

Thank you Zeljko and Ray. I know we all look forward to meeting again in person, especially in such fantastic venues with such fantastic hosts!

It has been a pleasure to connect with so many members during this, our second online General Assembly. During the past two days, 130 participants from 55 member organisations have joined our discussions.

Connections have been at the heart of our agenda: connections between members, connections with key users of your authoritative data, and connections that are being made through new technology.

We've had three excellent panel discussions by members; on NMCA's after Covid-19; Artificial Intelligence; and funding. Many thanks to all who contributed.

As official sources of trusted information, we want people to use our data, so I was delighted to hear that the Open Maps For Europe project is on track. It was also very interesting to see the different ways in which your data is benefiting Eurostat and the European Environment Agency, as well as to learn more about the requirements of Frontex and DG AGRI.

I know you will share my enthusiasm for the new era of collaboration announced by Henrik Steen Anderson from the EEA; it is clear we share a joint vision for cooperation and data sharing which will provide a firm foundation for our future relationship.

It was also excellent to hear Marta Nagy-Rothengass, Head of Unit & Oliver Mueller GISCO Team Leader reaffirming your importance to Eurostat and our joint desire to work together.

On a final note, I would also like to thank the Head Office team for their hard work in delivering such a successful event. I know you will join me in thanking them for their continued dedication to the Association.

Thank you for again for joining us today. The Management Board and Head Office team hope you and your families are well, and send you all their very best wishes.