

EuroGeographics
25th anniversary:
Celebrating success
and looking to
the future



Connecting you to maps, geospatial and land information for Europe

EuroGeographics is the not-for-profit membership association for the European National Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registry Authorities.

We are proud to represent official providers of geospatial information across Europe, working with them to enable access to their data and expertise for the public good. Today, our members provide much more than traditional maps.

By using cutting edge technologies, they collect, maintain and deliver high quality data and services that link information, gain insight and target action to address key environmental, social and economic issues.

In doing so, they are enabling a data-driven society empowered by the use of their trusted maps, geospatial and land information.



Enabling access
to members' data
and expertise



Representing
members'
interests



Providing opportunities
for knowledge
exchange

2000

EuroGeographics is created by the merger of the Comité Européen des Responsables de la Cartographie Officielle (CERCO) and the Multi-purpose European Ground Related Information Network (MEGRIN).



Map projections for Europe agreed with EUREF and adopted by the European Commission.

2003

2007

Results from the successful completion of the EuroRoadS and Reference Information Specifications for Europe (RISE) projects are used to implement INSPIRE.

2008

Launch of EuroGeographics pan-European elevation dataset EuroDEM.

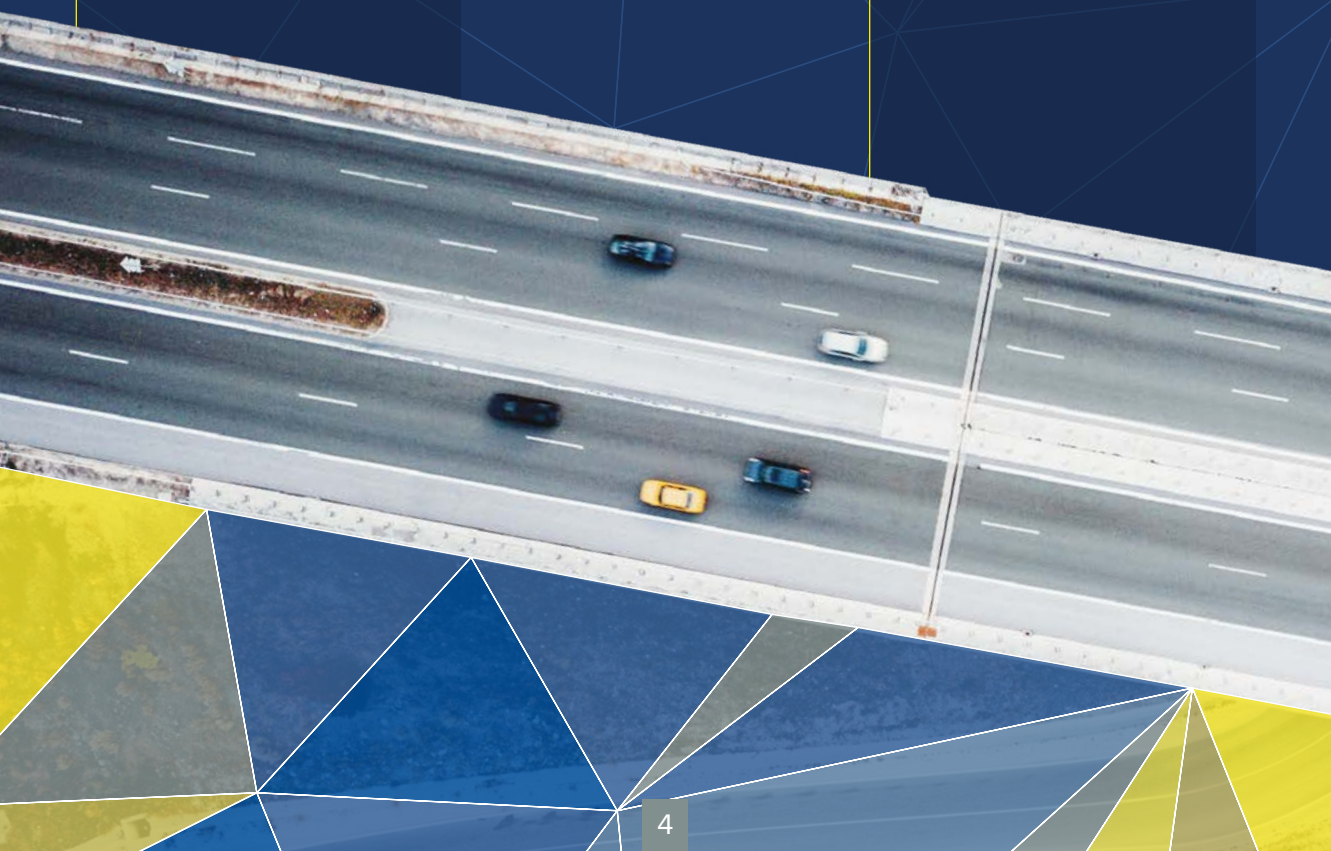
The EuroGeoNames project is completed as a prototype implementation for an INSPIRE service. Work later continues in the European Location Framework (ELF) project's GeoLocator service and the Open European Location Services (Open ELS) project's Regional Gazetteer.



2009

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EuroGeographics becomes an international not-for-profit organisation (AISBL under Belgian law) and moves its head office from France to Brussels to be at the centre of European policy and decision making.



EuroGeographics signs its first partnership agreement with the European Environment Agency (EEA) which facilitates access to members' data for emergency and crisis response via the Copernicus Emergency Management Service.

The ESDIN Project, co-ordinated by EuroGeographics and supported by funding from the European Commission, helps prepare data for the INSPIRE Directive and the first steps towards European location services from official national sources.



2011

2013



The 1:1 million scale topographic dataset, EuroGlobalMap, is made available free of charge for any use under a new open data licence.

EuroGeographics, the Permanent Committee on Cadastre in the European Union (PCC), the European Land Information Service (EULIS), the European Land Registry Association (ELRA) and the Council of European Geodetic Surveyors (CLGE) sign an agreement on a Common Vision for cooperation on cadastre and land registry.

More than 70 MEPS visit EuroGeographics Maps for the Future event in the European Parliament.

EuroGeographics members play a key role in establishing the European regional committee of experts for United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management – UN-GGIM: Europe. EuroGeographics continues to provide the UN-GGIM: Europe secretariat through a Service Level Agreement with The Netherlands' Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency (Kadaster).

2014

2015



The first negotiated contract is signed between EuroGeographics and Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union. The contract provides European geographic information and related services to the European Commission.

EuroGeographics takes the Maps For Europe exhibition to the European Commission to demonstrate how geospatial information from official sources can be used to help deliver EU priorities.

EuroGeographics Quality Knowledge Exchange Network is one of the organisers of the first International Workshop on Spatial Data and Map Quality. Subsequent events were held in 2018, 2020 and 2023.

Together with 15 members, EuroGeographics helps deliver the European Location Framework (ELF) Project, co-funded by the European Commission's Competitiveness & Innovation framework Programme (CIP) Information and Communication Technologies Policy Support Programme (ICT PSP), to provide a solid foundation on which to build future European location services.



2016



2017

EuroGlobalMap, the 1:1 million scale topographic open dataset, is included in the United Nations Second Administrative Level Boundaries (SALB) initiative.

EuroGeographics comes of age and celebrates its 18th anniversary.



2018



Launch of first test services by the Open European Location Services (Open ELS) Project, which is co-financed by the European Union's Connecting Europe Facility. The project also delivered the first version of the Open Gazetteer which provides authoritative multilingual geographical names, and was further developed in the Open Maps For Europe and Open Maps For Europe 2 (OME2) Projects

2019

EuroGeographics and EuroSDR, the European Spatial Data Research network that links NMCAs with Research Institutes and Universities, publish a report defining the seven characteristics of authoritative geospatial data. The definition is widely used by stakeholders including those in the private sector and the UN system.

2020

The Open Maps For Europe project, co-financed by the Connecting Europe Facility of the European Union, is completed. It demonstrates demand for pan-European open data from official national sources with more than 4,000 registered users downloading around 4,700 datasets, including the pilot Open Cadastral Map, and carrying out 6 million web service transactions via the customer interface.

EuroGeographics and the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) – the Secretariat of the UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management's (UN-GGIM) – announce a collaboration to provide a platform for knowledge exchange and capacity building.

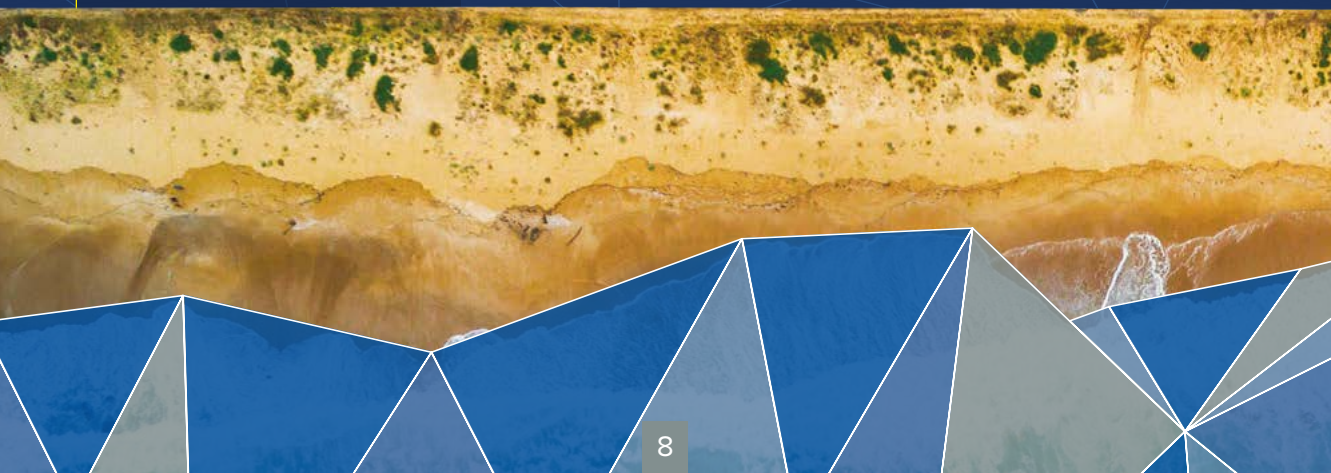
Members of EuroGeographics demonstrate the importance of investment in trusted and reliable geospatial data to realise the EU's decade of during a special debate for MEPs and policymakers at the European Parliament.

2021

EuroGeographics and the European Environment Agency (EEA) announce a new era of cooperation that increases the number of official national geospatial datasets available via the Copernicus Reference Access Data (CORDA) gateway and facilitate their use in Copernicus Services.



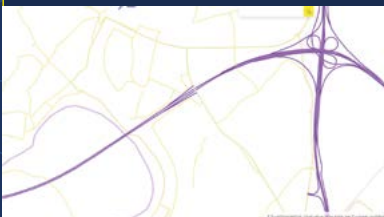
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2023

Security, Land Monitoring and Emergency Management are among the Copernicus services set to benefit from the European Environment Agency (EEA) and EuroGeographics partnership to create new framework agreement for official geospatial data.

EuroGeographics showcases how members are providing fundamental information to implement the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at an event in the European Parliament.



The Open Maps For Europe 2 (OME2) Project, co-funded by the European Union, releases the first prototype for harmonised high-value data. By the end of 2025, the OME2 prototype is expected to cover 10 countries with three key themes identified by users and defined as high value by the European Commission – administrative boundaries, transport and hydrography.

2025

EuroGeographics celebrates 25 years of representing Europe's National Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registration Authorities.

2024



In 2025, EuroGeographics celebrates 25 years as the voice Europe's National Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registration Authorities.

Today the Association is recognised as the point of contact for advice, comment, and supply of European geospatial and land information from official national sources, not only in Europe but also at global level through our partnership with the United Nations Statistical Division and United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM).

EuroGeographics believes in a society empowered by its members' trusted data which provides fundamental information about location to find solutions for global challenges. To achieve this vision, it is focused on ensuring its use and integration into critical infrastructures. In doing so, EuroGeographics and its members are realising a data-driven society empowered by the use of maps, geospatial and land information from official national sources.

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I am very proud to be the Association's President as it not only marks its 25th anniversary but also sets out its future direction. In a world where misinformation and disinformation are rife, authoritative geospatial data has never been more important. From the UN to the EU, it is recognised as a vital resource for confident and informed decision-making that contributes to a more certain future for all.

By continuing to provide data and expertise aligned with user needs, EuroGeographics and its members will be well-positioned to meet the challenges and opportunities of the next 25 years.

Tomaz Petek

President,
EuroGeographics



EuroGeographics has been proudly representing Europe's National Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registration Authorities for 25 years.

The Association celebrating its silver jubilee is very different to the one established at the turn of the Millennium.

Membership has grown, many projects and datasets have been delivered, and a huge amount of knowledge has been exchanged, but – at the heart of it all – one thing has stayed the same; the spirit of cooperation.

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Serving as a contact point between the Department of Lands and Surveys of Cyprus and EuroGeographics, and officially involved in all three key roles of mapping, cadastre and land registration, I gained significant experience through active interaction for more than 38 years (including CERCO). After all these years of active involvement, and also my participation in the Management Board for two consecutive terms, I consider EuroGeographics as my second, broad pan-European family, with which I keep tight cooperation and relationships.

The biggest achievement is the close cooperation, strong business and friendship bonds, which enabled EuroGeographics staff and members to interact and cooperate in a very successful, efficient and professional manner, providing tangible results in knowledge exchange and seamless pan-European geospatial data. Please continue with the same spirit and enthusiasm, ensuring friendship, honesty, and professionalism, representing member organisations in the best possible way, safeguarding their rights, and promoting their valuable experience.



Andreas Hadjiraftis
Permanent Correspondent, Department
of Lands and Surveys, Cyprus

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EuroGeographics has become a central place for NMCA's cooperation with each other and with the bodies of the EU, which is especially valuable for 'small' agencies that do not have the capacity to keep up with the changes and needs coming from the EU. As demanding as it proved to be to develop pan-European products, their application showed all the justification for such an approach.

EuroGeographics members from small countries become more actively involved in the work of the organisation and their contribution to the development of the organisation has grown, which has given new value to EuroGeographics. I would like EuroGeographics member agencies to be even more actively involved in the work of the organisation and contribute to the realisation of further pan-European projects that will provide spatial records or databases for all users in Europe.

Željko Bačić
former President,
EuroGeographics



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To me, EuroGeographics means many happy memories, friendships and professional pride in what we achieved together; establishing EuroGeographics as a strong Association that created a number of pan-European products, a coordinated 'voice' to the European Commission and a culture of knowledge sharing. My wish for the future is that it continues to thrive in increasingly challenging times!

Nick Land
former Secretary General and Executive Director,
EuroGeographics





EuroGeographics is a platform for co-operation, collaboration and learning – and for friendship in a united Europe. Being able to establish a well-functioning relationship with GGIM Europe, has been beneficial to both organisations and has also given EuroGeographics more visibility. My wish for EuroGeographics for the future is to be recognised as the geospatial speaking partner by the EU institutions. And to really be the spokesperson for a common European perspective.



Bengt Kjellson
former Chair,
UN-GGIM: Europe



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EuroGeographics is a strong community of NMCAs represented by professionals in the field of geodesy, mapping, cadastre and land registry. A productive and efficient network of experts working closely together, sharing knowledge and contributing to European and Global policy and development by creating and providing pan-European location information on different level of detail to enable information about where things are happening...and nationally guaranteeing the ownership rights to real estates and topographic data.

At a personal level, EuroGeographics means a strong network of lovely friends in every country of Europe, which makes me feel very rich and blessed! It is an honour and pleasure to work for and with our members. Our strength is in the coverage and close cooperation of all European countries at the professional, political level and very importantly in sharing knowledge and learning from each other.

Thank you for being part of EuroGeographics, we are indeed stronger together.

Patricia Sokacova

Membership and
Communications Manager,
EuroGeographics



Bringing together collective expertise across national boundaries is one of EuroGeographics' primary strengths. And a willingness to share this, between members and with other organisations, such as UN-GGIM, the European Environment Agency, and EuroSDR, is unlocking the power of fundamental information about location to meet national, regional and global challenges.

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In the geospatial information landscape, I perceive EuroGeographics as a bridge between national agencies and market requirements, a promoter of the importance of the official data that our members produce and an integrator of this data into pan-European services that benefit society.

In the past 25 years, EuroGeographics has grown successfully thanks to the dedication and joint efforts of the team and member organisations. It has become a model of international collaboration, an example of excellence that has enabled Europe and its institutions to benefit from the potential of official data created by national mapping agencies.

I wish EuroGeographics all the best in pursuing its projects and, for this to happen, to take the necessary strategic steps to become a department under the European Commission. This would facilitate the funding of projects already in the pipeline, and open up new growth opportunities that would enhance the authority of the Association.



Adriana Poggi
Permanent Correspondent,
National Agency for Cadastre
and Land Registration,
Romania



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Growing the membership to cover geographical Europe, while also ensuring that every member continued to benefit from its activities, made EuroGeographics not only the most challenging but also the most rewarding phase of my 50-year career.

Together we ensured that the vital role fulfilled by National Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registration authorities is understood and their data is recognised as an essential component of Europe's critical infrastructure. My sincere hope is that this results in secure and adequate funding from Commission budgets in the future.

Dave Lovell

former Secretary General and Executive Director,
EuroGeographics.



EuroGeographics and its members are united by a common vision to use expertise and data from Europe's National Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registration Authorities for the public good. Together, the Association and its members have ensured that the role of official providers of geospatial information is understood and that this data is recognised as an essential component of European and global infrastructures.

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EuroGeographics is a fantastic organisation that brings together all the NMCAs in Europe. EuroGeographics is an essential showcase for promoting and using national geoinformation on a European level as a basis for decisions relating to the territory. Geoinformation is a pillar of our national and European sovereignty.

I would like to see EuroGeographics receive substantial, long-term funding from the European Commission so that it can continue to fulfil its mission with complete serenity! As an association, EuroGeographics can only rely on itself to live and promote geoinformation at European level.

This is an ongoing challenge that EuroGeographics is constantly rising to. Well done!

Robert Balanche

Permanent Correspondent,
Federal Office of
Topography swisstopo



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EuroGeographics is a wonderful example of pan-European collaboration. Repositioning EuroGeographics to embrace European policy for open data, set the groundwork for future European relationships based on mutual trust, enabling the success of Open Maps for Europe. My wish for the Association's future would be more sustainable model for the provision of future official European data, more closely aligned to European institutions' data requirements.



Mick Cory

former Secretary General and Executive Director, EuroGeographics

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EuroGeographics is a network of peers who work in collaboration and friendship for the betterment of European and National Mapping, Cadastre and Land Registration. During my time as President, the Association and its members achieved the development and successful delivery of the Open Maps for Europe project. My wish for the future is to have a sustainable business model supported by EU funding for the benefit of Europe authoritative geospatial services.

Colin Bray

former President, EuroGeographics



From EuroRoads to Open Maps For Europe, by way of the RISE, EuroGeoNames, ESDIN, ELF and Open ELS Projects, EuroGeographics has demonstrated the value of authoritative pan-European data for confident, informed decision making that benefits all. It continues to deliver pan-European datasets that are both accessible and useable thanks to its unique harmonisation process, which itself is an important example of international collaboration.



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EuroGeographics is for me, in the first place, a wonderful network of colleagues and friends that I can call on for many reasons, most importantly for advice and support in my role as head of the mapping organisation of our country. Secondly EuroGeographics is my partner for improving the knowledge exchange of all our staff with peers in other countries, which is a huge boost to the level of competence and the speed of knowledge improvement. And last, but not least, the activities for cross-border geospatial information provision help us demonstrate the value of our data and the use at supranational level.

I think, in the period that I was chairing the organisation, we made a big leap in professionalising our ways of working and our secretariat. The strengthening of the head office and the enlargement of the membership to all European Countries were visible results of that. We also achieved good results in competing for European funding and delivered as promised. The added value of our KENs was also largely recognised amongst the members.

I wish our organisation to thrive for the next 25 years as the partner on behalf of the mapping and cadastral agencies at international levels such as the EU Commission, the UN, ESA or comparable, and that the necessary sustainable resources have been secured to achieve that.



Ingrid Vanden Berghe
former President, EuroGeographics

Today, the UN recognises that a strong global geospatial infrastructure is an essential enabler for achieving its 2030 Agenda, and the EU defines geospatial as a high-value dataset for its important benefits for society, the environment and the economy.



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EuroGeographics is a cohesive force that unites NMCA's across Europe, enabling mapping agencies to connect with one another and exchange knowledge, which is crucial for the development of our agencies. It is a platform that enables the sharing of experiences, as well as a collective voice that promotes the understanding of the importance and potential of the members' authoritative data.

During my time as a Permanent Correspondent, the Association's biggest achievement is the sustained effort and dedication demonstrated over many years, aiming to provide harmonised pan-European geospatial data to the European Commission and other users. This effort has strengthened international collaboration and enabled European and global institutions to benefit from authoritative geospatial data.

If I could have one wish for the future of EuroGeographics, it would be a closer association with the European Commission, ensuring sustainable funding so that we can continue to provide valuable geospatial data and services for the benefit of society.



Olav Eggers,
Permanent Correspondent, Agency for
Climate Data, Denmark

Together EuroGeographics and its members have achieved so much and together they will continue to play a key role in helping to realise the aspirations of people everywhere for a better future. And, as the Association marks its silver jubilee, it not only celebrates past successes but also looks to the future.



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As we take our next steps together in realising our vision of a society empowered by the use of trusted geospatial services, our focus must be on enabling access to your high-value data and expertise for the public good through its integration into the infrastructures we rely upon as a modern society.

Sallie Payne Snell

Secretary General and Executive Director,
EuroGeographics



From conflict and climate change to the rise of artificial intelligence and disinformation, the world today is very different to the one of 25 years ago when the Association was established. Finding solutions to these global challenges requires trusted data and trusted partnerships.

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The biggest challenge will be following modern technologies, using artificial intelligence (AI) in a sustainable way and largely dependent on humans, while at the same time facilitating work in our field. The biggest opportunity will be skillful use of AI, constant access to current, reliable and authoritative spatial information.

Through continuous development and support from member countries, EuroGeographics should continue to cooperate in the area of exchanging knowledge, good practices, valuable tips and opportunities. This can be also met through useful analyses, for example that show how changes in given areas over the years can contribute to better, safer decisions and better knowledge among users of geospatial data (information society).



Alicja Kulka
General Surveyor of Poland,
Head Office of Geodesy and Cartography

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The biggest opportunity is in joint forces. The use of AI and machine learning, along with bringing the right people — particularly young talent — together to find ways to automate map production from various databases across different countries will be essential in creating reliable and accessible maps. Maps will return to the forefront of business, but this time, they will be updated daily

By serving as a spokesperson to high-level authorities, such as the EU, EU institutions, and national governments, EuroGeographics can continue to advocate for the importance of access to up-to-date geospatial information and assist in bringing authoritative partners together to collaborate, as well as with the private sector. EuroGeographics must be as important to others as it is to its members.



Eydís Líndal Finnbogadóttir
Director General of
The Natural Science Institute
of Iceland



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The biggest benefit of our relationship with EuroGeographics is collaboration in establishing high quality European scaled geospatial data availability, which includes fostering partnerships between the statistical and geospatial decision makers and data integration work at national and European level.

In the next 10 years we shall develop a sustainable way of producing, using and disseminating high quality, always up to date and standardised European geospatial infrastructure and data sources. Another development will be the active usage of artificial intelligence and embedding of geospatial components into all data collections to enable the ad hoc production of granular information and statistics for household, city, regions, and country decision-making support.

My wish for the future is to continue and to further develop the trusted partnership.



Dr. Márta Nagy-Rothengass

Head of Unit Regional statistics and geographical information, Eurostat

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One of the main benefits of our relationship is that EuroGeographics provides high-quality, current and seamless geospatial datasets at different scales, which are based on the data of European National Mapping Authorities. Over the past number of years, EuroGeographics has been a reliable source of high-quality geospatial information for us and the availability of this seamless datasets has significantly contributed to our work.

We all recognise that our environment has changed and we face new challenges. We also believe that the use of EuroGeographics data and products will become even more established and intensify as the range of products on offer becomes more diverse. This will enable the data sets to be used for a variety of different requirements.

We further believe that the work and products of EuroGeographics will continue to support our work very effectively in the coming years and will make a significant contribution to the geospatial support provided by the EUMS Geospatial Support to the EUMS and the EEAS.

As the user-base for EuroGeographics products continues to expand, it stands to reason that by using them we should be able to ensure the military geospatial support principle ‘operating off the same geospatial information’. Our wish is that EuroGeographics will continue to make a valuable contribution to the exchange of ideas and co-operation within the EU geospatial community.

Ilka Ocker
Senior Geospatial Officer,
European Union Military Staff (EUMS)



High quality and reliability is the calling card of EuroGeographics members, which makes their fundamental information about location one of Europe's most valuable resources. In uncertain times, it provides certainty to those responsible for making critical decisions. But simply making it available is not enough, they must also be able to use it within their own systems.



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Data is now a fundamental part of our national, social, and economic infrastructures, but in a world where devices and sensors have flooded the data environment, finding authoritative data is not easy. How can we ensure that our community is trusted to link our changing world to our data landscape?

In an environment where access to data is a given, we need to make location-related insights more accessible and easily used by people in every sector and of every skill level.

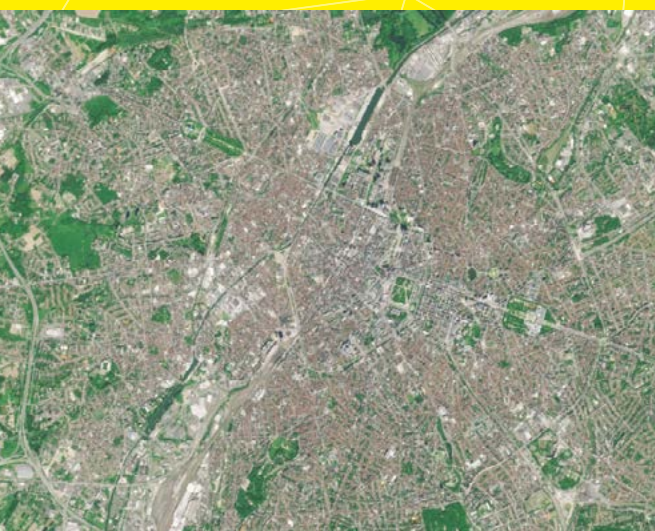
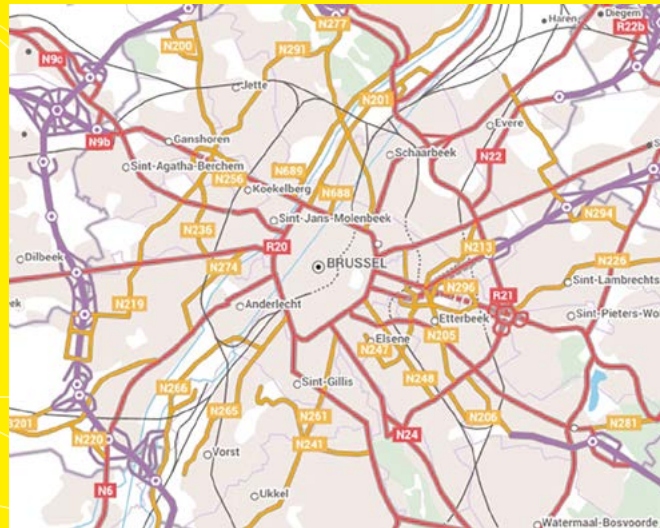
We need to meet our users where they are, often in data analysis tools and libraries, not just in our traditional GIS.

EuroGeographics can help by creating a common geospatial foundation using our authoritative NMCA data – and making sure it is used by policy makers and governments across Europe.

Nick Bolton
Chief Executive, Ordnance
Survey Great Britain



This is where our members are already adding extra value through their expertise in harmonisation and edge-matching techniques that seamlessly integrate national data into ready-to-use pan-European information.



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If we continue uniting and developing EuroGeographics data pillar, the most significant challenge will be ensuring the integration of new members that produce geoinformation at the European level, beyond the NMCAs. If we don't, there's a risk that external third parties could replace the role that EuroGeographics and NMCAs currently play.

The biggest opportunity lies in positioning EuroGeographics and its members as proactive leaders in securing the recognition of geoinformation as a vital data pillar within the European Commission's framework. With the increasing demand for accurate and harmonised environmental data, particularly from various Directorates-General (DGs), there is a growing recognition of the value geospatial information provides in shaping EU policies, especially concerning the ecological transition. By aligning its strategic objectives with EU priorities, EuroGeographics has the opportunity to not only influence key environmental and policy decisions but also to potentially evolve into a more influential entity within the European Commission — possibly even a Directorate-General (DG) in its own right. This would significantly raise the profile and impact of EuroGeographics in driving forward the digital and environmental agendas across Europe.

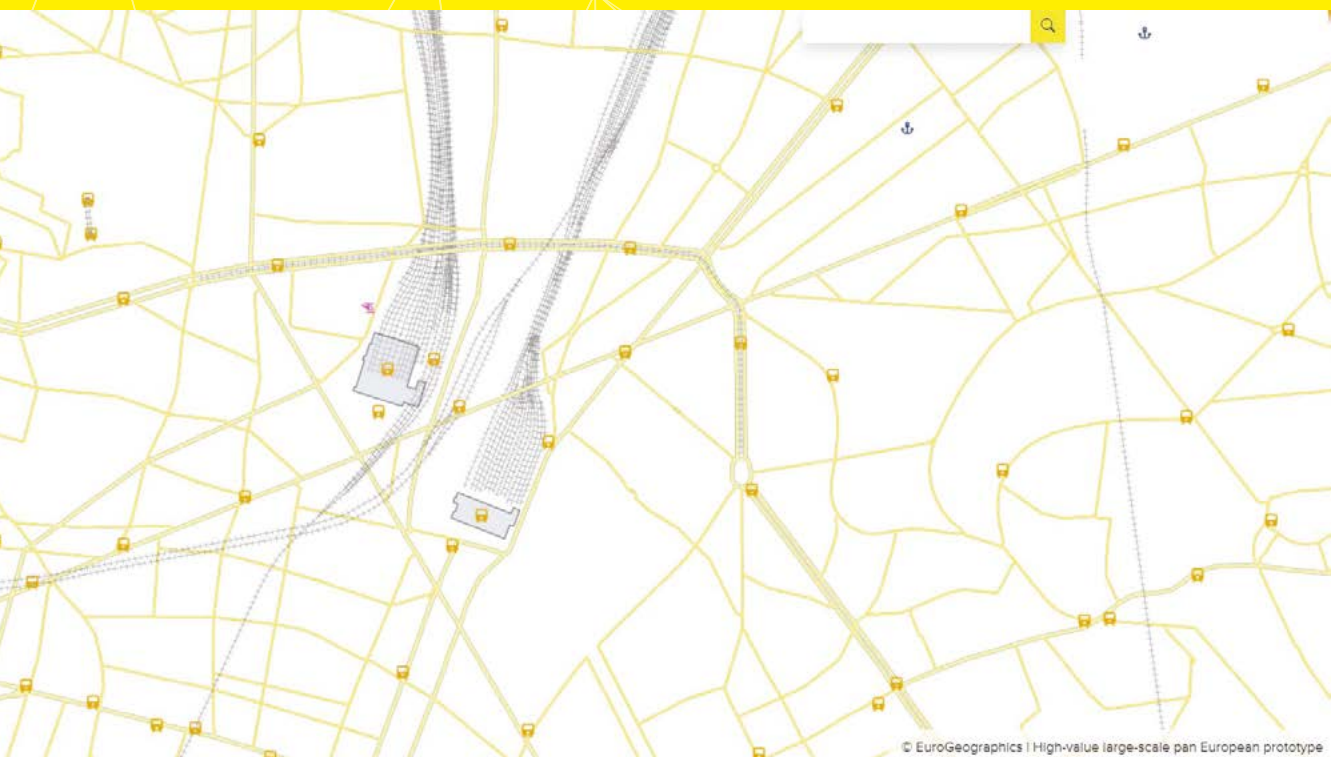
To contribute to a more certain future, EuroGeographics must continue to lead in the production of harmonised, authoritative, and high-value geospatial datasets. These datasets will be critical in supporting the formulation, monitoring, and evaluation of European policies, particularly those related to the ecological transition and sustainable development. By focusing on policies that benefit the public good, EuroGeographics can enhance its role as a key enabler of data-driven decision-making.

Nicolas Paparoditis

Deputy General Director,
National Institute of Geographic and
Forest Information, France



Now the production process, which is unique to EuroGeographics and its members, will be further developed to deliver the only high-value large-scale authoritative dataset for Europe. It's a practical solution that meets user needs and maintains the relevance of national mapping, cadastral and land registration authorities in the wider data ecosystem – and it's just one example of how collaboration will continue to unlock the power of geospatial data to benefit people and planet in the next decade.



© EuroGeographics | High-value large-scale pan European prototype

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In the near future, the issues related to geospatial data as critical infrastructure will become crucial. The vital co-operation and successful knowledge exchange within EuroGeographics form the basis for good approaches and positions.

We must convince the European Commission and its agencies that our authoritative geospatial data are ideally suited to mastering the political and economic duties at European level. It must be clear to everyone that the excellent quality of our geospatial data is indispensable for overcoming crises and new challenges in the European Union, but cannot be obtained for free.

With the new activity to design and implement an operational production process until 2028 a new era will begin. Although the aim to produce large-scale pan-European geospatial data is not easy to achieve, I am optimistic that together with our friends from IGN France and with the support of all members we will deliver.



Prof. Dr. Paul Becker

President, Federal Agency for Cartography
and Geodesy, Germany

Just as its members are stronger together, EuroGeographics is stronger working in partnership with others committed to using their expertise to help realise a better future for all.

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We share a common goal of using the power of geospatial information to benefit society and the collaboration with EuroGeographics' enables UNSD (and the broader global geospatial information community of UN-GGIM) to benefit from its extensive experience in maintaining knowledge exchange and capacity-building networks across and within Europe's National Geospatial Information, Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registry Authorities, better enabling all of us to address key global challenges, specifically capacity development for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Today, we are less than 5 years away from 2030, a significant milestone for the global development and international community. Yet, our hard-fought progress against global poverty has been reversed due to the ongoing, interlinked and cascading social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 global pandemic; rising political and global tensions; extreme weather events and our changing climate are breaking global heat records and potentially irreversibly changing our environment. In the coming decade, we need to leverage partnerships, like the one we have with EuroGeographics, to ensure that all countries, regardless of capacity or capability, can meet their aspirations and leave no one behind; ultimately, partnerships like this offer us a fulcrum to support countries within the region, but also showcase good practices for other regions to follow.



We need to redouble our efforts to implement the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework. We need the means, whether technology, money, or people, to support countries with raising their geospatial capacity. Our global geospatial community knows the power and potential of the UN-IGIF, but we must work beyond our horizon to help senior decision-makers better understand the opportunities and benefits that ensue from leveraging the power of geospatial information.



Stefan Schweinfest

Director, Statistics Division,
United Nations





European Environment Agency



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The biggest benefit of our relationship with EuroGeographics is the growing access to high-quality, authoritative geospatial data from national mapping and cadastral agencies across Europe, which is essential for ensuring the accuracy and reliability of Copernicus data and products. By collaborating with EuroGeographics Head Office and its members, we facilitate the availability of this data while also recognising its important value for the EU Space Programme.

Over the next decade, we anticipate deeper collaboration with EuroGeographics to address the evolving needs of the Copernicus component of the EU Space Programme. Strengthening synergies with its members will help us meet growing user demands for real-time, high-resolution geospatial information, ensuring fit-for-purpose products that also bring valuable benefits back to the Member States.

Our key wish is for streamlined access to harmonised, authoritative geospatial data across Europe, ensuring its timely and seamless integration into Copernicus data and products. Strengthening this partnership through innovation in data access, integration, and harmonisation will maximise its impact in supporting European and global sustainability goals.

Jose Miguel Rubio Iglesias
Copernicus In-Situ Data Expert,
European Environment Agency

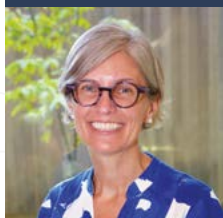


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The relationship between EuroGeographics and the UN-GGIM Committee of Experts supports access to high-quality, standardised geospatial data from across Europe, strengthening global coordination and data sharing. This collaboration also aids the development of global geospatial governance frameworks, supports the monitoring of global initiatives, and fosters capacity building through knowledge exchange and best practices.

Some of our biggest challenges include gaps in data availability and capacity, especially in developing countries. Strengthening the relationship between EuroGeographics and the UN-GGIM Committee of Experts in the years ahead will foster data collection and standardisation, knowledge sharing, and training, as well as drive innovation in geospatial technologies.

Looking to the future, I wish that the relationship between EuroGeographics and the UN-GGIM Committee of Experts will be a partnership focused on the international adoption of geospatial frameworks and data standards, ensuring consistent, high-quality data sharing across all regions. I believe this will enable better decision-making and address global challenges like urbanisation and disaster response.



Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop,

Co-Chair, UN-GGIM Committee of Experts and
Co-Chair, High-Level Group of the Integrated
Geospatial Information Framework.

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Our relationship with EuroGeographics strengthens the geosector as together we are stronger! The EuroGeographics – EuroSDR collaboration will remain strong as we complement each other in terms of objectives, expertise, networking and knowledge transfer. My one wish for the future of EuroGeographics is to keep the collaboration strong.

Professor Joep Cromptvoets
EuroSDR



EuroGeographics' collaborative approach is a trusted platform for knowledge exchange, capacity building and data provision that links different organisations who share its goal of using geospatial data for the public good.

This ensures that EuroGeographics and its members remain well-positioned to meet the challenges and opportunities of the next quarter century.

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To me, EuroGeographics means cooperation; a European community with worldwide impact and friendships for life. Bringing together topographical services and cadastres under one umbrella organisation was the best decision ever! The synergy between the two brought us so much further with the development of our profession.

Let's stay united and keep our community alive!

Dorine Burmanje
former President,
EuroGeographics



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To me, EuroGeographics is not just an association—it’s a community of dedicated professionals united by a common vision to provide high-quality, harmonised geospatial data from official national sources that supports policy making, economic growth, and sustainable development across Europe.

During my time as President, one of the most remarkable achievements was the strengthening of cooperation among EuroGeographics’ member organisations, laying the foundation for truly unified trusted geospatial services in Europe. It allowed members to collectively address challenges such as cross-border data interoperability, ensuring that geographic information could seamlessly support European initiatives like INSPIRE and the European Location Framework (ELF).

My wish for the future of EuroGeographics is that it continues to thrive as a model of cooperation, where the collective strength of its members propels Europe to the forefront of geospatial innovation. I envision the Association playing an even more prominent role in supporting EU policies with trusted geospatial information, ensuring that Europe remains a global leader in sustainable development and innovation. Together, the Association and its members can ensure that Europe remains a shining example of how collaboration and trusted geospatial services empower society.



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