



**Nomination Template for
Commission Chair Elect 2025-2026
(for the positions of Chair of Commission for the term 2027-2030)**

Commission no. 3	
Nominee	
Name	Markus Schaffert
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Age	48
Degrees and educational background	Dr. Ing. (Doctor of Engineering) Diploma in Geography PhD thesis (published 2011). Titel: Scenario Analyses and GIS. A Contribution to Demographically Robust Planning in Municipalities (Szenariotechnik und GIS. Ein Beitrag zur demografierobusten Planung in Kommunen). Technische Universität Darmstadt
Employment history - current position - previous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor for Geospatial Informatics, Mainz University of Applied Sciences (since 2019) • Leibniz Universität Hannover, Geodetic Institute (Research Assistant, 2015-2019) • Anhalt University of Applied Sciences c/o Institut für angewandte Geoinformatik und Raumanalyse (AGIRA), Dessau (Research Assistant, 2012-2014) • Intergraph SG&I Deutschland GmbH, Ismaning (2010 – 2012) • Technische Universität Darmstadt, Geodetic Institute c/o Institut für kommunale Geoinformationssysteme (IKGIS), Darmstadt (Research Assistant, 2006-2010)
Positions of trust - current - previous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • i3mainz – Institut für Raumbezogene Informations- und Messtechnik (Member of the executive team) • Master's Degree in Geoinformatics, Mainz University of Applied Sciences (Program Director) • GDI-DE (Spatial Data Infrastructure Germany), Working Group "Architektur" (Member)



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GDI-RP (Spatial Data Infrastructure Rhineland-Palatinate), Lenkungsausschuss (Member)
Positions in FIG - current - previous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission3, Chair of Working group 1 "Geospatial Data: Professionalism, Technology, and Services" Commission3 – Vice Chair of Administration (2021-2022)
Other activities in FIG	
Field of surveying discipline	Geospatial Informatics
Nominees Statement:	
Why I want to be a Commission Chair and what I would like to achieve	<p>I am interested in serving as Commission Chair to promote the use of geospatial data for addressing important societal issues and supporting sustainable development. My goal is to make geospatial data more visible and to facilitate its application in practical solutions for pressing challenges. Through this role, I aim to drive data-driven approaches that contribute to informed decision-making and long-term sustainability.</p>
What I can offer to FIG in support of the aims and objectives of the Commission	<p>As a professor, I bring extensive experience in education, particularly in introducing young people to geospatial information and its applications. Additionally, I have significant research experience, including the use of geospatial data for sustainable rural development and inter-& transdisciplinary processes. I can offer insights and expertise in integrating spatial information into diverse fields and in fostering collaborations across disciplines. Through these contributions, I aim to support FIG's mission to advance the use of geospatial data for practical, sustainable processes by volunteering for the future.</p> <p>I have been actively involved in Commission 3 for several years and am already well acquainted with its structures and processes.</p>
My key skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education and Training: Extensive experience in teaching and mentoring students, particularly in introducing young people to geospatial data and its applications. Research Expertise: Specialized in the use of spatial information for sustainable rural development,



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	<p>interdisciplinary processes, and addressing societal challenges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geospatial Data for Social Transformation: Strong focus on leveraging geospatial data to support societal transformations, using data-driven insights to tackle complex issues and drive sustainable change. • Interdisciplinary Collaboration: Skilled in fostering collaboration across various fields, ensuring that geospatial data is integrated into diverse sectors to create innovative, practical solutions.
Any other general comments	
Nominator	
Name of member Association	DVW - German Association for Geodesy, Geoinformation and Land Management
Name and title of contact person	Prof. Dr.-Ing. Rudolf Staiger (President of DVW)
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Nominator's statement	
Why the association wants to nominate Nominee	DVW is a founding member of FIG. We have always supported FIG's activities both financially and through personal commitment. This will also be the case in the future. The Commissions are the power house of FIG. Therefore, it is important to gain Commission chairs with experience, knowledge and passion. Markus Schaffert is active in FIG and especially Commission 3 since several terms of office. He knows the processes very well and will be an active and valuable Commission chair.
Support the Association can offer the Nominee (financial and other)	DVW assures Prof. Schaffert all the necessary support. This applies both from a financial and administrative perspective
Any other comments	
Signed	
I hereby certify the above is true and correct	
Date	December 2024



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Nominee	<i>M. Schaffert</i>
Nominator	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>