

# **EuroGeographics Extraordinary General Assembly**

**9-10 May 2017**

**The Leuven Institute for Ireland in Europe  
Leuven, Belgium**



# Areas of Business

## Conduct formal business

- Scrutinise and approve the financial accounts of the Association before they are registered with the Belgian Court of Commerce;
- Vote on applications for membership from qualifying organisations.

## Find out about the work of your Association

- Products and services and how users benefit from pan-European data;
- Progress being made towards future European Location Services;
- The value and relevant benefits to all members from Membership;
- Updates on the activities of the Knowledge Exchange Networks (KENs); and
- Preview the 2017 General Assembly in Vienna, Austria.

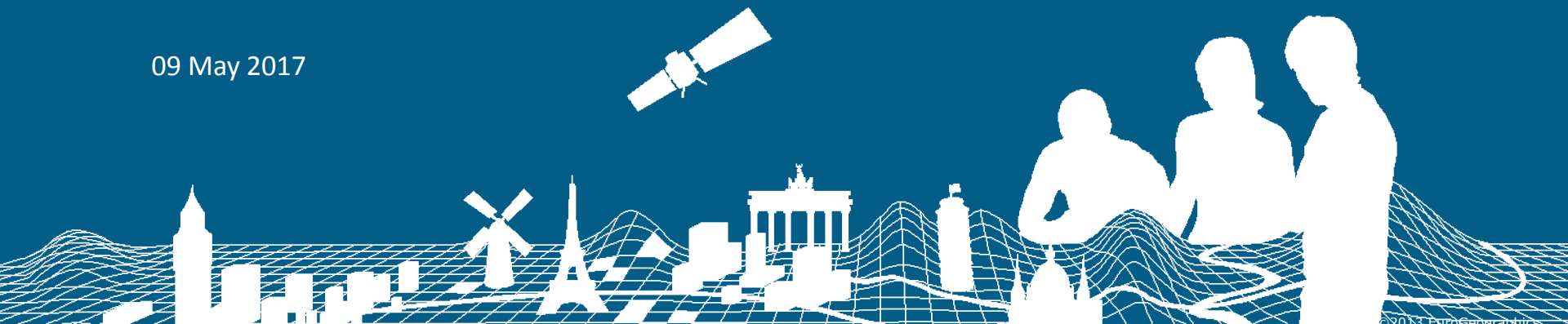
# Extraordinary General Assembly

## Formal Business

Mick Cory  
Secretary General & Executive Director  
EuroGeographics

Irish College, Leuven

09 May 2017



# Items for Business

1. Approval of EuroGeographics AISBL 2016 Financial Accounts;
  2. Approval of the application for full membership of EuroGeographics by Registers of Scotland;
  3. Approval of the application for full membership of EuroGeographics by Land Registry Malta.
- The Treasurer, Angela Matcov, will present the 2016 Accounts;
  - The Membership and Communications Manager, Patricia Sokacova, will present the membership applications;
  - There will be an opportunity for questions before votes are cast.

# Introduction

- A new procedure has been put in place to respond to members wishes that their voting slips are placed into sealed ballot boxes.
- The Association's formal business will be addressed at the start of the Extraordinary General Assembly and voting will take place over the lunch period.
- The new procedure was approved by Management Board at their meeting in April.
- Two members representatives need to be appointed by the Extraordinary General Assembly
  - Volunteers
  - Appointment

# Articles of Association

- Approval is achieved by a simple majority vote of the Full Members present or represented, with no quorum required.
- Only Full members whose subscription payments have been received at midnight on the working day prior to commencement of a General Assembly have a voting right.
- Each Country with at least one (1) Full Member has three (3) votes;
- Each Country may have up to three (3) Full Members;
- The three (3) votes will be divided amongst the number of Full Members, who shall agree jointly among themselves on the distribution of votes;
- If not otherwise agreed between them, the votes will be divided equally between them.
- Any Full member unable to attend may give in writing a formal power of attorney to another member, or the President, to exercise its voting right.
- Associate Members do not vote – they participate as an observer only.

# Procedures

- At the end of the formal business presentations, a single representative from each member organisation must go to the registration table to collect their organisations voting slips, which will be in an envelope.
- The member representative will sign against their organisation's name to show they have received their voting slips.
- The ballot papers are colour coded to indicate the number of votes held by the member who is voting;
  - Yellow = 1½ votes                      Green = 3 votes
- Each voting member has 3 ballot papers
  - for the 2016 Financial Accounts,
  - the Membership application by Registers of Scotland and
  - the Membership application by Land Registry Malta.
- A ballot box for each of the items to be voted on will be clearly labelled set up in the main conference room.

# Procedures

- Members can cast their vote at anytime over the lunchtime period
- Vote is cast by entering the main conference room, marking your ballot paper and then placing each completed voting slip it in the correct sealed ballot box.
- The ballot boxes will be overseen by an independent member representative and a member of the Head Office team.
- At the end of the lunchtime period, the sealed ballot boxes will be taken and opened by an independent member representative.
- The votes will be counted by the Finance Manager and Operations Manager and will be independently verified.
- The results will be presented to members before the afternoon coffee break.
- All voting results will be recorded in the minutes.



# Questions



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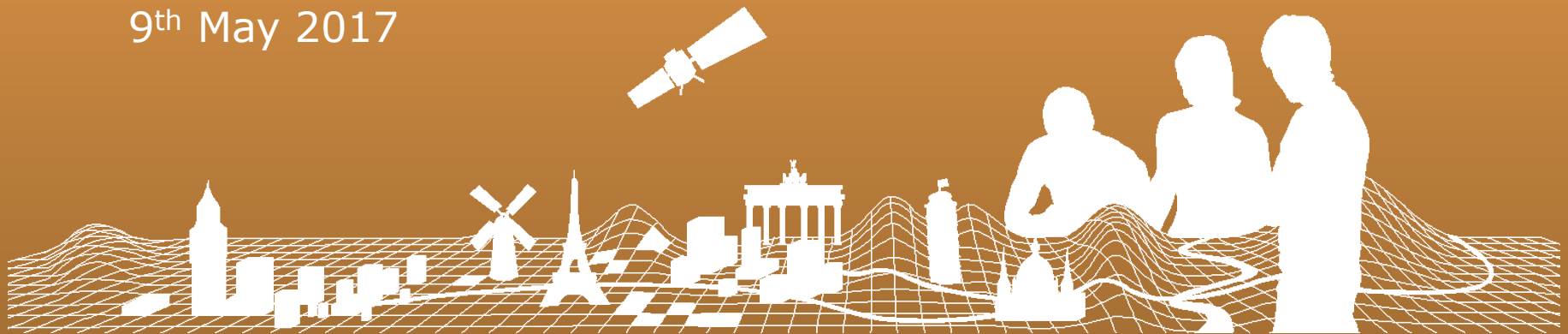
# Articles & Rules of Association

- Article 12.2 of the **Articles of Association** requires that members approve the annual financial statements;
- Article 15 requires the Management Board to draw up final accounts for each financial year, which it shall submit for approval to the General Assembly through the Treasurer in accordance with Article 12.2.;
- Such approval is achieved by a simple majority vote of the Full Members present or represented, with no quorum required;
- Article 3 of the **Rules and Regulation** of the Association require the annual financial statements to be prepared by an accountant and approved by the Management Board before being submitted to the annual General Assembly;
- Details were provided in papers distributed;
- Members approval required before they are registered with the Belgian Court of Commerce.

# Financial Report and Accounts 2016

Angela Matcov  
EuroGeographics Treasurer

9<sup>th</sup> May 2017



# Introduction

- The accounts for 2016 have been prepared under the supervision of the Association's Treasurer and its Finance Manager and Association Secretary by our accountants and they have been submitted to an external audit.
- They were approved by the Management Board at its meeting on 06 April 2017.
- This report reviews the closed 2016 accounts and are submitted to the Members at the Extraordinary General Assembly for approval.

# Result

- The total cost of running the Association in 2016 was €1,645,910.
- Income of €1,815,693 was generated from sales, membership subscriptions and from EC grant for the ELF project.
- The Association has thus obtained a surplus of €169,784, slightly higher than the result of 2015.

2016 - Realized Budget			
	2016 Accounts		2015 Accounts
	<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Total</b>	€	<b>1,645,910</b>	€ 1,724,332
	<b>Income</b>		
<b>Total</b>	€	<b>1,815,693</b>	€ 1,818,951
Extraordinary Expenses			-€ 31,317
Extraordinary Income			€ 88,725
<b>Result</b>	€	<b>169,784</b>	€ 152,027

# Income

- Income from subscriptions, ELF project and Eurostat contract was within the projected amounts
- We outperformed our projections in sales

2016 - Realized Budget						
	2016 Accounts		2016 Budget		2015 Accounts	
	Income					
Income from Eurostat	€	399,500	€	399,500	€	354,500
Income from Sales	€	350,972	€	268,381	€	270,821
Membership Subscriptions	€	903,208	€	909,815	€	874,958
Interests and currency gains	€	18,153	€	1,000	€	3,517
Social Security Exemption	€	941	€	1,250	€	2,617
EC Grant	€	142,920	€	153,879	€	312,538
Total	€	1,815,693	€	1,733,825	€	1,818,951

# Expenditures

- We spent 80 to 90 thousand Euros less in 2016.
- This happened despite an increase of the EGHO team.
- We also had higher costs in Representation, Membership and Administration.
- Lower costs were essentially due to the end of the ELF project.

## 2016 - Realized Budget

2016 Accounts		2016 Budget	2015 Accounts			
Expenditure by Activity						
Organisational Development	€	46,796	€	67,719	€	14,385
European Affairs and Represent	€	101,134	€	91,542	€	80,774
UN-GGIM	€	61,209	€	60,596	€	78,893
Communications & Membership	€	159,753	€	126,046	€	118,693
Knowledge Networks	€	64,833	€	103,000	€	80,117
LOT	€	853	€	27,477	€	10,126
ELS	€	42,998	€	52,437	€	-
EGN	€	-	€	1,120	€	-
ELF	€	248,951	€	365,881	€	501,165
Sales	€	293,863	€	316,290	€	310,998
Management & Adminstration	€	625,520	€	523,050	€	529,181
Total	€	1,645,910	€	1,735,158	€	1,724,332
Expenditure by Cost Category						
Labour and Taxes	€	780,588	€	784,620	€	728,435
Meetings, travel & subs	€	219,598	€	182,500	€	220,409
Professional Fees	€	49,221	€	68,880	€	20,992
Marketing & Communication proi	€	56,623	€	62,120	€	62,991
Operations Costs	€	196,437	€	212,407	€	159,568
Products & services	€	-	€	20,160	€	-
Project	€	91,191	€	126,312	€	260,759
Data Supply Fees	€	19,318	€	50,000	€	47,283
Production Costs	€	232,934	€	228,160	€	223,895
Total	€	1,645,910	€	1,735,158	€	1,724,332



# Outlook

***The Association's finances remain healthy.***

- By the beginning of 2017, the Association had reserves of **€924,829** (before results of 2016) held in two accounts:
  - At Belfius bank, with a balance of €825,073;
  - At ING bank with a balance of €99,556.
- The surplus of **€169,784** will reinforce our investment capacity for the coming years.

# Questions



# Decision

The Management Board recommend  
that Members approve the 2016  
Accounts

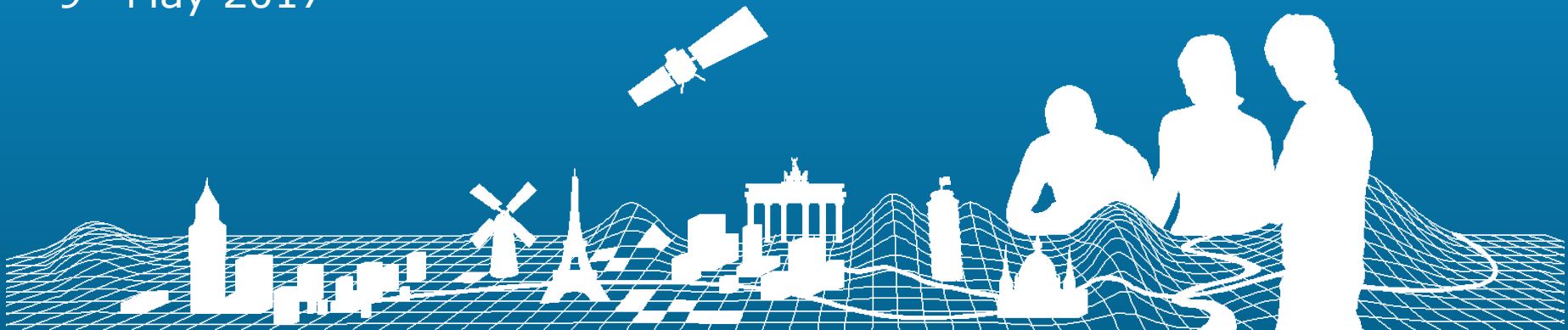
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1. Approval of EuroGeographics AISBL 2015 Financial Accounts;
2. Approval of the application for full membership of EuroGeographics by Registers of Scotland
3. Approval of the application for full membership of EuroGeographics by Land Registry Malta.

# Membership Applications

Patricia Sokacova  
Membership and Communication Manager

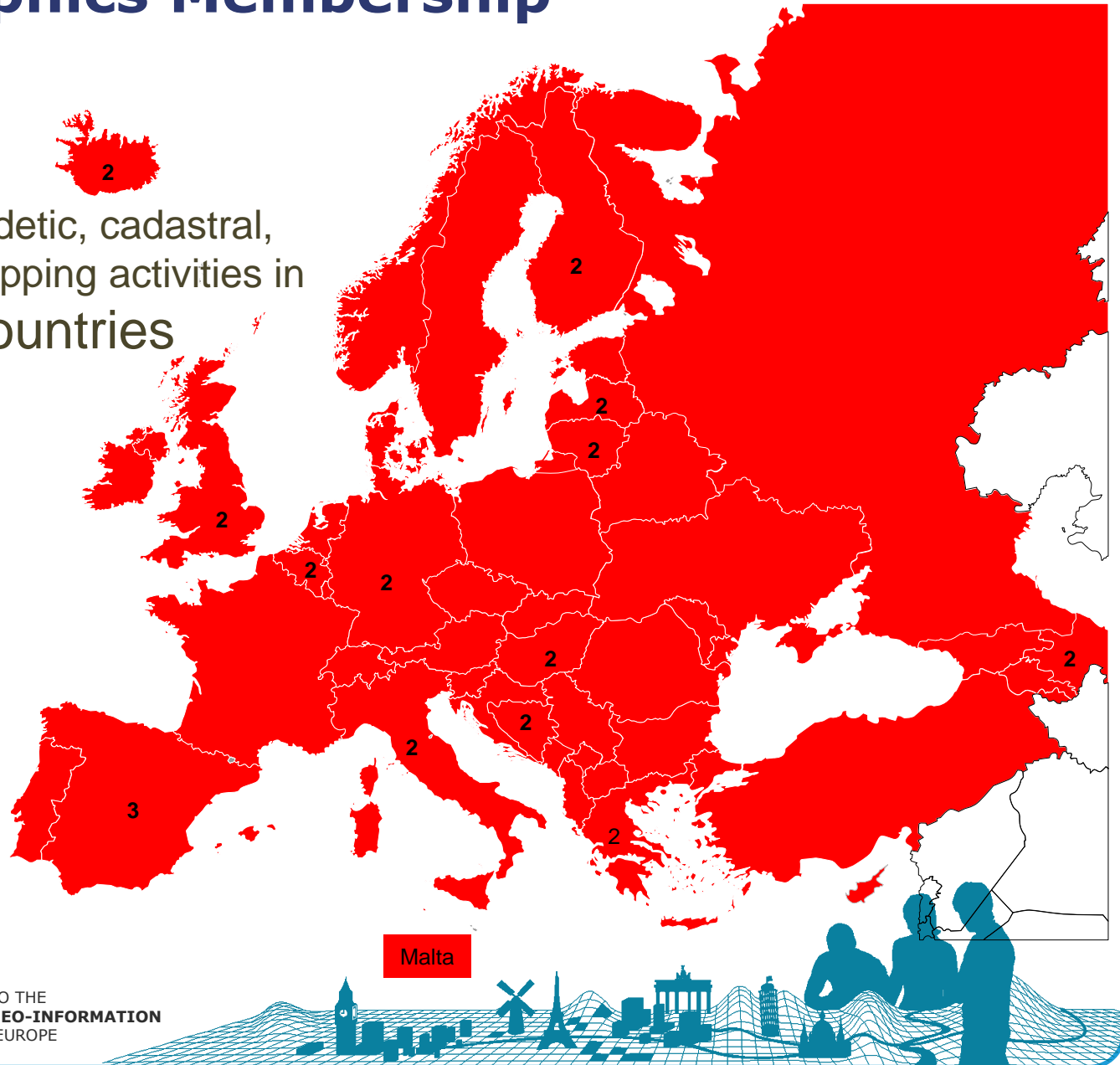
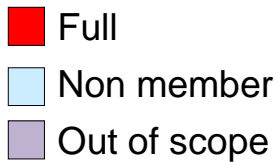
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# EuroGeographics Membership today

# 61 members

Responsible for geodetic, cadastral,  
land registry and mapping activities in  
**46 European countries**



# **We are a big family...open for new members!**



We are pleased by the continuous interest  
for membership



# Articles of Association

## Article 4.1

- *The Association shall be comprised of Full and Associate Members. Application for full membership of the Association is open to any nationally recognized organization within Europe that has an official responsibility within a European country for an activity which relates to the Association's Purpose.*

## Article 5.1

- *Any applicant to join the Association shall have the appropriate capacity in this respect and be validly incorporated under its own country's law. Applications for membership must be sent to the Executive Director in writing. The Executive Director shall inform the Management Board, which shall give its opinion before such application, as the case may be, is approved by the General Assembly. The General Assembly decides upon the basis of the application.*



# The Applications

## Registers of Scotland

- Led by Keeper of the Registers of Scotland, Mrs. Sheenagh Adams



represented today by Mr. Kenny Crawford



# The Applications

## Land Registry Malta

Led by Mr. John Attard,

Represented today by Mr. John Attard and Mr. Claude Sapiانو



# Membership Application Registers of Scotland

- Registers of Scotland has submitted an application for FULL membership;
- Has followed the correct process set out in the Association's Articles and Rules and Regulations; and
- Meets the conditions for membership – geographical position, legal basis and competence.
- Membership of Registers of Scotland supports our Vision, Mission and Purpose and would bring additional revenue to the Association.
- The EuroGeographics Management Board approved the membership application of Registers of Scotland.

# Membership Application

## Land Registry Malta

- Land Registry Malta has submitted an application for FULL membership;
- Has followed the correct process set out in the Association's Articles and Rules and Regulations; and
- Meets the conditions for membership – geographical position, legal basis and competence.
- Membership of Land Registry Malta supports our Vision, Mission and Purpose and would bring additional revenue to the Association.
- The EuroGeographics Management Board approved the membership application of Land Registry Malta.

# Questions



# Decision

Members are asked to approve the application of Registers of Scotland for FULL Membership of EuroGeographics AISBL.

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# Voting

