



How BKG benefits of EG's representation activity

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- Explain BKG's motivation to be engaged with EuroGeographics
- Illustrate how BKG and the German Länder obtained information on the PSI and Open Data directive from EuroGeographics
- Highlight the legal support for BKG and the German Länder of the Database Directive case in the European Court of Justice

BKG's motivation to engage with EuroGeographics

- **General support of the 'Strategic Goals' of EuroGeographics**
 - Representation of the members at European and international level
 - Strong membership - network of members
 - Exchange of knowledge
 - Access to geospatial data of members
 - Implementation of a European Spatial Data Infrastructure (implementing INSPIRE)
- **BKG's motivation**
 - Benefit from the strong network of geospatial agencies/organisations
 - Use and benefit from the knowledge exchange
 - Exchange of views, obstacles and technical issues related to the INSPIRE implementation
 - Re-use of BKG's geospatial data for European purposes/applications

→ **EuroGeographics brings together the European NMCAs**



Information on the PSI and Open Data directive

- **Background**
 - DIRECTIVE (EU) 2019/1024 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 20 June 2019 on open data and the re-use of public sector information (recast)
 - ‘EuroGeographics Information Paper’: Commission Proposal for recasting the Directive on Re-use of Public Sector Information in 2018
- **Decision of the European Commission**
 - Deloitte, consultant appointed by the Commission, to perform study into High Value Data sets for the Open Data PSI Directive, to inform future Implementing Acts
- **Benefits from EuroGeographics’ membership**
 - PolKEN meetings and webinars very helpful!
 - Information/Position Paper and Round Table national reports
 - Evaluation and assessment of national positions in order to develop a EG position

→ **EuroGeographics strengthens the effectiveness of and coordinates member’s representation of interests and positions, in particular with the European Union**

Legal support of the Database Directive case in the European Court of Justice

- **Background**
 - A private map publisher extracted information from official topographic maps of Bavaria (Germany) to produce leisure maps, without paying the required license fee
- **Decision of the European Court of Justice (ECJ)**
 - Amongst others, topographic maps, both analogue and digital, are to be considered as „database“ in the sense of Directive 96/9/EC
 - Compliance of data base protection and licensing practice with EU legislation on authoritative geospatial information and its re-use
- **Benefits from EuroGeographics' membership**
 - 7 EG members provided supporting statements submitted to ECJ (AT, BE, DE, ES, IT, PL, PT)
 - 6 EG members offered support for possible oral proceedings (EL, FR, HU, NL, UK: GB, GB-North Ireland)

→ **EuroGeographics proofed efficiency and strength providing a European view on specific legal issues related to geospatial information management**



Thank you for your kind attention.