

# POLICY KEN MEETING

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# High Value Data Sets Webinar

11 February 2020

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# Policy Knowledge Exchange Network

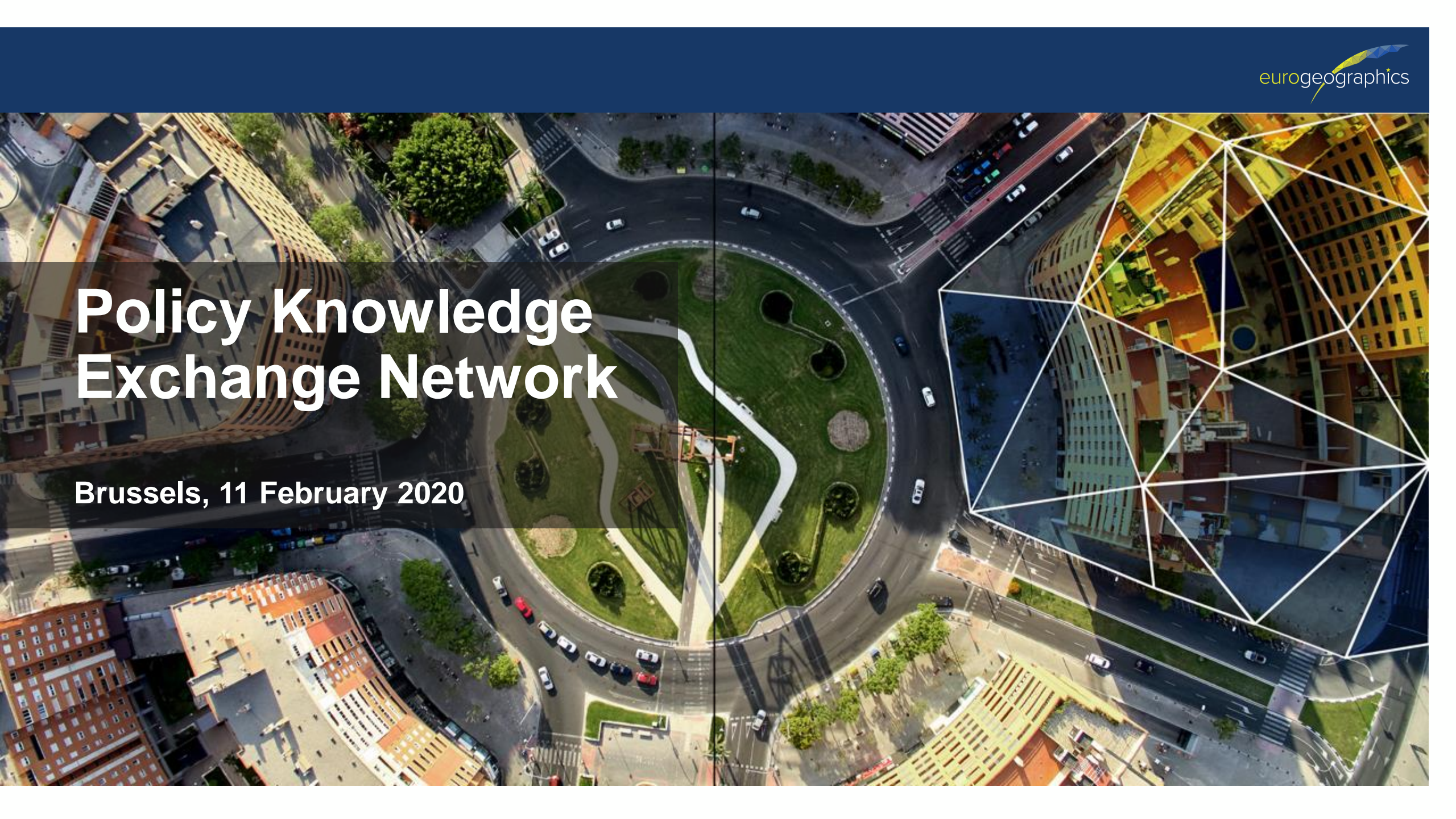
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# UN-GGIM Update

**Carol Agius**

**UN-GGIM Secretariat**



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# UN-GGIM

ECOSOC established the Committee of Experts as the apex intergovernmental mechanism for making joint decisions and setting directions with regard to the production, availability and use of geospatial information within national, regional and global policy frameworks. Led by United Nations Member States, UN-GGIM aims to address global challenges regarding the use of geospatial information, including in the development agendas, and to serve as a body for global policymaking in the field of geospatial information management.



**United  
Nations**

Department of Economic and Social Affairs



Statistics Division



**UN-GGIM**

# Governance of UN-GGIM: Europe

- UN-GGIM: Europe is coordinated and managed by an Executive Committee of nine approved at Regional Plenary Meetings
- The current Executive Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe:

## Chair

- Tomaz Petek, Slovenia

## Vice-Chairs

- Francisco Vala, Portugal
- Antonio Arozarena Villar, Spain
- David Henderson, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

## Members

- Colin Bray, Ireland
- Ezio Bussoletti, Italy
- Frank Tierolff, Netherlands
- Janusz Dygaszewicz, Poland
- Susanne Ås Sivborg, Sweden



- The Netherlands is responsible for providing the secretariat to UN-GGIM: Europe. The function of the Secretariat of UN-GGIM: Europe is funded and executed by EuroGeographics AISBL through a Service Level Agreement with Kadaster Netherlands which has been renewed for another two years until the end of 2020.



# Our Role

## Secretariat

- Help the UN-GGIM: Europe ExCom carry out the work of the Regional Committee

## Representation

- Represent our members at the UN-GGIM Committee of Experts, both regionally and globally



# Representation Role

- Facilitates members' access to UN-GGIM and its agenda of work
- EuroGeographics is a permanent observer on the UN-GGIM: Europe Executive Committee
- Makes interventions on topic items relevant to our members at the CoE's Annual Sessions
- Provides UN access to our member's data (SALB)
- Participates in global consultations on key issues and documents
- Maintains relationships with the UN-GGIM Expanded Bureau and the Secretariat



# Current Agenda Items

- [Third Edition of Future Trends](#)
  - Global consultation of the document closed in August 2019, will be presented at the HLF
- [Framework on Effective Land Administration](#) (FELA)
  - Global consultation currently underway, closes 3 March 2020
- [Integrated Geospatial Information Framework](#) (IGIF)
  - Part 2: Implementation Guide is being drafted and will open for global consultation in the near future.



# What Can you do?

- UN-GGIM is a Committee of Experts
- Led by United Nations Member States
- Foster relationships with your country's ministries responsible for Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Mission to the UN in New York



# Thank you

# The New Commission and other EU bodies

**Marjana Zelic**

**EuroGeographics Policy research Officer**



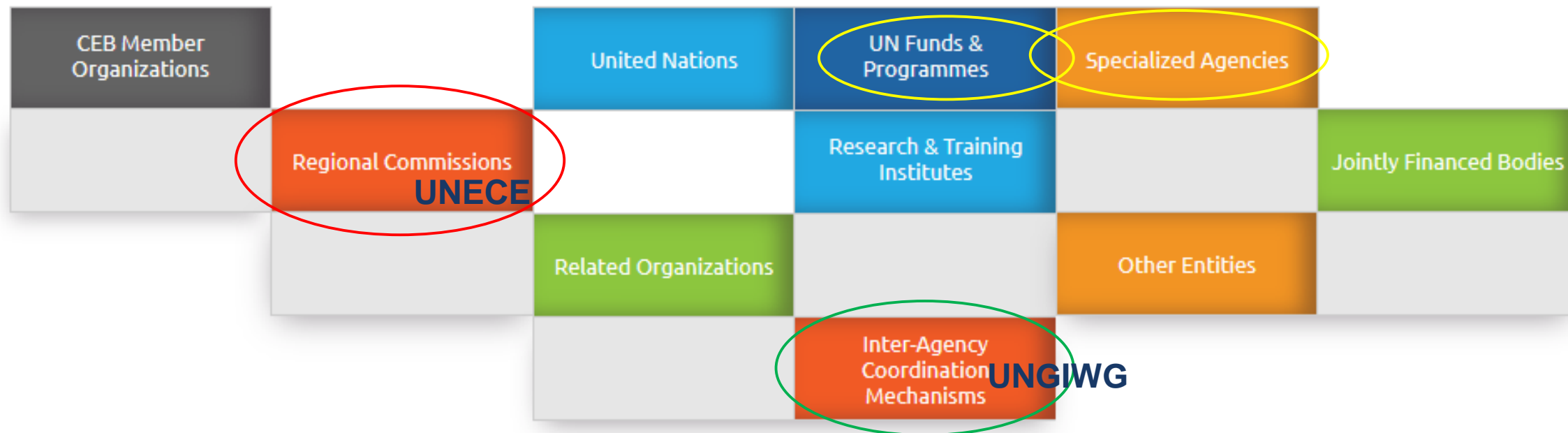
# Representing your interests



# Representing in the world



## DIRECTORY OF UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM ORGANIZATIONS



# EU ASSEMBLE CLASS of 2019 – 2024 starts work

New Parliament's  
constituent Plenary with  
new President

**David Sassoli**

2 -4 July 2019

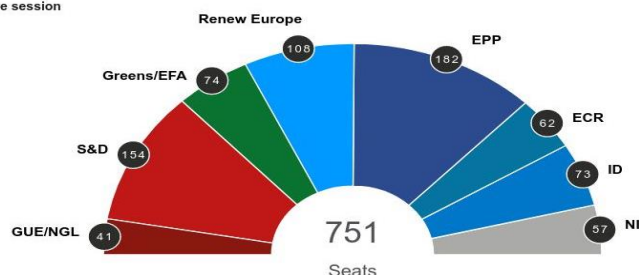
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European Commission  
President takes office

**Ursula von der Leyen**

1 December

European Parliament 2019 - 2024  
Constitutive session



## Political groups in the European Parliament

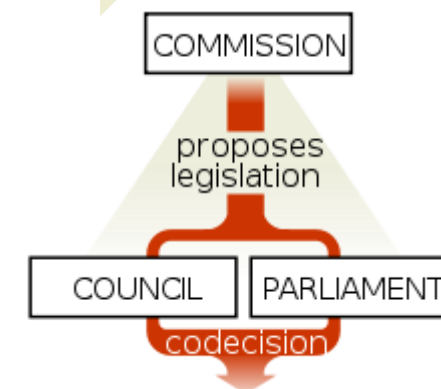
- EPP - Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)
- S&D - Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament
- ECR - European Conservatives and Reformists Group
- Renew Europe - Renew Europe group
- GUE/NGL - Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left
- Greens/EFA - Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
- ID - Identity and Democracy
- NI - Non-attached Members

Since 2009, according to Parliament's rules of procedure, a political group shall consist of at least 25 Members elected in at least seven Member States.

New European Council  
President takes office

**Charles Michel**

## TRIALOGUE



## The Commission is steered by a group of 27 Commissioners, known as 'the college'

- ❑ Each Commissioner will ensure **the delivery of the UN Sustainable Development Goals** within their policy area. The College as a whole will be responsible for the overall implementation of the Goals.
- ❑ Along with close relations with the Council, need to strengthen the Commission's **special partnership with the European Parliament**. This priority must cut through the work of each Member of the College.
- ❑ **'One In, One Out principle'**: Every legislative proposal creating new burdens should relieve people and businesses of an equivalent existing burden at EU level in the same policy area. Work with MS to ensure that, when transposing EU legislation, they do not add unnecessary administrative burdens.

<b>The European Green Deal</b> Frans Timmermans  DG CLIMA	<b>A Europe fit for the Digital Age</b> Margrethe Vestager  DG COMP	<b>An Economy that Works for People</b> Valdis Dombrovskis  DG FISMA	<b>A Stronger Europe in the World</b> Josep Borrell  EEAS	<b>Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight</b> Maroš Šefčovič  Draw on JRC	<b>Values and Transparency</b> Věra Jourová  Secretariat-General	<b>Democracy and Demography</b> Dubravka Šuica  Secretariat-General
<b>Protecting our European Way of Life</b> Margaritis Schinas  Secretariat-General	<b>Budget and Administration</b> Johannes Hahn  DG BUDG; DG DIGIT	<b>Trade</b> Phil Hogan  DG TRADE	<b>Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth</b> Mariya Gabriel  DG RTD; DG EAC & JRC	<b>Jobs</b> Nicolas Schmit  DG EMPL	<b>Economy</b> Paolo Gentiloni  DG ECFIN; DG TAXUD & DG <u>EUROSTAT</u>	<b>Agriculture</b> Janusz Wojciechowski  DG AGRI
<b>Cohesion and Reforms</b> Elisa Ferreira  DG REGIO & new DG <b>REFORM</b> for Structural Reform Support	<b>Neighbourhood and Enlargement</b> László Trócsányi  DG NEAR	<b>Health</b> Stella Kyriakides  DG SANTE	<b>Justice</b> Didier Reynders  DG JUST	<b>Transport</b> Victor Negrescu  DG MOVE	<b>Equality</b> Helena Dalli  DG JUST	<b>Internal Market</b> Thierry Breton A new DG for Defence Industry and Space DG DEFIS DG CNECT; DG GROW
	<b>Home Affairs</b> Ylva Johansson  DG HOME	<b>Crisis Management</b> Janez Lenarčič  DG ECHO	<b>International Partnerships</b> Jutta Urpilainen  DG DEVCO	<b>Energy</b> Kadri Simson  DG ENER	<b>Environment and Oceans</b> Virginijus Sinkevičius  DG ENV & DG MARE	

**Frans Timmermans (The Netherlands, S&D)**  
**Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal**  
**Head of Cabinet: Mr Diederik SAMSOM**

✓ **Climate law – to embed  
authoritative geospatial  
data/environmental  
data/land use info/  
INSPIRE datasets.**

- ☐ lead the work on the **European Green Deal**, which should be presented in the first 100 days of mandate.
- ☐ propose the first **European Climate Law** to enshrine the 2050 climate-neutrality target into legislation; to meet ambitious Paris Agreement goals and 2030 targets.
- ☐ a new **European Climate Pact**—bringing together regions, local communities, civil society, industry and schools.
- ☐ ensure the implementation of the legislative instruments on climate, namely the Emissions Trading System, the Effort Sharing Regulation and the **Regulation on land use, land-use change and forestry**.
- ☐ Directorate-General for Climate Action will support the work. (**DG CLIMA**)

**Margrethe Vestager (Denmark, Renew)**  
**Executive Vice-President for a Europe fit for the Digital Age**  
Head of Cabinet, Mr Kim JORGENSEN

✓ **European  
strategy on data**

- ❑ co-lead work on a new **long-term strategy for Europe's industrial future**, working together with the Executive Vice-President for an Economy that Works for People.
- ❑ co-lead the work on a **new SME strategy** - reducing the regulatory burden and enabling them to make the most of digitisation.
- ❑ coordinate the work on a **European approach on artificial intelligence**, including its human and ethical implications.
- ❑ look at how to **use and share non-personalised big data** to develop new technologies and business models that create wealth for societies and our businesses.
- ❑ will coordinate a **European strategy on data**.
- ❑ a new **Digital Services Act** - liability and safety rules for digital platforms, services and products
- ❑ coordinate the work on **digital taxation**.
- ❑ will evaluate and review **Europe's competition rules. DG COMP**.

**Thierry Breton (France, Renew)**  
**Commissioner for Internal Market**  
**Head of Cabinet, Mr. Valere Moutarlier**

✓ Copernicus component  
for the Security Union; new  
DG for Defence Industry &  
Space

- ❑ enhancing **Europe's technological sovereignty** - investing in the next frontier of technologies, such as blockchain, high-performance computing, algorithms, and data-sharing and data-usage tools.
- ❑ will lead the work on a coordinated European approach on **artificial intelligence** and on the new **Digital Services Act**.
- ❑ **will develop a European strategy on data. – will present on 19 Feb to IMCO – ITRE**
- ❑ to take a close look at **intellectual property regime** to ensure that it is coherent, is fit for the digital age and supports competitiveness.
- ❑ should foster a strong and innovative **space industry**, maintaining the EU's autonomous, reliable and cost-effective access to space. As part of this, **will implement the future Space Programme**, covering Galileo and EGNOS, the EU's global and regional satellite navigation systems and Copernicus, the EU's Earth observation programme. Explore ways in which we can make the most of our assets to deliver on climate objectives, including the use of Copernicus to monitor CO2 emissions. Focus on **improving the crucial link between space and defence and security**.
- ❑ will be supported by a **new DG for Defence Industry and Space (DG DEFIS)**, as well as the **DG CNECT** and the **DG GROW (changed)**.

**Mariya Gabriel (Bulgaria, EPP)**

**Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth**

Head of Cabinet, Ms Adrienn KIRALY

✓ possible  
funding; knowledge  
exchange tools.

- ☐ ensure swift agreement on and full implementation of the future **Horizon Europe programme**.
- ☐ ensure sufficient investment flows to **disruptive research and breakthrough innovations**, notably through the European Innovation Council.
- ☐ to work with Member States to build a true **European Research Area**.
- ☐ to foster **international cooperation** in education, research and innovation.
- ☐ lead on the updating of the **Digital Education Action Plan** and look at how we can increase the take-up of massive open online courses.
- ☐ **DG RTD; DG EAC** (Youth, Sport and Culture). Administratively responsible for the **JRC**.

**Maroš Šefčovič (Slovakia, S&D)**


**Vice President for Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight**

**Head of Cabinet, Mr Juraj NOCIAR**

✓ portfolio through  
which the need for  
agreed geospatial policy  
could be voiced

- ❑ developing the annual **Commission work programme**.
- ❑ Drawing on the work of the Commission's **Joint Research Centre**, will produce a yearly foresight report to help adapt and improve the priority-setting. As part of this, will look at how we can better link policies in different areas so they work towards the same objectives.
- ❑ responsible for the overall implementation of the **Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making**.
- ❑ chair the **REFIT Platform**, bringing together representatives from the MS and other stakeholders to look at how to improve existing EU legislation.

## Elisa Ferreira (Portugal, S&D) Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms



✓ portfolio for funding opportunities

- ❑ work with the co-legislators to find agreement on a legislative framework for Cohesion Funds for the next long-term budget. The future policy should be modern, simple to use and lead to more high-quality investment. A swift agreement is essential to ensure that programmes are up and running on day one. Will support regions and managing authorities in preparing their programmes, in line with their specific needs and Europe's overall objectives.
- ❑ to design and put forward a new **Just Transition Fund**, which should offer tailored support for the most affected, e.g. in industrial, coal and energy-intensive regions undergoing significant local transformations. There should be close coordination between the Just Transition Fund, employment and social funds, as well as the InvestEU programme.
- ❑ a specific focus on the sustainable development of Europe's cities and urban areas
- ❑ **DG REGIO** and a new **DG for Structural Reform Support** will support.

- ❑ **Janusz Wojciechowski** Commissioner for **Agriculture** (Poland, ECR) **DG AGRI**  
swiftly conclude negotiations on a modern and simplified **Common Agricultural Policy** for the post-2020 period.
- ❑ **Paolo Gentiloni** Commissioner for Economy (IT, S&D) **DG ECFIN; DG TAXUD & EUROSTAT**  
coordinate the launch of the future InvestEU programme and ensure it contributes to our overall objectives, notably on climate neutrality and the digital transition
- ❑ **Jutta Urpilainen** Commissioner for **International Partnerships** (Finland, S&D) **DG NEAR**  
will ensure Europe's **external financial assistance promotes the United Nations' 2030 Agenda** for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals within it.  
to facilitate a swift **agreement on the post-2020 Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument**.
- ❑ **Virginijus Sinkevičius** Commissioner for **Environment, Oceans and Fisheries** (Lithuanian, Greens/EFA) **DG ENVI & DG MARE**  
to develop a new approach for a **sustainable blue economy**.  
focus on the full implementation of the reformed **Common Fisheries Policy**.  
Biodiversity Strategy for 2030  
work on a new Circular Economy Action Plan



Ursula von der Leyen President : “**A Union that strives for more at home and in the world**” is her agenda for Europe:

A European Green Deal  
A Europe fit for the digital age  
A stronger Europe in the world

An economy that works for people  
**Promoting** our European way of life  
A new push for European democracy



**COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**President of the European Council Charles Michel** (Belgium Liberal)

- Council of the EU single legal entity, meets in **10 different 'configurations'**, depending on the subject; negotiates and adopts legislative acts in trialogue; supported by the **Coreper** and more than **150 highly specialised working parties and committees**, - 'Council preparatory bodies' set up by the treaties, intergov decisions or by Council act, mostly permanent and an appointed or elected chairperson; Committees and working parties **set up by Coreper** - these deal with very specific subjects and are chaired by the delegate of the country holding the rotating presidency. (WP on Telecommunication & Information society currently discuss on e-privacy...) **List of members of WP not publicly available**. In addition, **ad hoc** committees can be created for a specific purpose and cease to exist when their task is fulfilled.



**President David Maria SASSOLI** (IT SD) elected for a renewable two and a half years, meaning half a Parliamentary term.

**7 Political groups** - MEPs sit in political groups. They are not organised by nationality, but by political affiliation.

**22 Committees established** - MEPs participate in committees to prepare the work for Parliament's plenary sessions

The list of all MEPs publicly available with e-mail addresses and twitter account, membership to political group and committee.

Active on social media: [Pinterest](#) [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [Twitter](#) [Google+](#) [Flickr](#) [Youtube](#) [beepnewshub](#) [LinkedIn](#) [Reddit](#)



## Parliament standing committees

1. **AFET:** Foreign Affairs
2. **DROI:** Human Rights
3. **SEDE:** Security and Defence
4. **DEVE:** Development
5. **INTA:** International Trade
6. **BUDG:** Budgets
7. **CONT:** Budgetary Control
8. **ECON:** Economic and Monetary Affairs
9. **EMPL:** Employment and Social Affairs
10. **ENVI:** Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
11. **ITRE:** Industry, Research and Energy
12. **IMCO:** Internal Market and Consumer Protection
13. **TRAN:** Transport and Tourism
14. **REGI:** Regional Development
15. **AGRI:** Agriculture and Rural Development
16. **PECH:** Fisheries
17. **CULT:** Culture and Education
18. **JURI:** Legal Affairs
19. **LIBE:** Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
20. **AFCO:** Constitutional Affairs
21. **FEMM:** Women's Rights and Gender Equality
22. **PETI:** Petitions



## The decision-making process in the Council

At each reading the proposal passes through **three levels at the Council:**

- working party

The presidency, with the assistance of the General Secretariat, identifies and convenes the appropriate working party to handle a proposal. A WP begins with a general examination of the proposal, and then makes a line-by-line scrutiny of it. **Outcome of their discussions is presented to Coreper.**

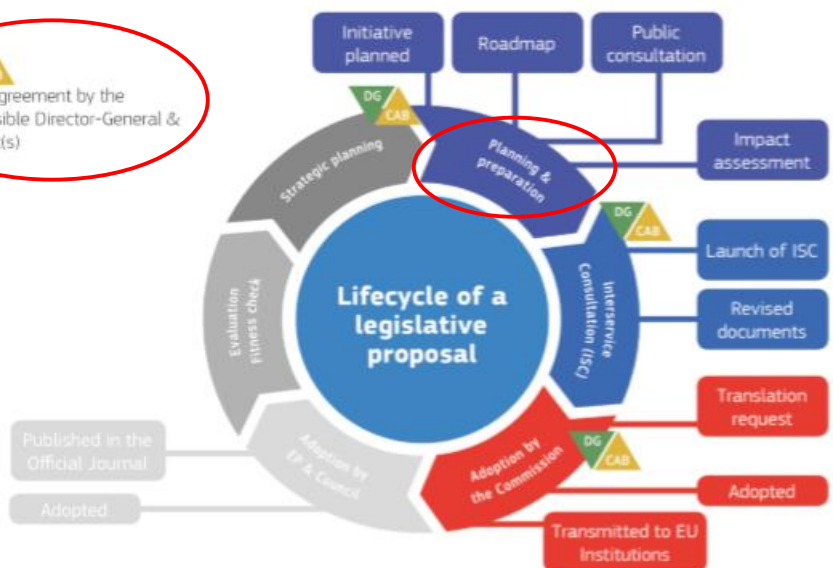
- Permanent Representatives Committee (Coreper)

Coreper treatment of the proposal **depends on the level of agreement reached at working party level.**

- Council configuration – VOTES.

e.g. Working Party on Telecommunications and Information Society currently discuss e-privacy directive

  
 \*Prior agreement by the  
 responsible Director-General &  
 Cabinet(s)



Contribution to EU policy and law-making by giving feedback on Commission initiatives as they take shape or making suggestions on simplifying and improving existing laws.

Transparency Registration vests direct access to react online on:

- ❖ Initial ideas – Roadmaps and inception impact assessments
- ❖ Gathering evidence – Public consultations
- ❖ Legislative proposals – Providing input before the law becomes final
- ❖ Technical rules or updates – Draft delegated and implementing acts
- ❖ Simplifying and improving existing laws - Lighten the load

# Committees: expert group & comitology

## ❑ Commission expert group:

consultative body set up by the Comm or its departments composed of public and/or private sector members which meets more than once.

**formal**- set up by Commission decision and

**informal**- set up by an individual Comm department that has obtained the agreement of the Commissioner and Vice-President responsible and of the Secretariat-General.

Experts groups are not the Commission's only source of expert input.

When gathering the full range of views on an issue, it also has recourse to studies, European agencies, green papers, public consultations, hearings, and so on.

Overall stakeholder participation and representation should therefore always be seen in the light of all the initiatives the Commission takes.

## ❑ Comitology committees:

are made up of representatives of each EU Member State

are set up by the legislator when legislator empowers the Commission to adopt implementing legislation subject to the scrutiny of MS. The mechanisms for exercising scrutiny, set out in the Comitology Regulation, involve comitology committees.



# Representation Strategy

## Summary



## Conclusions from 'rethink' of our strategy

For now changes are proposed to be contained within existing strategy – moving away from sales to representation and facilitating access

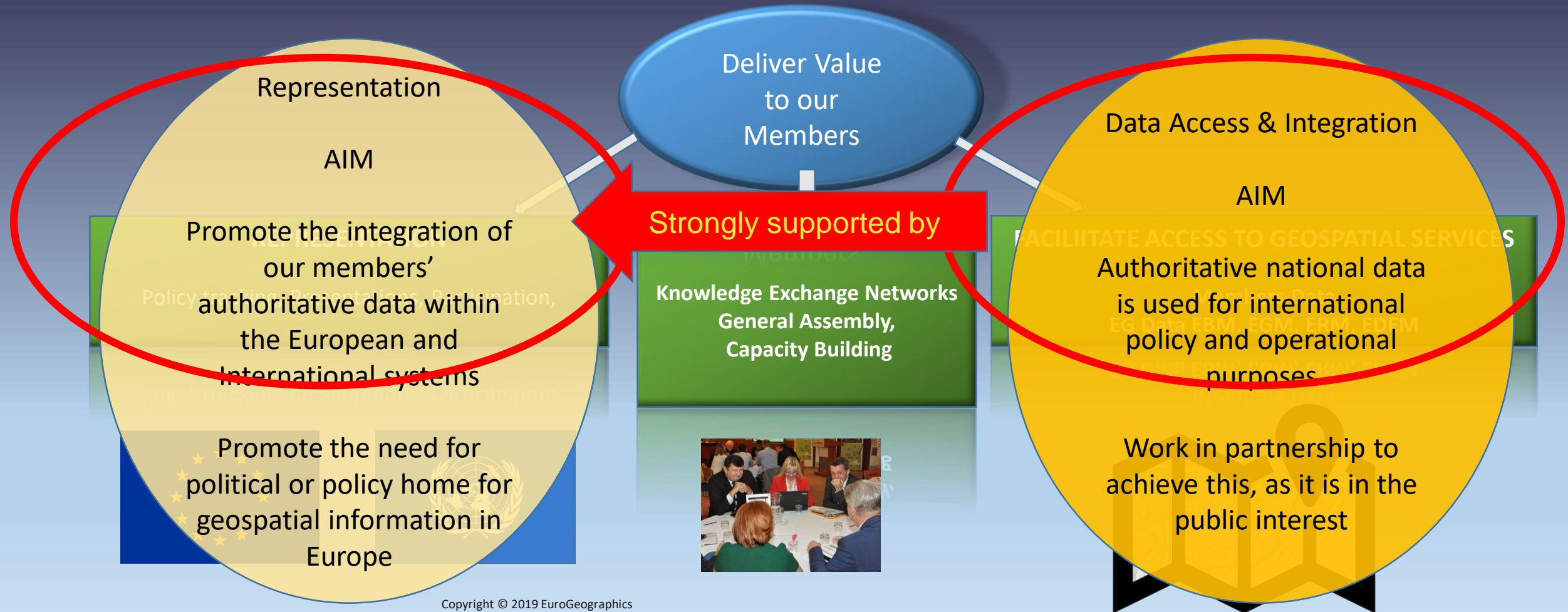
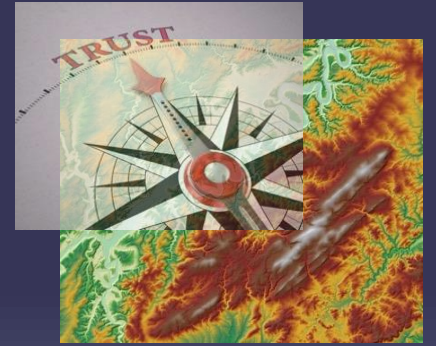
1. moving away from 'selling data'
2. moving towards 'promoting integration' of data.
3. value proposition more clear, work in partnership in the public interest

**Can do this within existing budget and reserves for now**

Management Board will develop a new strategy with budget implications to be presented at next year's GA (in line with end of current strategy)

## Society empowered by our members' authoritative geospatial data and services

*We support the public good by representing our members' interests, maintaining networks that help our members improve their capabilities and role, and by facilitating access to and use of our members' geospatial services*



**Aim:**

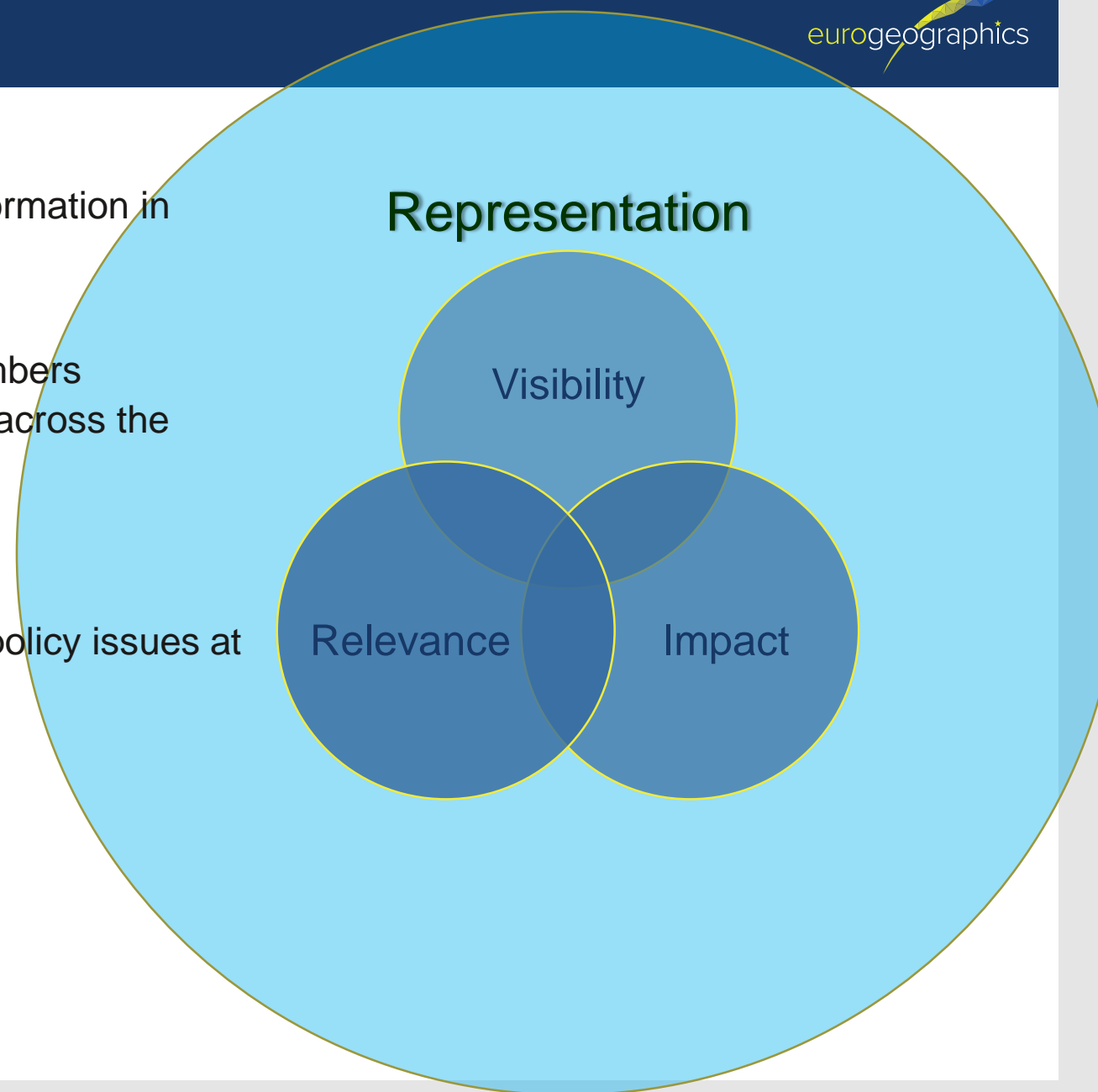
- Need for a political or policy home for geospatial information in Europe
- Work in partnership to achieve public interest:
  - The widespread integration and use of our members authoritative geospatial data and infrastructure across the European and international system.

**Priorities:**

- Promoting the importance of members' data
- Tracking and influencing priority policy initiatives or policy issues at
  - Global level
  - European

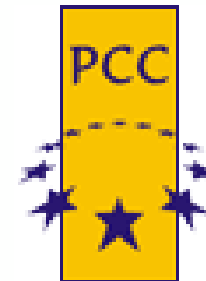
**Organisation:**

- A stronger role for POLKEN to
  - Coordinate our representation activity
  - Inform members of policy developments



### Our focus is on:

- The relationship with the European Union, Commission and its Institutions
- International bodies, such as:
  - United Nations – through UN GGIM committee of experts, UN-GGIM: Europe
  - World Bank
- Other regional and international groups of interest to our members



# Key topics of interest 2020



# 2020 Known Key Issues

## United Nations

- IGIF - Part 2: Implementation Guide. This is expected to undergo a global consultation in the near future. See <http://ggim.un.org/igif>.
- The draft of the Framework on Effective Land Administration (FELA) <http://ggim.un.org/UN-EG-LAM/> current consultation underway
- Future Trends document

## European Union

- [Directive \(EU\) 2019/1024](#) on open data and the re-use of public sector information was adopted in June 2019, HVD research then consultation.
- Legal INSPIRE roadmap is coming to its end
- EUR 16-billion space programme for 2021-2027 with the GSA developing into the European Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA)

What does this mean for you? (Nationally and Organisationally?)

What does it mean for your Association?

- EuroGeographics strategy 2020 to 2025 to be developed. GA 2020 in Sarajevo
- Sustainability of Data Access and Integration strategy; Membership activity

# 2020 Emerging issues of interest

- UN GGIM funding and end of current ECOSOC mandate (2021?)
- New European Commission programme of work
- European Green deal
- Expected European Digital Data strategy
- Review of Inspire – 2020 or 2021?
- EC bodies (Eurostat, EEA) plans to compile their own pan-European data

# The role of POLKEN

## EGHO & Members



# Overview

- Keeping members informed
- Keeping EuroGeographics Informed
- Effective international lobbying, informing and influencing
  
- Essential differences – National vs EuroGeographics perspective
- What EGHO will do (Secretariat and Representation roles)
- What we would like Members to do
- Position papers
- Proposed logistics

# Essential Differences

- National position – this is for you
- We will inform you to help, and might try to influence you, or help you inform and influence your government,
- but we respect your national position and role and will not interfere.
- EG will develop shared technical or policy positions. A collective and shared view, developed by you and in collaboration with you.
- Sometimes it is not possible to get a shared view – and to do so would water down our influence or clarity
- Therefore, EG will express its own professional view on topics of interest. This may not be your individual views. If so we will inform stakeholders of the different views that exists.
- (This may be useful in some instances – it keeps distance and lets you influence without being seen to take a different view from your governments)

# What EGHO will do

- EGHO has two key roles:
  - Secretariat
  - Representation
- **Secretariat:**
  - Organises meeting and webinars
  - Distributes agenda and papers
  - Drafts minutes
  - Provides information
- **Representation:**
  - Tracks policy developments
  - Informs members of policy developments at EU and UN level
  - Prepares EG policy positions and briefings
  - Liaises, communicates and briefs EC officials, EU Parliamentary interests
  - Liaises, communicates and briefs UN Secretariat, Committee of Experts
  - Acts as Observer on UN-GGIM Europe Ex-Committee
  - Liaises and informs with other International bodies of interest.

# What we would like members to do

- Proactively engage with policy and representation (at the most senior levels)
- Support EG in undertaking its representation role
- Including by attending meetings to support EGHO in its communication; leading on specific topics of interest to members
- Ensure we are aware and represent EG positions the same way
- Explain your National perspectives, concerns and positions
- Liaise with your National representative
- Brief and inform your National representative of organisational and EG positions
- Briefs and inform EG of your National position (where appropriate)
- Briefs, informs and engages with EC and EU Parliamentary interests, where appropriate, and feedback to EGHO and POLKEN on developments and meetings

# Discussion

