

#### **Membership Questionnaire**

**2017Extraordinary General Assembly - Leuven** 

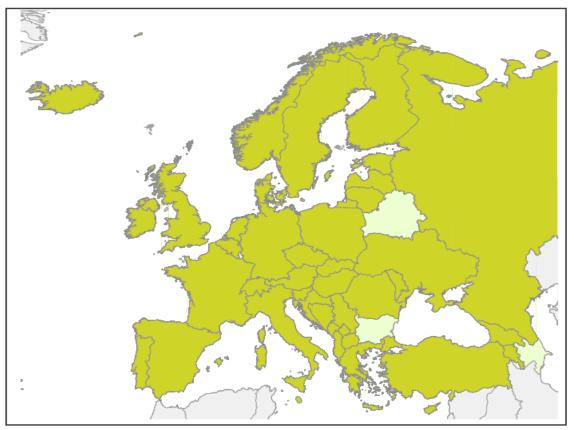
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### Membership questionnaire

- Last full survey 2008
- Questionnaire sent out to all members in January,
   February 6<sup>th</sup> deadline for responses
- 52 out of 61 members responded
- 85% response rate
- Analysis completed using the online tool
   SurveyMonkey and a combination of Excel and
   Mapinfo to provide the geographical context of the results

### Responses



Responded
No Response
Out of Scope

Participation in EuroGeographics Membership Questionnaire - 2017



CONNECTING YOU TO THE AUTHORITATIVE GEO-INFORMATION FRAMEWORK FOR EUROPE

#### Overall:

- The responses validate what EuroGeographics is doing and the activities it delivers with and on behalf of its members
- EuroGeographics is meeting members' expectations and delivering significant membership benefits



 As an Association we are doing well and are on track, however, there are things we can continue to improve on to deliver even more for our members

#### **EUROGEOGRAPHICS**

# 6l members46 countries

from the whole of geographical Europe

Members invest over

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each year in the development of geo-information



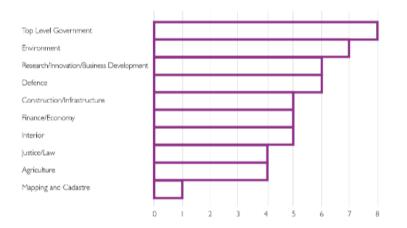
Relied on by European Commission Businesses & Citizens

Share best practice through

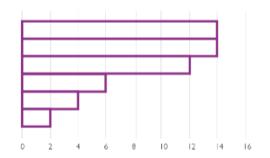


expert knowledge exchange networks 66,000

people are employed by Eurogeographics members Geospatial information provided by EuroGeographics' members contributes to a wide range of social, economic and environmental activities.



EuroGeographics represents a diverse number of organisations. The smallest employs just nine people whilst the largest has more than 10,000 staff.



#### Vision and Mission

- Three Mission statements as equally important
- Most important strategic objectives
  - Development a network of members
  - Providing a voice for our members
  - Ensuring that the association continues to develop its role and is sustainable
- Representation and knowledge exchange are the most important areas of activity, followed by products and then projects

#### Representation

- Two key activities that the members value most highly:
  - Influencing European Policy and Legislation in the European Parliament and Commission
  - Representing members capabilities in the European Parliament and Commission
- Some differences between EEA and Non-EEA countries but interestingly less than we assumed

#### **KENs**

Covered in the KEN review

#### **Products**

- Members are committed to providing data to EuroGeographics Pan-European products
- 55% of member promote EuroGeographics products
- Lack of resources or financial constraints were identified as barriers to providing data

#### Suggestions on how these can be overcome



#### Projects – ELF/ELS

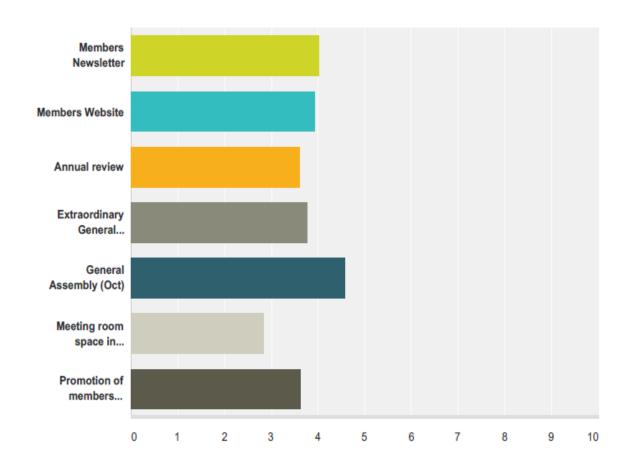
- There is support for the development of European web services
- Available to the Commission and Parliament as a priority
- Further communication required on ELF/ELS technical specifications
- 71% of members believe that acting as a data broker is best way to fill gaps in our pan-European products and services
- Members believe collaboration is the best way to achieve cross boarder harmonisation

#### Membership benefits

- The GA is the top membership benefit
- Followed by the twice monthly newsletter with policy pages
- Members have a requirement and thirst for information – would like a 'searchable library of information'
- 71% of members promote EuroGeographics membership on their websites



## Membership benefits





### Summary

- Members appreciated and embraced the opportunity to respond to the questionnaire
- The questionnaire validates EuroGeographics' activities and the benefits we provide to members
- It identifies areas where we could do more to support members including in the areas of:
  - capacity building,
  - continual professional development and training
  - assistance with accessing funding, for example from the European Commission.
- Representation and knowledge exchange are the most important areas of activity for members
- The most important representation activity is demonstrating members' capability to the European Commission and Parliament



### Summary

- The most significant barriers to members participating and engaging are financial and resource constraints
- There is support for the development of European web services
- Face to face engagement is still incredibly important for members
- Members are innovative and forward thinking
- Members are proud of their association with more than 70% promoting EuroGeographics on their national websites
- The impressive response rate and level of engagement from members provides an excellent benchmark for the future

### The way forward – Actions



#### Short term

- Creating a searchable database of information and resources, reengineered EuroGeographics website
- New Chair for the Positioning KEN
- Strategic planning for the KEN work and event plans

#### Medium term

- Funding for increased KEN participation
- Theme led workshops firstly targeting funding
- Investigate working with EuroSDR on new technologies
- Investigate a new group looking at how new technologies impact on NMACs operations and business models

### The way forward – Actions



- Long term 2017
  - Investigate Continual Professional Development options and programmes, working in partnership with others where appropriate
  - Building on the Extraordinary General Assembly to build and encourage more opportunities for cross KEN working and knowledge exchange

#### Round table discussions

#### **Questions:**

- Do you agree with the actions we have drawn out of the membership questionnaire?
- Do you have any comments?
- Have we missed any actions you think are important?
- Do you agree with the prioritisation of the actions?