

To all members of EuroGeographics

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Dear Members,

Update from EuroGeographics Management Board

EuroGeographics Management Board meet last week to approve the papers for our General Assembly, and to discuss the Association's governance and operations.

[General Assembly](#)

Formal invitations will be sent to members shortly and Head Office will continue to update you with information on how to join and vote. We also expect to issue papers to members by 21 September.

Open Maps for Europe

We signed the grant agreement for the EU-funded Open Maps for Europe project in August. Progress is already being made on extending harmonised open data licences to cover ERM and EuroDEM datasets, specifications to enhance the user interface, and a report on the options and challenges on ensuring the sustainability of pan-European open datasets.

INSPIRE Directive

Management Board have asked Head Office, through our Policy, INSPIRE and Quality KENS, to collect members' views on the INSPIRE Directive. This is to prepare for the possible review as indicated in the [European Strategy for Data](#) and ongoing developments in high value open datasets by the Commission.

Governance and other matters

Management Board reviewed the Association's travel policy and, with continuing uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, agreed that EuroGeographics business should continue online as far as is practical and possible, with few exceptions.

The situation will be reviewed at the next meeting in December. The Management Board also reviewed progress being made on the Association's key performance indicators, the status of the finances, and its risk register.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Colin Bray', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Colin Bray

President
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