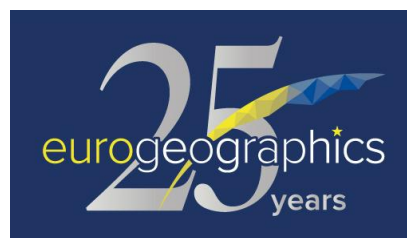


## GA2025 Agenda

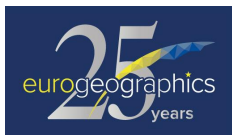


## General Assembly

Riga, Latvia

18-20<sup>th</sup> May 2025





## Introduction

The 2025 EuroGeographics General Assembly is kindly organised and hosted by the Latvian Geospatial Information Agency and supported by the State Land Service Latvia.

The Association is governed by the Management Board and by the General Assembly of the Members. The Ordinary General Assembly meets once each year and shall vote on the coming year's annual budget, elect the members of the Management Board as well as the President, and conduct other items of formal business as required by the Articles of Association. The General Assembly is also the Director Generals' Knowledge Exchange. This year we are addressing the theme of **Overcoming challenges for a more certain future**.

## Agenda

1. GA2025 Agenda (*Paper 1.*)

## Papers for Formal Business of the Association – members only

2. Management Board Report to the 2025 General Assembly (*Paper 2.*)
3. EuroGeographics AISBL 2024 Accounts (*Paper 3.*)
4. 2025 Operating Plan, Budget and Subscriptions (*Paper 4.*)
5. Candidates for Management Board Members and the President (*Paper 5.*)
6. EuroGeographics Data Proposition (*Paper 6.*)
7. Membership Strategy (*Paper 7.*)

## **Sunday 18 May Opening of the Registration desk 16.00 – 19.00**

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| 16.30 – 17.30 | Management Board Meeting   |
| 17.45 – 18.45 | Introduction of New Heads to the President of EuroGeographics  |
| 19.00         | The General Assembly commences with a Welcome reception at the Raddison Blue Riga Conference and Spa Hotel<br>(Dress code: Smart Casual) |

| Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> May | Item  | Chair/Speakers  |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| 09.00 – 9.45             | <b>Welcome &amp; Opening of the General Assembly</b><br>Welcome by the Host of the GA2025<br><br>Presentations from the host organisations  | <b>Chair: Tomaz Petek, President EuroGeographics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Andris Sprūds, Minister of Defence</li> <li>Mrs. Lauma Paegļkalna, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Latvia</li> <li>Martins Liberts, Director General, Latvian Geospatial Information Agency</li> <li>Vita Narnicka, Director General, State Land Service</li> </ul>                                       |
| 09.45 – 10.30            | Outline of Agenda and setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome to new Member Heads</li> <li>Introduction of Management Board and Presidential Candidates</li> <li>25th Anniversary GA Agenda</li> </ul> | Sallie Payne Snell, Secretary General & Executive Director, EuroGeographics   |
| 10.30– 10.35             | Host's notices and announcements  |   |
| 10.35 – 11.15            | <b>Coffee (including conference photograph)</b>   |   |
| 11.15 – 11:45            | <b>Session 1 – The big picture: Digital Transformation</b>  | <b>Chair: Cora Smelik, Board Member, Kadaster Netherlands</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Keynote:</b> Karl Hamilton, Head of Digital Department, European Environment Agency, European Commission</li> </ul>   |
| 11:45 – 12:40            | <b>The Future Vision</b><br><br>The next 25 years of EuroGeographics – Interactive panel session  | <b>Facilitator: Rhian French, Director Maps &amp; Legends</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dorine Burmanje, Former President, EuroGeographics</li> <li>Eydis Líndal Finnbogadóttir, Natural Science Institute of Iceland</li> <li>Bengt Kjellson, Ministry of Justice, Sweden</li> <li>Colin Bray, Tailte Eireann, Ireland</li> <li>Sallie Payne Snell, Secretary General &amp; Executive Director</li> </ul> |
| 12.40 – 12.45            | Host's notices and announcements  |   |
| 12.45 – 14.00            | <b>Lunch</b>  |   |

| Director Generals' Knowledge Exchange – Expert Exchange |  |   |
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| 14.00 – 15.00   | <b>Session 2 - A broken GNSS?</b><br><br>Short presentations followed by interactive round tables discussions and feedback   | <b>Moderator: Matt Goodman, EuroGeographics Management Board</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serena Coetzee, UN-GGIM Geodesy Centre of Excellence</li> <li>Ricardo Oliveira, Navigation Systems &amp; Innovation Executive, EuroControl</li> <li>Per Erik Opseth, Head Geodetic Institute, Kartverket</li> </ul>   |
| 15.00 – 15.55   | <b>Session 3 – The challenge of building capacity and ensuring equality and diversity</b><br><br>Short presentations followed by interactive round tables discussions and feedback | <b>Moderator: Dmytro Makarenko, Acting Director General, StateGeoCadastre, Ukraine</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conor Cahalane, Secretary General, EuroSDR</li> <li>Ingrid Vanden Berghe, Director General, NGI Belgium</li> </ul>  |
| 15.55 – 16.10   | <b>Coffee break &amp; opportunity for member bi-lateral discussion</b>   |   |
| 16.10 – 17.25   | <b>Session 4 – Competing policy drivers</b><br>Open vs Security<br>Short presentations followed by interactive round tables discussions and feedback                               | <b>Moderator: Carol Agius, Head of Representation &amp; Stakeholder Management, EuroGeographics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jiří Pilar, Legal &amp; Policy Officer, DG Connect, European Commission</li> <li>Catharina Bamps, Policy Officer, DG DEFIS, European Commission</li> <li>Hannah Cook, Director, Property Division, Kartverket</li> </ul> |
| 17.25 – 17.30   | Host's notices and announcements   |   |
| 17.30   | <b>Close</b>   |   |

**Formal Conference Dinner - 18.30 departure from the hotel for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner - House of the Blackheads**
**Dress code: formal**

| Tue 20th May                  | Item  | Chair/Speakers   |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| 09.00 – 09.10                 | Welcome to Day 2 – round up of Day 1  | Sallie Payne-Snell, Secretary General & Executive Director   |
| 09.10 – 10.20                 | <b>Session 5 – Technology working with us or against us - AI and Future trends</b>  | <b>Moderator: Joep Cromptvoets, Professor, KU Leuven</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keynote:</b> Marc Thomas, Project Blue bird, NATS</li> <li>• Jordi Escriu Paradell, Scientific Project Officer, JRC, European Commission</li> <li>• Ian Schuler, CEO, Development Seed</li> <li>• Nick Land, European Business Development Manager ESRI Europe</li> </ul>   |
| 10.20 – 11.35                 | <b>Session 6 – NMCA's response to global challenges</b>   | <b>Moderator: Nick Bolton, CEO, Ordnance Survey Great Britain</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marta Nagy-Rothengass, Head of Unit, Eurostat, European Commission</li> <li>• Inge Jonckheere, Head of the Green Solutions Division, European Space Agency (ESA)</li> <li>• Andris Viksna, Head of the Forecasting &amp; Climate Department, Latvian Hydrometeorological Service (Member of World Meteorological Organisation)</li> </ul> |
| 11.35 – 12.05                 | <b>Coffee break</b>   |  |
| <b>CLOSED MEMBERS SESSION</b> |   |  |
| 12.05– 13.15                  | <b>Session 7 – EuroGeographics - Overcoming challenges for a more certain future</b><br><br>Fire-side chat with audience interactions<br><br><u>Vote to accept the Management Board recommendation on the Data Proposition (Paper 6.)</u> | <b>Moderator : Angela Baker, Head of Partnerships &amp; Sustainability, EuroGeographics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicolas Paparoditis, Deputy General Director, IGN France</li> <li>• Paul Becker, President, BKG Germany</li> <li>• Sallie Payne Snell, Secretary General &amp; Executive Director</li> </ul>  |
| 13.15 – 13.20                 | Host's notices and announcements  |  |
| 13.20 – 14.30                 | <b>Lunch</b>  |  |

| CLOSED MEMBERS SESSION  |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Formal Business of EuroGeographics AISBL  |   |  |
| 14.30 – 14.45   | Management Board Report to the General Assembly ( <i>Paper 2.</i> )   | EuroGeographics Management Board   |
| 14.45 – 15.45   | <b>Formal Business</b><br><b>EuroGeographics AISBL 2024 Accounts</b> ( <i>Paper 3.</i> )<br><u>Vote to approve the EuroGeographics AISBL 2024 accounts and discharge of the administrators</u><br><b>The 2025 Operating Plan and Budget</b> ( <i>Paper 4.</i> )<br><u>Vote to approve EuroGeographics 2025 Operating Plan</u><br><u>Vote to approve the 2025 Budget</u><br><b>Election of Management Board members</b> ( <i>Paper 5.</i> )<br><u>Vote to elect Management Board members</u><br><b>Membership Strategy</b> ( <i>Paper 7.</i> )<br><u>Vote to accept the Management Board recommendation on the Membership Strategy</u> | <b>Chair: Tomaz Petek, President EuroGeographics</b><br><br>Emilio Lopez, EuroGeographics Treasurer<br><br>Sallie Payne Snell, Secretary General & Executive Director<br>Emilio Lopez, EuroGeographics Treasurer<br>Sallie Payne Snell, Secretary General & Executive Director<br>Sallie Payne Snell, Secretary General & Executive Director |
| 15.45 – 16.10   | <b>Coffee</b>   |  |
| 16.10 – 16.15   | <b>Results of the votes and election of Management Board Members</b><br><b>Election of the President</b> ( <i>Paper 5.</i> )<br><u>Vote to elect the President</u>  | Sallie Payne Snell, Secretary General & Executive Director,  |
| 16.20– 16.30  | <b>Looking forward to 2026</b>  | Ingrid Vanden Berghe, Director General, NGI Belgium  |
| 16.30 – 16.55   | <b>Conclusions of the 2025 General Assembly</b><br><b>Result of the election of the President</b><br><b>Close of the 2025 General Assembly</b>  | Sallie Payne Snell, Secretary General & Executive Director<br><br>President EuroGeographics  |
| 16.55 – 17.00   | Host's Notices and announcements  |  |
| 17.00   | <b>Close</b>  |  |
| 17.05 – 17.30   | <b>Management Board Meeting</b>   |  |
| <b>Cultural Evening, Dinner &amp; Dancing Botanical Gardens 18.00 buses depart from the hotel</b> |   | <b>Dress code: smart casual</b>  |