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Poland approves the report's conclusions on the activities of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information (EG ISGI), its report on the results from the Global Survey on Readiness to Implement the GSGF its Work Plan for 2022 – 2024. The Expert Group's report confirms the importance of activities around the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF), which is the bridge that enables the integration of a range of data from both the statistical and the geospatial communities. The critical element of this bridge is principle three, and Statistics Poland is proud to be a member of the Work Team on Common Geographies dealing with that principle. It is worth noticing that by applying its five principles and supporting key elements, the GSGF enables the production of harmonized, standardized, and geospatially enabled statistical data.

Particularly remarkable is the awareness that the GSGF is the means of facilitating the production of geospatially enabled statistical data that is essential for data-driven and evidence-based decision-making, supporting national development priorities, the prevention, response, and recovery to COVID-19, and the needs of the 2020 round of population and housing censuses as well as the 2030 Agenda.

A significant aspect that results from the work of EG ISGI is the fact that through the GSGF Implementation Guide, the Expert Group has developed simple, actionable guidance for colleagues to further implement and operationalize the GSGF in their countries, supported by example cases of how it can be applied in a variety of national contexts.

Another important ongoing initiative regarding statistical and geospatial integration and preparation helpful guidance in which Statistics Poland takes part is Eurostat's GEOSTAT4 project. In its current iteration, the project is working on the European implementation of the GSGF, aiming to support European Member States to implement the GSGF in line with their national circumstances while respecting prevailing regional directives and legislation.

Statistics Poland believes that activities should be carried out under the auspices of the Expert Group, and we would like to declare that representatives of the Polish official statistics are ready to continue to participate in activities of group and projects.

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