

Welcome to our session on Formal Business. This is an important opportunity for you to hear what EuroGeographics has delivered on your behalf, as well as to vote on important Association matters.

Together with your Management Board, I am very pleased to report good progress towards our objectives all of which are outlined in your briefing paper. Detailed financial matters will be covered by our Treasurer Martin Salzmann.

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## Driven by your needs



The slide features three white icons on a dark blue background. The first icon is a bar chart with an upward-trending line. The second icon is a lightbulb above an open hand. The third icon shows two stylized human figures with circular arrows between them, indicating a cycle or exchange.

Facilitating access to your data

Representing your interests

Providing opportunities for knowledge exchange

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EuroGeographics is proud to provide a strong, independent voice to support you, our members, who are at the heart of everything we do.

This year are delighted to welcome the French General Directorate Cadastral Bureau as an Associate Member.

Our activities are driven by your needs:

- Facilitating access to your data and demonstrating its importance through the creation of pan-European datasets and promoting its integration and use of within the European Institutions.
- Representing your interests to maintain national and international awareness of your role through our position as a well-established, credible expert authority on European geospatial data.

- Maintaining a knowledge exchange network that helps you to improve your capabilities and role through collaboration with international organisations.

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## Highlights

- Record member engagement in knowledge exchange
- Record number of key stakeholder meetings
- Successful continuation of data activities
  - Launch of Open Maps For Europe user interface
  - Delivery of EuroStat contract and first year of eGEOS contract
- Continuation of activities to identify EU funding
- Continuation of work on financial sustainability of Association & internal process improvements, including procurement of CRM

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Since the last General Assembly, held online in May 2021, there have been many highlights – just a few are listed here.

We have overcome the on-going challenges of Covid 19 by finding new ways of working. Despite difficult circumstances, the level of members' engagement has never been higher and the bonds of the EuroGeographics family are as strong as ever.

I am also pleased to report the successful continuation of our data activities, and in particular the launch of the Open Maps For Europe user interface and first datasets, which include the newly released Open Cadastral Map prototype.

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## Member Engagement

Webinars for technical knowledge exchange	Knowledge Exchange Networks	Events extending our reach beyond NMCA communities
Talking Heads programme High-level peer-to-peer network	Series of one-on-one meetings such as the SG&ED's virtual meetings with Heads	Constant monitoring of information, and legislation evolution, with weekly updates

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We are never complacent about delivering value to our members, and committed to providing new ways for you to contribute and cooperate in in our activities.

Again, We have established new ways of engaging with you, and maintained our programme of webinars, networks, events, meetings and briefings.

I am delighted that more than 1,600 from our member organisations have been able to participate in these activities in the past year.



EuroGeographics has represented your interests internationally in the European institutions and at the United Nations to ensure that your roles, capabilities and concerns are understood.

Active monitoring and representation of European policy continued to ensure you are alerted to, and kept up to date about significant developments. In the past year, we submitted feedback on various EU proposals and reviews, and met with representatives from the European Parliament and Commission stakeholders.

We continue to contribute to the broad programme of work of UN-GGIM and were pleased to attend GGIM10 and UN-GGIM: Europe's 8<sup>th</sup> Plenary. In addition, we actively engaged in the Global UN-GGIM Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management. EuroGeographics continues to fund and deliver the UN-GGIM: Europe Secretariat through a Service Level Agreement with Kadaster.

The year also included invitations to present at various events, and we were be pleased to be part of the 2022 Cambridge Conference, having played an active role in the preliminary virtual event focused

on COP26.



Preliminary results from our membership questionnaire show that you continue to rate knowledge exchange an essential strategic activity, with the GA the most important of the events we offer.

All four of our knowledge exchange networks, the Cadastre & Land Registry (C&LR KEN), Policy (PoKEN), Quality (QKEN) and INSPIRE KEN, has organised virtual events in the past 12 months.

Our webinar series, which started as a weekly event to highlight our members' work has broadened in scope and content to feature guest speakers and content from our KENs and Head Office.

Several joint workshops were organised with EuroSDR on topics that include Open Data Business Models, and Data Discoverability. A follow-up workshop to the highly successful workshop on AI in NMCAs is planned for the autumn of this year.



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## Data Access and Integration

The infographic is divided into three main sections. The top section, titled 'Data Access and Integration', features three icons: a location pin, the European Union flag, and a network of nodes. Below these icons are three columns of text describing the organization's goals: 'Delivering Open Maps for Europe to support Open Data and Re-Use of Public Sector Information.', 'Providing data for policy making, monitoring and measurement.', and 'Meeting current and future user requirements to keep official geospatial data relevant.' The middle section displays a row of five map thumbnails labeled 'EuroRegional Map', 'EuroGlobalMap', 'EuroDEM', 'Pan-European Imagery', and 'Bruxelles Open Gazetteer'. The bottom section highlights two milestones: 'First data release Sept 2021' and 'Prototype launched May 2022', with a 'Open Cadastral Map' thumbnail in between. The footer contains copyright information for EuroGeographics.

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First data release Sept 2021

Prototype launched May 2022

EuroRegional Map EuroGlobalMap EuroDEM Pan-European Imagery Bruxelles Open Gazetteer

Open Cadastral Map

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We have continued to maintain and develop our portfolio of pan-European datasets. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributes to our datasets, our data production system and the Open Maps For Europe project.

We have delivered all key milestones for Year 2 of Open Maps for Europe, our CEF funded project. Since the launch of the first datasets in September 2021, more than 1,000 unique users have registered to use the interface. The latest dataset, a prototype for the Open Cadastral Map was launched last week.

Workshops with Commission stakeholders have helped us to understand more about the overall requirements of its users of authoritative NMCA data. The current Eurostat contract for the provision of EuroBoundaryMap will finish at the end of 2022, and we expect the Negotiated Procedure to be launched shortly.

Works continues on our future Data Access strategy, which as you heard yesterday includes bidding for European funding. This ensures data activity not only meets the needs of users and members, but is sustainable long term.



In the past year, we have made further improvements to our communications activities to ensure they continue to deliver maximum benefits for members and support the ongoing success of the Association.

The case studies you provided for the Annual Review - which has been published online today - are at the heart of our Maps For Europe and More Than Maps campaigns delivered through social media, press releases and newsletters.

We continue to publish our regular member newsletter and provide a wide range of resources via the members-only pages of our website. Do please make sure you are signed up to access these important membership benefits.

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## Your Management Board

 <p><b>President</b> <b>Colin Bray</b> Ordnance Survey Ireland</p>	 <p><b>Treasurer</b> <b>Martin Salzmann</b> The Netherlands' Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency</p>	 <p><b>Kenny Crawford</b> Registers of Scotland</p>
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 <p><b>Amalia Velasco Martín-Varás</b> Spanish Directorate General for Cadastre</p>	 <p><b>Pier-Giorgio Zaccardelli</b> Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy, Germany</p>	 <p><b>Sanja Zekusic</b> State Geodetic Administration, Croatia</p>

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EuroGeographics is governed by the Management Board and the General Assembly of Members.

The Management Board has met five times since the 2021 General Assembly and expects to have four more meetings before the end of 2022. Due to COVID-19, four were held virtually, one was a hybrid and we hope that at least two of the future meetings will be held in person..

Like myself, Amalia Velasco and Sanja Zekusic have come to the end of their term on Management Board. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Amalia and Sanja for all their valuable input and support. I would also like to inform members that Eydis LÍndal Finnbogadóttir had to resign her seat in December 2021 due to her secondment to another government department. Again, thank you Eydis for your contributions.

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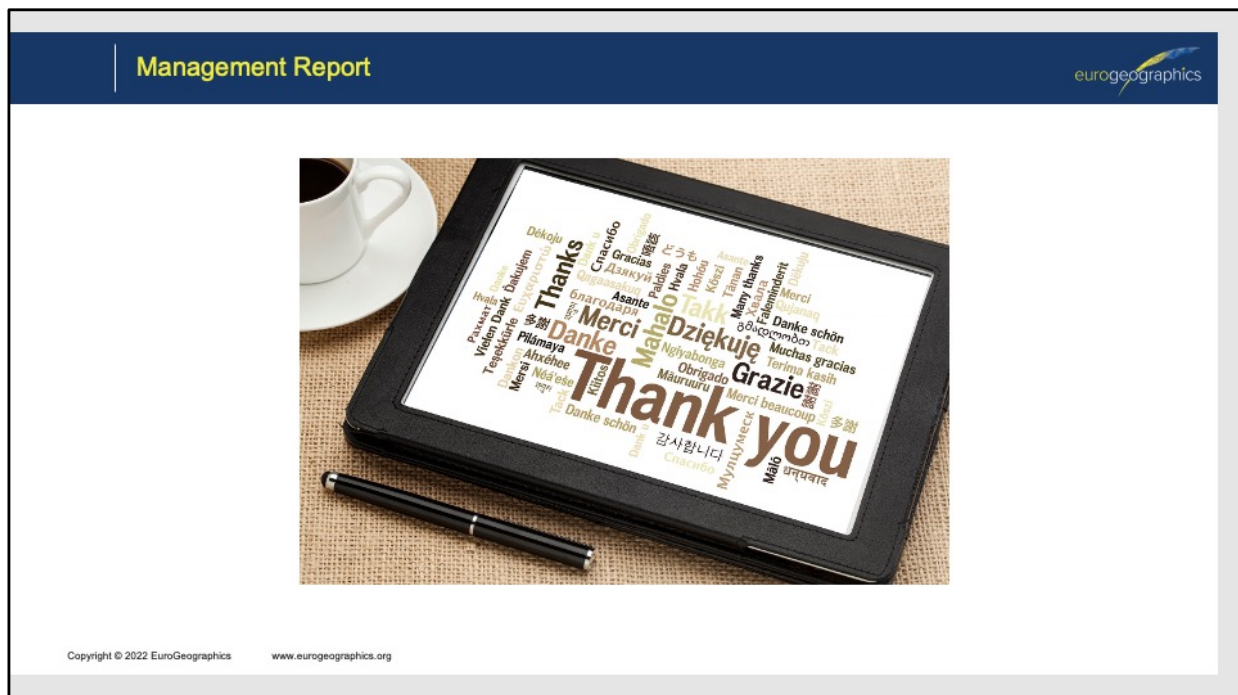
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The EuroGeographics Head Office team consists of 12 people led by Lea Bodossian, the Secretary General and Executive Director.

Three new members have joined since the last General Assembly and are based in Brussels Paulina Forsys provides additional support to the finance team, Matina Fuentes is supporting the data access and Knowledge Exchange activities, with particular focus on the eGEOS contract and Stefania Bostan has joined the representation team to further promote and raise the viability of EuroGeographics and its members in the EU institutions.

On behalf of the Management Board and members, I would like to thank o Lea and the Head Office team for their continued resilience during another challenging 12 months, and the considerable progress made in all areas of activity.





My final thank you today is to you, our members.

Thank you for travelling to Sarajevo or taking the time to join us online and for participating in our discussions and networking events.

Please do remember to complete the Membership Questionnaire so that we can continue to tailor our activities to your needs. The deadline for submissions is 21 May.

It is my pleasure to now hand over to Sallie who will explain the voting process for formal business.