

Launch of Copernicus Knowledge Exchange Network

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Launch of new KEN

 The main purpose of the Copernicus KEN is to facilitate access to authoritative geospatial in situ reference data produced by the NMCAs for use in activities initiated by EEA/Copernicus

The aim of the KEN is to:

- Foster knowledge exchange between Copernicus and EuroGeographics members to ensure a clear mutual understanding of the Copernicus services' in situ requirements and the geospatial data produced by EuroGeographics and its members;
- Promote awareness raising activities intended to improve the visibility of the Copernicus in situ component and the important role of EuroGeographics and its members herein;
- Support initiatives aimed at providing harmonised geospatial data sets and services at the European level.
- Improve Copernicus' access to EuroGeographics' data and services such as EuroBoundaryMap, EuroRegionalMap, and E.L.S;
- Enhance the dialogue between Copernicus and EuroGeographics' members, with a view to making more national authoritative geospatial data available to the Copernicus services in accordance with their requirements;

Objectives

- 1. The Copernicus KEN will work jointly with EEA in establishing how access to these geospatial data may be provided in line with the Copernicus programme's data and information policy, whilst respecting EuroGeographics members' national policy, legislative and business requirements. This will include exploring solutions to provide full, free, and open access to geospatial data for the Copernicus programme;
- 2. The Copernicus KEN will evaluate the Copernicus services' requirements for geospatial data presented by EEA with EuroGeographics and its members, with the objective of identifying and understanding data gaps and then proposing solutions;

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- 3. The Copernicus KEN will regularly inform the EEA about EuroGeographics' plans for establishing and developing geospatial reference data sets and services giving full European coverage under harmonised conditions for access and use;
- 4. The Copernicus KEN will, together with EEA, aim to produce Agreements to make the Copernicus reference data access portal (CORDA) available for EuroGeographics members. The purpose of this is to investigate making national and regional geospatial data services readily and efficiently available to the Copernicus services. The work will be carried out closely with the members of EuroGeographics to safeguard that data and services are safely provided via CORDA and also meet the requirements of the Copernicus services. This data will be provided to CORDA via ELS; a pilot project is being run alongside the work of this KEN by the ELS Transition Team progress this

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The EEA has been informed of this activity and is keen to support the Copernicus KEN where appropriate.



Potential Activities

- One physical meeting per year
- A webinar series
- Engage regularly, both formally and informally with EEA about the activities of EuroGeographics and the Copernicus KEN
- Continue to engage with the ELS Transition Team and support their work in enabling access to EuroGeographics member's data through CORDA

What we want from you?

- Engagement
- Ideas for Webinar series