



23-25 September 2025

European Forum for Geography and Statistics

Oslo, Norway

Draft Programme - Tuesday 23 September, Pre-Conference Day, Venue: Statistics Norway, Oslo

09:00 – 09:30	Registration and coffee				
09:30 – 09:50	Welcome and Information				
Parallel workshops					
10:00 - 10:50	Python in GIS - by Statistics Poland	GeoNode - Overview - by CGI	GSGF Europe in Action - by GSGF-CARE project	Earth Observation-workshop - Getting started with EO for statistics - by ESA SEF	GeoAI for statistics - Applying GeoAI to satellite imagery & Using generative AI for surveys - by ESRI
10:50 – 11:00	Break				
11:00 – 12:00	Python in GIS, cont.	GeoNode - End users and platform administration - by CGI	GSGF Europe in Action, cont.	Earth Observation-workshop, cont.	GeoAI for statistics, cont.
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch				
12:30 – 13:20	Repeated: Python in GIS	Repeated: GeoNode - Overview	Transition to register-based censuses: Prerequisites & Overview - by Statistics Norway	Earth Observation-workshop, cont.	Deus ex Geomachina - GeoAI - Learn how to gain geospatial superpowers with Large Language Models - by Norkart AS
13:20 – 13:30	Break				
13:30 – 14:30	Repeated: Python in GIS, cont.	Repeated: GeoNode - End users and platform administration	Addressing systems: National examples - by Austria, The Netherlands and Sweden	FAIR Calculator - Tool for evaluation of spatial data - by The Norwegian Mapping Authority	Deus ex Geomachina, cont.
16:00 – 17:30 Reception at Oslo City Hall The doors open for security check at 15:30					
After reception	Optional activities: 1) Do your own thing 2) Join in on a stroll around Oslo town centre 3) Join in on the "full" Nordic experience: Seafront sauna & swim				

Draft Programme - Wednesday 24 September, Venue: Thon Conference Universitetsgaten, Oslo

09:00 – 09:45	Registration and coffee in the lobby
Single session	
09:45 – 10:00	Welcoming, housekeeping, information and update on the programme. Introducing session moderators and technicians.
10:00 – 10:05	Welcoming address: EFGS - Ingrid Kaminger, president
10:05 – 10:10	Welcoming address: Statistics Norway - Geir Axelsen, SG
10:10 – 10:15	Welcoming address: Eurostat - Márta Nagy-Rothengass, Head of unit: Regional statistics and geographical information
10:15 – 10:20	Welcoming address: The Norwegian Mapping Authority, Arvid Lillethun
10:20 – 10:30	Keynote: TBC - Statistics Norway – Geir Axelsen, SG
10:30 – 10:45	Keynote: Eurostat - Márta Nagy-Rothengass, Head of unit: Regional statistics and geographical information
10:45 – 11:00	Questions/Panel discussion
11:00 – 11:10	Break
11:10 – 11:40	How NRK changed public discourse through public data, AI and GIS - Mads Nyborg Støstad - NRK (Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation)

11:40 – 12:00	a) Recap and learnings from the Pre-Conference Day - with the presenters b) A brief introduction to the parallel sessions starting after lunch - Svein Reid, Statistics Norway	
12:00 – 12:40	Lunch	
Parallel sessions		
	Frameworks in Geospatial and Statistical Communities - Concepts & Implementation	Transition to Cloud and Open Source in Organisations
12:40 – 13:00	Assessing the maturity of statistical-geospatial data integration in Europe - Jerker Moström - Statistics Sweden	Data platform for Statistics Norway - Transition to open source and cloud - Øyvind Bruer-Skarsbø - Statistics Norway
13:00 – 13:20	The UN Global Statistical Geospatial Framework 2nd edition - Olive Powell - ONS	The pros and cons of open source in organisations: Implementation and support considerations - Pascal Coulon - CGI
13:20 – 13:40	Norwegian SDI – a valuable model for cross-sectoral cooperation and value creation - Arvid Lillethun -The Norwegian Mapping Authority	Hoots Wain, stop yer greetin’: Embracing the messiness of spatial data in statistical production - Justin McGurk - Central Statistics Office, Ireland
13:40 – 14:00	Tentative: The importance of trustworthy geodata - Ileana Spiroiu - National Agency for Cadaster and Land Registry/National Center for Cartography - Romania	Transitioning to GIS with Python in the cloud - Challenges and implications - Morten Wiig Letnes - Statistics Norway
14:00 – 14:20	Questions/Panel discussion	Questions/Panel discussion
14:20 – 14:40	Break	
	Frameworks in Geospatial and Statistical Communities - GEOS Funded Projects	New Technologies - AI/ML
14:40 – 15:00	Analysis of GEOS grants: Trends, impacts, and strategic alignment over more than a decade - Bianka Fohgrub - Eurostat	Challenges and potential of AI for high resolution and reliable land use statistics Romain Douard - Federal Statistical Office Switzerland
15:00 – 15:20	Building strategic geostatistical coalitions - Arndís Vilhjálmsdóttir - Statistics Iceland	GeoAI: Revolutionizing data collection and analysis for national statistics offices Kate Hess - ESRI
15:20 – 15:40	Geospatial linking of water and electricity consumption microdata - Črt Šuštar - Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia	Seeing the source: Using Computer Vision to locate and map cooling towers to enhance preparedness for Legionella - Musa Chirikeni - UK Health Security Agency
15:40 – 16:00	Measuring accessibility to essential services with travel times: an example for Portugal - Maria José Aurindo - Statistics Portugal	Geospatial AI - experiences from research to production (How can artificial intelligence contribute to better data and decisions within climate, environment and land use?) - Mathilde Ørstavik and Alexander S. Nossum - Norkart
16:00 – 16:20	Questions/Panel discussion	Questions/Panel discussion
16:20 – 16:30	Break	
Single session		
16:30 – 16:45	Wrap-up – remarks of Day 1 Information about the banquet	
17:00 – 17:XX	EFGS General Assembly	
18:30 – Conference banquet at Hotel Bristol Welcoming drinks from 18:30, Banquet 19:00		

Draft Programme - Thursday 25 September, Venue: Thon Conference Universitetsgaten, Oslo		
Single session		
09:00 – 09:15	Morning coffee	
09:15 - 09:25	Welcome and "Plan for the day" - together with the moderators	
09:25 – 09:30	Break	
Parallel sessions		
	GIS Tools for Processing and Dissemination	GSGF Principles in Action
09:30 – 09:45	Tentative: Geo-based tools and dashboards on risk assessment and crisis management – practical issues, data challenges, creative use - in Oslo municipality - <i>Osman Ibrahim - Oslo Municipality</i>	High-resolution housing mapping for Europe in 2021: Bridging census data and modern geospatial needs - Sergio Freire - <i>Joint Research Centre/Engineering SpA</i>
09:45 – 10:00	Modernizing census data delivery: WebGIS implementation at the Kosovo Agency of Statistics - <i>Idriz Shala - Kosovo Agency of Statistics</i>	The new process for geocoding addresses to census enumeration areas - <i>Davide Fardelli - ISTAT</i>
10:00 – 10:15	FME – A key tool for geospatial data processing at Statistics Sweden - <i>Esbjörn Pettersson - Statistics Sweden</i>	Using H3 cells as a decision-making tool for collecting external marine depth data - <i>William Rudolph-Lund - The Norwegian Mapping Authority</i>

10:15 – 10:30	Break	
	New Technologies - Automation	New Technologies - EO / Mobility
10:30 – 10:45	A GIS-based evaluation of green and public spaces in Austria - <i>Christian Stefan - Statistics Austria</i>	From space to statistics: ESA projects enabling EO-based environmental indicators - <i>Federica Marando - European Space Agency (ESA)</i>
10:45 – 11:00	Automation of GIS-analysis for land use planning ("DOK spatial analysis") - <i>Arvid Lillethun - The Norwegian Mapping Authority</i>	Comparing MNO and GPS data for spatiotemporal population assessment using commercial, off-the-shelf data - <i>Filipe Batista e Silva - European Commission, Joint Research Centre</i>
11:00 – 11:15	GeoLiving – Geospatial integration of living conditions across statistical scales - <i>Vilni. V. H. Bloch - Statistics Norway</i>	OREO NI: Supporting public sector transformation through Earth Observation data - <i>Sara Stewart - Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland (OSNI)</i>
11:15 – 11:30	Automated change detection with Sentinel-1: An OpenEO implementation - <i>Torgeir Ferdinand Klingenberg - The Norwegian Mapping Authority</i>	Operationalising EO for post-2030 SDG monitoring - <i>Monica Miguel Lago - European Association of Remote Sensing Companies (EARSC)</i>
11:30 – 11:45	Machine learning in detection of land cover – the case of mires/bogs in Norway - <i>Carl William Lund - The Norwegian Mapping Authority</i>	Remote sensing data: Do we have the tools, skills and collaborative frameworks needed to turn a big amount of data into real value for the society? - <i>Ola Nordbeck - Norwegian Space Agency</i>
11:45 – 12:00	Questions/Panel discussion	Questions/Panel discussion
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch	
	Data Integration for Cross-border Work and Common Geometries	Geodata for Spatial and Statistical Analysis - Case Studies and Country Examples
12:45 – 13:00	ACROSS Project: Unlocking the potential of geospatial data for cross-border regions - <i>Matteo Berzi - JRC</i>	Identifying functional urban areas using social security data. The case of Ankara, Türkiye - <i>Mert Kubilay Uludağ - TurkStat</i>
13:00 – 13:15	The critical role of data in cross-border cooperation: Challenges and collaborative solutions - <i>Viktória Jánosi - CESCO (Central European Service for Cross-border Initiatives)</i>	Trends and distribution of drug-related incidents in Vilnius, Lithuania - <i>Gordonas Jankūnas - Institute of Geosciences, Vilnius University, Lithuania</i>
13:15 – 13:30	Longitudinal municipal geographies in Norway – A geospatial backbone for statistical production - <i>Dana Moe - Statistics Norway</i>	Environmental Accounting – challenges in marine areas - <i>Kathrin Bögelsack - The Norwegian Mapping Authority</i>
13:30 – 13:45	Geospatial foundations of the Degree of Urbanisation: Methodology and applications in city statistics - <i>Mate Farkas - Eurostat</i>	Integrating land ownership data into ecosystem accounts: A case study from the Netherlands - <i>Frank Prins - Statistics Netherlands</i>
13:45 – 14:00	Open Maps for Europe 2 (OME2): Building a new Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) for pan-European large-scale data - <i>Jointly delivered by representatives from BKG and IGN-France</i>	A Norwegian base map for spatial analysis and land accounting - <i>Maria Oldeman Lund - NIBIO</i>
14:00 – 14:15	Questions/Panel discussion	Questions/Panel discussion
14:15 – 14:30	Break	
Single session		
14:30 - 15:00	Wrap-up-presentation – closing remarks for the conference Thank you to moderators, presenters, technicians, hosts. <i>Safe travel home!</i>	

Collaboration partners:

