

EuroGeographics Update

QKEN Plenary Meeting
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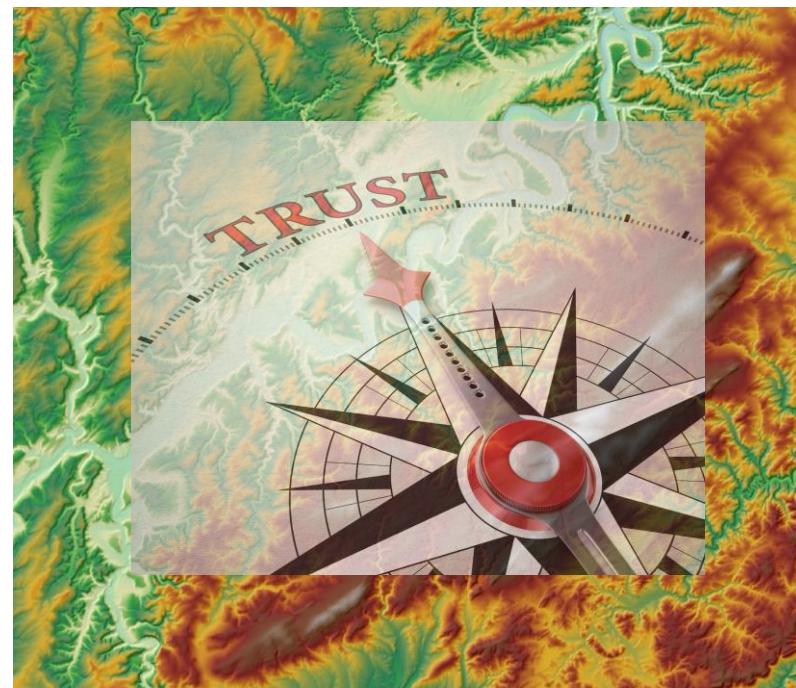
The voice of European National Mapping, Cadastral & Land Registry Authorities





Our vision

**A society empowered by the use of our members'
authoritative geospatial services**



General Assembly 2018

This year's General Assembly was held in Prague and was hosted by the Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadastre.

This was our 8th General Assembly since EuroGeographics became an international not-for-profit association, and the 18th since its first General Assembly in Dublin, following the merger of MEGRIN and CERCO.



<https://eurogeographics.org/about-us/governance/general-assemblies/2018-general-assembly/>

Management Board

Members elected Colin Bray from Ordnance Survey Ireland as their next President. He succeeds Ingrid Vanden Berghe from NGI Belgium who has been a tireless champion for our members and a passionate advocate of authoritative geospatial data.

Four new Management Board Members were also elected.

They are: Andreas Hadjirafitis - Cyprus;
Martin Salzmann - The Netherlands;
Liudmyla Shemelynets - Ukraine
Kristian Møller - Denmark.



EuroGeographics Production Management Team - Meeting

EuroGeographics Production Management Team gathered recently in Zwolle, The Netherlands.

The meeting, hosted by Kadaster, included discussions on the production of pan-European products, use of the new Quality Management tool developed by Kadaster, and planning for the data producers technical meeting in Zagreb in November. Kadaster also gave a presentation on their products and LEAN way of working.



Technical Meeting of the EuroGeographics Data Producers 2018

In November 55 data producers from 27 countries met in Zagreb, hosted by the State Geodetic Administration.

The group were updated on technical plans for the following year, and each regional group were able to meet in breakout sessions to share knowledge exchange information.



EuroGeographics expands coverage of administrative boundaries in latest data release

EuroBoundaryMap enables the exact matching of administrative areas with statistical data using a European-wide unique identifier and is produced using harmonised geospatial data from 39 members.

Boundary information for 55 countries is available in the latest release of EuroBoundaryMap .

Following the addition of Croatia, it now offers full coverage of the EU 28 and the boundary, hydrology, miscellaneous and name themes have been updated.

It covers all 28 EU Member States, 3 current EU candidate countries, 4 EFTA States and Kosovo as well as Greenland, the Canary Islands, Azores, Madeira and French overseas territories.



Open ELS updates

The Project made progress on several project tasks in the last months and has achieved important milestones.

The Open Data Policy for Open ELS has been finalised and published. It sets out the principals for accessing and reusing the data and services delivered by the Open ELS Project. In doing so, it provides certainty, to both users and the participating National Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registry Authorities, about what open data is free and under what terms and conditions. Please find more information on the [Open ELS project website](#).

The ELS Data Provider Agreement (DPA) has been also finalised. The agreement has been revised to update the agreement from ELF to ELS and to allow for the inclusion of Open Data Services for the Open ELS Project. The revised DPA has been sent to the current data providers for their consideration and agreement. The draft Open ELS licence is being distributed to specific countries for acceptance; the licence will be further reviewed later with reference to the Open ELS products.

European open geospatial data services
from official national sources



OpenELS is a core component of EuroGeographics' wider vision for operational European Location Services.



It implements the national activities of members and will respect national policy, legislative and business requirements.



It aims to provide user-focused services using open geospatial data which is already available from members.

Open ELS – Grant Agreement milestones

Milestones achieved

- Open ELS data policy available
- Open ELS licence available
- Compliance with the M QA
(European Data Portal Metadata
Quality Assurance)
- Open ELS support desk available
- Signed Open ELS Data Provider
Agreements (ongoing task)



Milestones in progress

- Economic appraisal and Business plan for
Open ELS (December 2018)
- Final Open ELS platform (April 2019)
- Availability of 3 prototyped use cases
(January 2019)
- Implementation of eTranslation (April 2019)

Introduction

- EuroGeographics is asking members to give clear strategic direction on the way forward for European Location Services at the 2018 General Assembly;
- A recent survey of members has shown that the majority of members are not interested in a new service, and those that are, are not interested in a service that is run by EuroGeographics;
- The survey also showed that members are not interested in a service that is run by a private company;
- This is the issue at hand:
- EuroGeographics has not been able to demonstrate that it has the operational capacity to manage it;
- Members made it clear that it should not be an operational business at the 2017 General Assembly.

The issue at hand is clear:

How should EuroGeographics proceed with European Location Services (ELS)?

European Location Services – next steps

Following the results of a market analysis and the changing context within which we operate, we have had to revise the approach to European Location Services. **At the General Assembly, members gave a clear strategic direction on the way forward, with 85% stating that our vision for enabling access to your harmonised, pan-European, authoritative geospatial information and services remains valid, as is your desire to be recognised in our international effort to contribute to the wider public good.**



Following the discussions during the General Assembly 2018 in Prague EuroGeographics Secretary General and Executive Director Mick Cory sent a letter to all members explaining the next steps of the European Location Services.

Eighth Session of the UN-GGIM Committee of Experts

EuroGeographics participated in UNGGIM8 as an observer organisation - Secretary General and Executive Director, Mick Cory made a series of interventions highlighting members' contributions, particularly in the work of UN-GGIM: Europe.

He also reiterated EuroGeographics support for initiatives to strengthen geospatial information management, the Global geodetic reference frame, and the implementation and adoption of standards, reminding delegates of the expertise within the Knowledge Exchange Networks (KENS).



Annual Conference of the European Forum for Geography and Statistics

Statistics Finland and the National Land Survey of Finland hosted successfully the 11th European Forum for Geography and Statistics in Helsinki this October.

The EFGS organisation is focusing on integration of statistics and geospatial information, and under this years' motto "Finding the Future together", gave an opportunity for nearly 250 experts from statistical, geodetical and environmental administration, academia and software developers to share knowledge and best practices in areas like: international and national cooperation; innovations; benefits of integration of statistics and geospatial information; quality of data and others.

EuroGeographics and its members actively participated in the conference by presenting national examples of practical cooperation between national mapping and cadastre authorities and national statistics authorities



1st United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress

EuroGeographics, along with a number of our members, participated in the first United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress ((UNWGIC) held in Deqing, Hanzhou Province, China.

EuroGeographics President took to the stage to talk about our work and our members in the context of a smart society.

In his welcome address, the UN Secretary General gave a clear statement on the global importance of geospatial data, particularly for SDGs. The three-day event focused on strengthening national geospatial information management and systems, as well as national implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The UNWGIC Geospatial Technology and Application Exhibition was also held as an important part of the Congress. It showcased state-of-the-art technologies, products and application solutions from the world-leading geospatial companies, academic and research institutions, as well as other related organizations from across the globe.



PolKEN Meeting

PolKEN meeting on the 17th of October, in parallel to the EFGS' main session, EuroGeographics' Policy Knowledge Exchange Network held a half day meeting focused on recent development of the key policy areas: European Space Programme, INSPIRE, of e-trust GDPR and Digital Single Market.



Disruptive Technology and its impact on NMCAs

Following the workshop held during the 2018 Extraordinary General Assembly, the paper on Disruptive Technology and its impact on NMCAs has been updated.

Disruptive technology remains high on the agenda for EU bodies with a number of funding success stories that will be continued through the Horizon Europe programme.

EuroGeographics will closely monitor these processes and report back to members to helping them develop pathways for raising awareness of disruptive technologies.

It will also establish a tracking record on regulation for disruptive technologies which will be accessible via our members only web pages.

The updated paper on Disruptive Technology and its impact on NMCAs is available via the members-only page on the [2018 Extraordinary General Assembly](#).

EuroGeographics Information Paper on recasting of PSI Directive

EuroGeographics' 3rd edition of the Information Paper on recasting of the PSI Directive, created by the PolKEN is now accessible on [EuroGeographics website](#).

The paper was prepared based on the inputs and information submitted by the Members as well as responses to questionnaires and surveys that were conducted since May 2018.

PolKEN will continue monitoring developments in the Parliament, EC and the Council. We will inform our members about the developments of this topic and possible challenges.

Information Paper on the Proposal for a regulation establishing the space programme of the Union

As a contribution to the ongoing Parliament's debate on the proposal for a Regulation on the Establishing the Space programme of the Union and the European Union Agency for the Space Programme (COM(2018)0447 –C8-0258/2018 –2018/0236(COD)), EuroGeographics created respective Information Paper through the Policy KEN.

We would like to encourage you to share this paper with your national Copernicus representatives.

The document is publicly available on our website: <https://eurogeographics.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2018-11-14-EG-Space-programme-regulation-Information-Paper.pdf> “

PolKEN Invitation to a webinar

PolKEN invites you to join a webinar on outcomes of the recent meeting of the INSPIRE Maintenance and Implementation Group – MIG, which took place in Brussels on 26th and 27th of November. The webinar will be held on **Friday, December 7th at 11:00 CET**.

Main topic:

Update on the recent initiatives of European Commission. Priority list of EU high value datasets: status update and monitoring of progress and recasting of PSI issues. Information on plans for 2019.
The webinar will be led by Mrs. Ewa Surma – Polish National Contact Point and PolKEN's rapporteur on MIG.
Please feel free to forward this invitation to your colleagues who may be interested.

To register please use either of the following links:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4008307417407871747>

<https://eurogeographics.org/calendar-event/polken-webinar-on-inspire/>

PCC Plenary meeting and joint PCC and EuroGeographics workshop

Joint event of the Permanent Committee for Cadastre and EuroGeographics Cadastre & Land Registry KEN was hosted by the Federal Office for Metrology and Surveying BEV, attended by more than 55 participants from 24 countries, mainly PCC and EuroGeographics members, ELRA and CLGE were represented as well.

Main topic of the event was: Let's Talk About (Legal) Reliability of the Cadastre".

The agenda and all presentations are available on the [event website](#).



INSPIRE KEN workshop

Workshop on the use of INSPIRE Data: past experiences and scenarios for the future was held in November in Warsaw.

The event was co-organised by the EuroGeographics INSPIRE Knowledge Exchange Network and by EuroSDR Commission 4 on information usage. It was open to the different communities – practitioners and scientists- who can contribute to achieve the INSPIRE vision.

The event was well attended and presentations will be available on the INSPIRE KEN website.

KEN Participation Questionnaire

A follow-up questionnaire to the KEN Review was carried out in October of this year. The aim of the survey was:

- to gauge the impact of the improvements implemented following the KEN Review;
- measure the level of participation in the eight Exchange Networks, and;
- discover whether the KENs are meeting the needs and expectations of our Members.



Head Office changes

The EuroGeographics Head Office team consists of 15 people.

Recent appointment Anne-Clare Bourdessol as Finance and Administration Manager



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Thank you