

# Package ‘giscoR’

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giscoR-package	<i>Download geospatial data from GISCO API - Eurostat</i>
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## Description

giscoR is a API package that helps to retrieve data from Eurostat - GISCO (the Geographic Information System of the COMmission)

## Details

giscoR package

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**Author(s)**

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**Source**

[GISCO webpage](#)

**References**

See citation("giscoR")

**See Also**

Useful links:

- <https://dieghernan.github.io/giscoR/>
- <https://github.com/dieghernan/giscoR>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/dieghernan/giscoR/issues>

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gisco_attributions	<i>Attribution when publishing GISCO data</i>
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**Description**

Get the legal text to be used along with the data downloaded with this package

**Usage**

```
gisco_attributions(lang = "en", copyright = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

lang	Language (two-letter <a href="#">ISO_639-1</a> code). See details.
copyright	Boolean. Whether to display the copyright notice or not on the console.

**Details**

Current languages supported are "en" (English), "da" (Danish), "de" (German), "es" (Spanish), "fi" (Finnish), "fr" (French), "no" (Norwegian) and "sv" (Swedish).

Consider contributing if you spot any mistake or want to add a new language.

**Value**

A string with the attribution to be used.

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**Examples**

```
en <- gisco_attributions()
gisco_attributions(lang = "es", copyright = FALSE )
gisco_attributions(lang = "XXX")
```

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gisco_coastallines	<i>World coastal lines</i> LINESTRING object
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**Description**

A sf object including the coast lines as provided by GISCO (2016 version).

**Format**

A LINESTRING data frame (resolution: 1:20million, EPSG:4326) object with 8 variables:

**EFTA\_FLAG** Coast belonging to EFTA countries

**OTHR\_FLAG** Coast belonging to other countries

**EU\_FLAG** Coast belonging to EU countries

**COAS\_FLAG** Coast flag

**CNTR\_BN\_ID** CNTR\_BN\_ID

**CC\_FLAG** Coast belonging to EU candidate countries

**FID** FID

**geometry** geometry field

**Source**

[GISCO .geojson source](#)

**See Also**[gisco\\_get\\_countries](#)**Examples**

```
library(sf)

coasts <- gisco_coastallines

plot(
  st_geometry(coasts),
  xlim = c(100, 120),
  ylim = c(-24, 24),
  col = "deepskyblue4",
  lwd = 2
)
box()
title(
  main = "Coasts on Southeastern Asia",
  sub = gisco_attributions(copyright = FALSE),
  cex.sub = 0.7,
  line = 1
)
```

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gisco_countries	<i>World countries POLYGON object</i>
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**Description**

A sf object including all countries as provided by GISCO (2016 version).

**Format**

A MULTIPOLYGON data frame (resolution: 1:20million, EPSG:4326) object with 257 rows and 7 variables:

**id** row ID

**CNTR\_NAME** Official country name on local language

**ISO3\_CODE** **ISO 3166-1 alpha-3 code** of each country, as provided by GISCO

**CNTR\_ID** Country ID

**NAME\_ENGL** Country name in English

**FID** FID

**geometry** geometry field

**Source**

**GISCO** **.geojson source**

**See Also**

[gisco\\_get\\_countries](#)

**Examples**

```
library(sf)

cntry <- gisco_countries
GBR <- subset(cntry, ISO3_CODE == "GBR")

plot(st_geometry(GBR), col = "red3", border = "blue4")
title(sub = gisco_attributions(), line = 1)
```

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gisco_countrycode	<i>Dataframe including Eurostat and ISO2 and ISO3 codes for countries and world regions</i>
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**Description**

A dataframe containing conversions between different country codification systems (Eurostat/ISO2 and 3) as well as geographic regions as provided by the World Bank and the UN (M49).

**Format**

A data frame object with 249 rows and 12 variables:

**CNTR\_CODE** Eurostat code of each country  
**iso2c** ISO 3166-1 alpha-2 code of each country  
**ISO3\_CODE** ISO 3166-1 alpha-3 code of each country  
**iso.name.en** ISO English short name  
**cldr.short.en** English short name as provided by the [Unicode Common Locale Data Repository](#)  
**continent** As provided by the World Bank  
**un.region.code** Numeric region code UN (M49)  
**un.region.name** Region name UN (M49)  
**un.regionintermediate.code** Numeric intermediate Region code UN (M49)  
**un.regionintermediate.name** Intermediate Region name UN (M49)  
**un.regionsub.code** Numeric sub-region code UN (M49)  
**un.regionsub.name** Sub-Region name UN (M49)

**Source**

codelist dataset from the countrycode v1.2.0 package.

**See Also**[codelist](#)**Examples**

```
# Head
head(gisco_countrycode)
```

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```
gisco_get_coastallines
```

*Download Coastal Lines from GISCO*

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**Description**

Downloads a simple feature (sf) object.

**Usage**

```
gisco_get_coastallines(
  resolution = "60",
  year = "2016",
  epsg = "4326",
  cache = TRUE,
  update_cache = FALSE,
  cache_dir = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

resolution	Resolution of the geospatial data. One of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"60" (1:60million),</li> <li>"20" (1:20million)</li> <li>"10" (1:10million)</li> <li>"03" (1:3million) or</li> <li>"01" (1:1million).</li> </ul>
year	Release year. One of "2006", "2010", "2013" or "2016"
epsg	projection of the map: 4-digit <b>EPSG code</b> . One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"4326" - WGS84</li> <li>"3035" - ETRS89 / ETRS-LAEA</li> <li>"3857" - Pseudo-Mercator</li> </ul>
cache	a logical whether to do caching. Default is TRUE.
update_cache	a logical whether to update cache.
cache_dir	a path to a cache directory. The directory have to exist. The NULL (default) uses and creates /gisco directory in the temporary directory from <a href="#">tempdir</a> . The directory can also be set with options(gisco_cache_dir = <path>).

**Value**

a POLYGON object on sf format.

**Note**

Please check the download and usage provisions on [gisco\\_attributions](#).

**Author(s)**

dieghernan, <https://github.com/dieghernan/>

**Source**

GISCO Coastal Lines

**Examples**

```
library(sf)

coastlines <- gisco_get_coastallines()
plot(st_geometry(coastlines), col = "palegreen", border = "lightblue3")
title(main = "Coastal Lines",
      sub = gisco_attributions(copyright = FALSE),
      line = 1)
```

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gisco\_get\_communes

*Download Geospatial Communes Data from GISCO*

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**Description**

Downloads a simple feature (sf) object.

**Usage**

```
gisco_get_communes(
  year = "2016",
  epsg = "4326",
  update_cache = FALSE,
  cache_dir = NULL,
  spatialtype = "RG",
  country = NULL
)
```



**Arguments**

year	Release year. One of "2001", "2004", "2006", "2008", "2010", "2013" or 2016
epsg	projection of the map: 4-digit <b>EPSG code</b> . One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "4326" - WGS84</li> <li>• "3035" - ETRS89 / ETRS-LAEA</li> <li>• "3857" - Pseudo-Mercator</li> </ul>
update_cache	a logical whether to update cache.
cache_dir	a path to a cache directory. The directory have to exist. The NULL (default) uses and creates /gisco directory in the temporary directory from <a href="#">tempdir</a> . The directory can also be set with options(gisco_cache_dir = <path>).
spatialtype	Type of geometry to be returned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RG: Regions - Multipolygon</li> <li>• LB: Labels - Point</li> <li>• BN: Boundaries - Multilines</li> <li>• COASTL: coastlines - Multilines</li> <li>• INLAND: inland boundaries - Multilines</li> </ul>
country	Optional. A character vector of country codes. See Details.

**Details**

country only available on specific datasets. Some spatial type datasets (as Multilines data-types) may not have country-level identifies.

country could be either a vector of country names, a vector of ISO3 country codes or a vector of Eurostat country codes.

If you experience any problem on download, try to download the file by any other method and set cache\_dir = <folder>.

**Value**

a sf object.

**Note**

Please check the download and usage provisions on [gisco\\_attributions](#).

**Author(s)**

dieghernan, <https://github.com/dieghernan/>

**Source**

**GISCO Communes**

**See Also**

[gisco\\_get\\_lau](#)

## Examples

```
library(sf)

communes <- gisco_get_communes(country = c("BEL", "NLD", "LUX"))

plot(
  communes[, "CNTR_ID"],
  pal = c("black", "deepskyblue2", "orange"),
  border = "grey90",
  main = "Communes on Benelux (2016)",
  key.pos = NULL
)
title(sub = gisco_attributions(copyright = FALSE),
      line = 1.2,
      cex.sub = 0.8)
```

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gisco_get_countries	<i>Download Geospatial Country Data from GISCO</i>
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## Description

Downloads a simple feature (sf) object.

## Usage

```
gisco_get_countries(
  resolution = "60",
  year = "2016",
  epsg = "4326",
  cache = TRUE,
  update_cache = FALSE,
  cache_dir = NULL,
  spatialtype = "RG",
  country = NULL,
  region = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

resolution	Resolution of the geospatial data. One of <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>"60" (1:60million),</li><li>"20" (1:20million)</li><li>"10" (1:10million)</li><li>"03" (1:3million) or</li><li>"01" (1:1million).</li></ul>
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year	Release year. One of "2001", "2006", "2010", "2013", "2016" or "2020"
epsg	projection of the map: 4-digit <b>EPSG code</b> . One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "4326" - WGS84</li> <li>• "3035" - ETRS89 / ETRS-LAEA</li> <li>• "3857" - Pseudo-Mercator</li> </ul>
cache	a logical whether to do caching. Default is TRUE.
update_cache	a logical whether to update cache.
cache_dir	a path to a cache directory. The directory have to exist. The NULL (default) uses and creates /gisco directory in the temporary directory from <a href="#">tempdir</a> . The directory can also be set with options(gisco_cache_dir = <path>).
spatialtype	Type of geometry to be returned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RG: Regions - Multipolygon</li> <li>• LB: Labels - Point</li> <li>• BN: Boundaries - Multilines</li> <li>• COASTL: coastlines - Multilines</li> <li>• INLAND: inland boundaries - Multilines</li> </ul>
country	Optional. A character vector of countries. See Details
region	Optional. A character vector of UN M49 region codes. Possible values are "Africa", "Americas", "Asia", "Europe", "Oceania". See Details and <a href="#">gisco_countrycode</a>

### Details

country and region only available when applicable.

country could be either a vector of country names, a vector of ISO3 country codes or a vector of Eurostat country codes.

### Value

a sf object.

### Note

Please check the download and usage provisions on [gisco\\_attributions](#).

### Author(s)

dieghernan, <https://github.com/dieghernan/>

### Source

**GISCO Countries**

### See Also

[gisco\\_countrycode](#)

## Examples

```
library(sf)

sf_world <- gisco_get_countries()
plot(st_geometry(sf_world), col = "seagreen2")
title(sub = gisco_attributions(), line = 1)

sf_africa <- gisco_get_countries(region = 'Africa')
plot(st_geometry(sf_africa),
     col = c("springgreen4", "darkgoldenrod1", "red2"))
title(sub = gisco_attributions(), line = 1)

sf_benelux <-
  gisco_get_countries(resolution = "20",
                      country = c('Belgium', 'Netherlands', 'Luxembourg'))
plot(st_geometry(sf_benelux),
     col = c("grey10", "orange", "deepskyblue2"))
title(sub = gisco_attributions(), line = 1)
```

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gisco\_get\_lau

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*Download Geospatial Local Administrative Units Data from GISCO*


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## Description

Downloads a simple feature (sf) object.

## Usage

```
gisco_get_lau(
  year = "2016",
  epsg = "4326",
  update_cache = FALSE,
  cache_dir = NULL,
  country = NULL,
  gisco_id = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

year	Release year. One of "2016", "2017", "2018" or "2019"
epsg	projection of the map: 4-digit <b>EPSG code</b> . One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"4326" - WGS84</li> <li>"3035" - ETRS89 / ETRS-LAEA</li> <li>"3857" - Pseudo-Mercator</li> </ul>

update_cache	a logical whether to update cache.
cache_dir	a path to a cache directory. The directory have to exist. The NULL (default) uses and creates /gisco directory in the temporary directory from <code>tempdir</code> . The directory can also be set with <code>options(gisco_cache_dir = &lt;path&gt;)</code> .
country	Optional. A character vector of country codes. See details
gisco_id	Optional. A character vector of GISCO_ID LAU values.

### Details

See <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/nuts/local-administrative-units> for more detail about LAUs.

If you experience any problem on download, try to download the file by any other method and set `cache_dir = <folder>`.

country could be either a vector of country names, a vector of ISO3 country codes or a vector of Eurostat country codes.

### Value

a POLYGON object on sf format.

### Note

Please check the download and usage provisions on [gisco\\_attributions](#).

### Author(s)

dieghernan, <https://github.com/dieghernan/>

### Source

GISCO Local Administrative Units

### See Also

[gisco\\_get\\_communes](#)

### Examples

```
library(sf)

lau_esp <- gisco_get_lau(country = "España")

plot(
  st_geometry(lau_esp),
  xlim = c(0, 4),
  ylim = c(39, 42),
  col = "wheat",
  border = "grey50"
```

```
)

box()

title(
  main = "Spain LAU",
  sub = gisco_attributions(copyright = FALSE),
  line = 1,
  cex.sub = 0.8,
  font.sub = 3
)


```

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gisco\_get\_nuts

Download Geospatial NUTS Data from GISCO

---

**Description**

Downloads a simple feature (sf) object.

**Usage**

```
gisco_get_nuts(
  resolution = "60",
  year = "2016",
  epsg = "4326",
  nuts_level = "all",
  cache = TRUE,
  update_cache = FALSE,
  cache_dir = NULL,
  spatialtype = "RG",
  country = NULL,
  nuts_id = NULL
)


```

**Arguments**

resolution	Resolution of the geospatial data. One of <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>"60" (1:60million),</li><li>"20" (1:20million)</li><li>"10" (1:10million)</li><li>"03" (1:3million) or</li><li>"01" (1:1million).</li></ul>
year	Release year. One of "2003", "2006", "2010", "2013", "2016" or "2021".
epsg	projection of the map: 4-digit <b>EPSG code</b> . One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>"4326" - WGS84</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "3035" - ETRS89 / ETRS-LAEA</li> <li>• "3857" - Pseudo-Mercator</li> </ul>
nuts_level	NUTS level. One of "0" (Country-level), "1", "2" or "3". See <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/nuts/background">https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/nuts/background</a> .
cache	a logical whether to do caching. Default is TRUE.
update_cache	a logical whether to update cache.
cache_dir	a path to a cache directory. The directory have to exist. The NULL (default) uses and creates /gisco directory in the temporary directory from <a href="#">tempdir</a> . The directory can also be set with options(gisco_cache_dir = <path>).
spatialtype	Type of geometry to be returned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RG: Regions - Multipolygon</li> <li>• LB: Labels - Point</li> <li>• BN: Boundaries - Multilines</li> </ul>
country	Optional. A character vector of country codes. See Details
nuts_id	Optional. A character vector of NUTS IDs.

### Details

country only available when applicable. Some spatialtype datasets (as Multilines data-types) may not have country-level identifies.

country could be either a vector of country names, a vector of ISO3 country codes or a vector of Eurostat country codes.

### Value

a sf object.

### Note

Please check the download and usage provisions on [gisco\\_attributions](#).

### Author(s)

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### Source

**GISCO NUTS**

### See Also

[gisco\\_countrycode](#), [gisco\\_nuts](#)

**Examples**

```
library(sf)

nuts0 <- gisco_get_nuts(nuts_level = "0", epsg = "3035")
nuts3 <- gisco_get_nuts(nuts_level = "3", epsg = "3035")

plot(
  st_geometry(nuts3),
  xlim = c(2200000, 7150000),
  ylim = c(1380000, 5500000),
  lwd = 0.05,
  border = "grey40"
)
plot(st_geometry(nuts0),
  lwd = 2,
  add = TRUE)
title(
  main = "NUTS3 Levels on Europe",
  sub = gisco_attributions(copyright = FALSE),
  cex.sub = 0.7,
  line = 1
)
```

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gisco\_get\_urban\_audit *Download Geospatial Urban Audit Data from GISCO*

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**Description**

Downloads a simple feature (sf) object.

**Usage**

```
gisco_get_urban_audit(
  year = "2018",
  epsg = "4326",
  update_cache = FALSE,
  cache_dir = NULL,
  spatialtype = "RG",
  level = NULL,
  country = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

year	Release year. One of "2014", "2018" or "2020"
epsg	projection of the map: 4-digit <b>EPSG code</b> . One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "4326" - WGS84</li> <li>• "3035" - ETRS89 / ETRS-LAEA</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "3857" - Pseudo-Mercator</li> </ul>
update_cache	a logical whether to update cache.
cache_dir	a path to a cache directory. The directory have to exist. The NULL (default) uses and creates /gisco directory in the temporary directory from <a href="#">tempdir</a> . The directory can also be set with options(gisco_cache_dir = <path>).
spatialtype	Type of geometry to be returned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RG: Regions - Multipolygon</li> <li>• LB: Labels - Point</li> </ul>
level	Level of Urban Audit. Possible values are 'CITIES', 'FUA', 'GREATER_CITIES' or NULL. See Details.
country	Optional. A character vector of country codes. See details.

### Details

level = NULL would download the whole dataset including all levels

country could be either a vector of country names, a vector of ISO3 country codes or a vector of Eurostat country codes.

### Value

a sf object.

### Note

Please check the download and usage provisions on [gisco\\_attributions](#).

### Author(s)

dieghernan, <https://github.com/dieghernan/>

### Source

**GISCO Urban Audit**

### Examples

```
library(sf)

FUA <-
  gisco_get_urban_audit(
    year = "2020",
    epsg = "3035",
    level = "FUA",
    country = "Deutschland"
  )

countries <- gisco_get_countries(
  resolution = "20",
```

```

    year = "2020",
    epsg = "3035",
    country = "Deutschland"
  )

  plot(st_geometry(countries) ,
        col = "grey10", )
  plot(st_geometry(FUA),
        add = TRUE,
        col = "darkgoldenrod3")
  title(
    main = "FUA (Functional Urban Areas) \non Germany (2020)",
    sub = gisco_attributions(copyright = FALSE),
    cex.main = 0.8,
    cex.sub = 0.7,
    line = 1
  )
)

```

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 gisco\_nuts

*All NUTS POLYGON object*


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## Description

A sf object including all NUTS levels as provided by GISCO (2016 version).

## Format

A POLYGON data frame (resolution: 1:20million, EPSG:4326) object with 11 variables:

**id** row ID  
**COAST\_TYPE** COAST\_TYPE  
**MOUNT\_TYPE** MOUNT\_TYPE  
**NAME\_LATN** Name on Latin characters  
**CNTR\_CODE** Eurostat Country code  
**FID** FID  
**NUTS\_ID** NUTS identifier  
**NUTS\_NAME** NUTS name on local alphabet  
**LEVL\_CODE** NUTS level code (0,1,2,3)  
**URBN\_TYPE** URBN\_TYPE  
**geometry** geometry field

## Source

[GISCO .geojson source](#)

**See Also**[gisco\\_get\\_nuts](#)**Examples**

```
library(sf)

nuts <- gisco_nuts

italy <- subset(nuts, CNTR_CODE == "IT" & LEVL_CODE == 3)

plot(st_geometry(italy), col = c("springgreen4", "ivory", "red2"))
title(
  sub = gisco_attributions(copyright = FALSE),
  cex.sub = 0.7,
  font.sub = 3
)
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