with a joint part to discuss topics of common interest?