EuroGeographics
contributing to UN-GGIM: Europe

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EuroGeographics Membership

60 members
46 European countries

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The EuroGeographics ‘family’
Our purpose is: ‘to further the development of the European Spatial Data Infrastructure through collaboration in the area of geographic information, and the representation of the EuroGeographics’ membership and its capabilities.’

Our vision is of a European society which makes decisions informed by our members’ accurate, authoritative and quality-assured land and geo-information data, services and expertise.

Our Mission is to maintain a network which helps each member to improve their competencies and role; to facilitate access to our members’ data, services and expertise; and to provide a strong voice for our members.

Strategic Objectives
1) Provide the voice of our members
2) Develop the network of members
3) Deliver an operational ELF to support realisation of the ESDI
4) Facilitate access to members’ data and expertise
5) Grow our network of members
6) Ensure that the association continues to develop its role and has a sustainable future
EuroGeographics AISBL – Activities

Pan-European Products

- EuroGlobalMap (Open Data)
- EuroBoundaryMap
- EuroRegionalMap
- EuroDEM

Interoperability Projects

- The European Location Framework + EuroGeoNames

Inter relational structure

Representation & Strategic Communications

- Seeking political ownership of geo-information + European Location Strategy

Knowledge Exchange Networks

1. Business Interoperability,
2. Cadastre and Land Registry,
3. Emergency Mapping,
4. INSPIRE,
5. Policy,
6. Positioning
7. State Boundaries of Europe
8. Quality.
European Policy Context

• **Digital Agenda for Europe**: is a crucial component of Europe’s growth strategy. It sets out concrete steps whereby Information and Communication Technologies can enhance productivity and innovation capacity, as well as generate new business opportunities.

• **INSPIRE**: establishes an infrastructure for spatial information in support of Community environmental policies, and policies or activities which may have an impact on the environment.

• **PSI**: establishes a minimum set of rules governing the re-use and the practical means of facilitating re-use of existing documents held by public sector bodies of the Member States.

• **Copernicus**: aims to guarantee continuous access to information on the environment and security issues through permanent space-based observation and in-situ infrastructures.

ONE SOURCE FOR OFFICIAL REFERENCE GEO-INFORMATION FOR EUROPE
The European Location Framework is a technical infrastructure which delivers authoritative, interoperable, cross-border geospatial reference data for analysing and understanding information connected to places and features.
- Implementation of the European Location Framework (www.esdin.eu)
- Start 1st March 2013
- 36 months project
- Divided into six stages
- Three geographically based phases
- 18M $
From isolated components to integrated, cross-border seamless authoritative reference data ...
EuroGeographics Pan-European Products

Products
Harmonisation
Data models
Reference data

EuroBoundaryMap
1:100 000

EuroRegionalMap
1: 250 000

EuroGlobalMap
1:1 000 000

EuroDEM
Knowledge Exchange Networks - KENs

- Open forum for all members
- Focused on topics of interest of our members:
  - Cadastre & Land Registry
  - INSPIRE
  - Business Interoperability (Pricing & Licensing)
  - Policy
  - Quality
  - Copernicus
  - Positioning
  - State Boundaries
- 2 workshops/year; webinars or e-mail communication, use cases, studies, discussions.
- [http://www.eurogeographics.org/content/expert-groups-0](http://www.eurogeographics.org/content/expert-groups-0)
EuroGeographics Activities

• Representing Member’s Interests;
• Transferring Knowledge, developing capacities;
• Interoperability Projects;
• Pan-European Products

• How is this coming to practice in our communications?
3 main objectives of communications

• **Promoting** the role and contributions of the national mapping, cadastre and land registry agencies (NMCAs)

• **Informing** – EuroGeographics is the eyes, ears and voice of NMCAs

• **Connecting** members to share knowledge, information and expertise and help each other to achieve their goals
Partnerships with other originations
UN-GGIM: Europe Secretariat
Because together we are stronger and smarter, more efficient and more effective.

Together, we benefit from each other.

Thank you!

EuroGeographics working with members and working with others ....