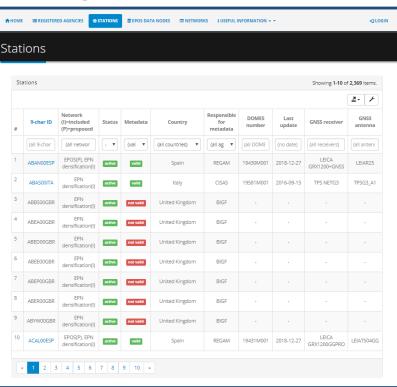
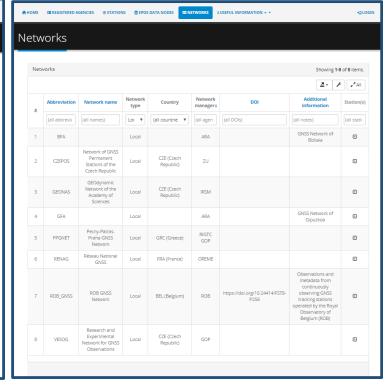
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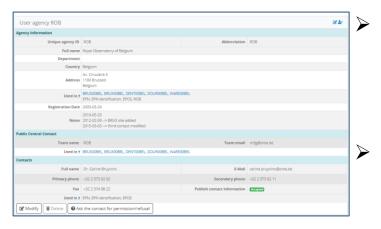
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Improved handling of the contact information: To ensure consistency between the contact information defined in the station metadata (e.g. site logs) and the contact information inserted in the agency part of the M³G, we developed two new user interfaces: one is centralizing all the information relative to the agencies, while the other allows the user to change contact information for multiple stations in one place.

Compliance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): Each person whose personal data is stored in M³G is requested by email if his/her data can be made available publicly or not.

Extended network management: National and virtual networks (e.g. EPOS volcanology or near-fault observatories) have been introduced together with the collection of additional metadata such as Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs).





Collection of additional metadata: One of the EPOS requirements was to collect additional metadata such as data license, embargo time, and nominal data submission. Each additional item was added in a separate user layout and can be assigned to several stations at one place.









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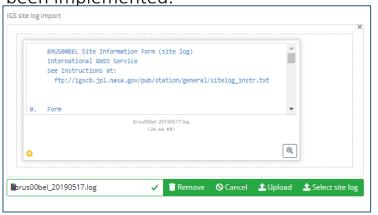
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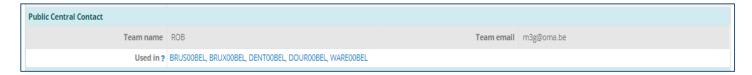


DOMES number check: Using a DOMES number is highly recommended in EPOS and it is required in for the EPN. To improve reliability, a new crosscheck of the inserted DOMES number with the IERS has been implemented.





Site log upload: In the previous version of M³G, a user could only import the site log for stations without a previous site log in M³G in order to avoid overwriting and loosing valuable information. With this version, a new site log import tool becomes available. It checks the site log and replaces only that part of the database, which was changed.



Central contact information: The central contact can now be used as a primary/secondary contact for the station/network.









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To support and maintain the operational version of the M³G, we developed a set of background processes to synchronise the system from/to other external data sources and improve the M³G reliability and usability.

- Site log migration from EPN CB: We migrated 99 EPN and EPN densification Operational Centers to M³G in the past year. The migration was a supervised semi-automatic process and now M³G is the official site log submission tool for EPN.
- Exchange of metadata with other international GNSS networks: To exchange the metadata with different international networks (e.g. EPOS, EPN), we developed a trigger-based method to ensure that every information update in M³G automatically flows to the different international networks. We also established a web-service to improve the system interoperability and functionality.
- Maintenance tools for administrator: In order to support and help the users, we developed collections of import/export/maintenance tools for the administrator.
- Maintenance of the network-dependent rules: A set of daily scheduled scripts ensure that the validation rules remain reliable and the databases up to date. M³G imports the list of IGS type mean calibrations, the list of available IGS antenna/receiver types and the list of valid DOMES number every day.
- Documentation and guidelines: We continue to extend the M³G documentation, guidelines and local help to improve the system usability for the user.









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