

2019 HIGHLIGHTS



Highlights of 2019

Facilitating access to your data

Delivering pan-European datasets

To facilitate access to your data and demonstrate its importance, EuroGeographics has continued to maintain and develop its pan-European datasets. EuroBoundaryMap, EuroRegionalMap and EuroGlobalMap were all updated during 2019. Our portfolio also includes EuroDEM and the Regional Gazetteer which was created as part of the Open ELS project. The Core Reference Dataset (CRD) prototype, developed with the help of BKG, was provided under an evaluation licence to the European Environment Agency in early 2019. Feedback has been positive, however funding to proceed with full coverage is still to be identified.

A unique example of international collaboration

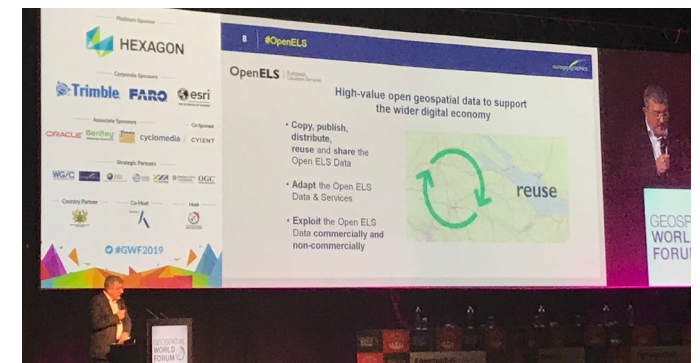
Our production system is unique internationally, and a particularly important example of international collaboration in the geospatial area. Our production teams are multi-national distributed teams responsible for developing our innovative products and services. Their work is led from the Association's offices in Brussels and coordinated by production managers from Germany and France. Our 2019 annual data producers meeting was hosted by the Surveying and Mapping Authority of the Republic of Slovenia in Ljubljana.



Our Data Producers - A unique example of international collaboration

Open ELS Project completed

The Open ELS Project concluded on 30 April 2019 after two years of work by the project partners. The Open ELS test services, launched at Geospatial World Forum in Amsterdam, have played an important role in demonstrating authoritative open geospatial data. More information on the outcomes is available [here](#).



Launch of Open ELS test services at GWFF

Highlights of 2019 continued

Representing your interests

Active monitoring of European Policies

The European Union is a significant influencer and stakeholder whose policies affect all our members' interests. To keep you up to date with significant policy developments, we continued to provide you with weekly policy news summaries, policy news items in the members' newsletter, tracking records and other relevant documents. Our policy knowledge exchange also included briefing papers on the Open Data and PSI Directive, meetings and webinars. All information is available to members via the [website](#).

Constructive participation in policy development

During the past year, we contributed to the legal debate for the development of the Regulation on establishing the EU Space programme by submitting an information paper to the respective Parliamentary Committee. In addition, we participated in the public consultation by the European GNSS Agency on the Integrity and Reliability of Digital Maps for Connected and Automated Driving.

Meetings with key European Commission stakeholders

We have held formal and informal meetings with a variety of European stakeholders including DG Connect, the European Environment Agency, DG Grow, European Global Navigation Satellite Systems Agency (GSA), Eurostat and the Joint Research Centre (JRC).

An active role in the United Nations

European NMCAs have an important role to play in UN-GGIM and, as your membership association, EuroGeographics is committed to ensuring your distinctive voice and interests are heard. In June, we participated in the 6th Plenary of UN-GGIM: Europe and in August we were pleased to participate in GGIM9 at UN Headquarters in New York. Mick Cory made a number of interventions highlighting your contributions and our support for the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, the application of geospatial information related to land administration and management, and the importance of geospatial information and services for disasters.



EuroGeographics Secretary General and Executive Director, Mick Cory makes an intervention at GGIM9



EuroGeographics is committed to ensuring your distinctive voice is heard within the United Nations



Your Association actively participates in UN-GGIM and UN-GGIM: Europe

Highlights of 2019 continued

Representing your interests continued

Regional and international collaboration

We participated in a number of regional and international collaborative groups, including the European Forum for Geospatial Statistics (EFGS) in Helsinki and Manchester, the Twelfth Western Balkans regional conference in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the 29th International Cartographic Conference in Tokyo. Members also took part in panels organised by EuroGeographics at GWF 2019 and DGI Europe 2019, the leading global geospatial intelligence conference held in London. We have maintained our relationships with the Group for Earth Observation (GEO) and EuroSDR.

The voice of European NMCAs

Our communications activities have continued to embrace opportunities to promote the importance of authoritative geospatial information to key stakeholders through events, social media and face-to-face meetings. We are also focussed on engaging keeping you up to date with the Association's response to issues impacting on your work through our members' newsletter and letters from our President.



EuroGeographics members highlighted the role of NMCA data at DGI 2019



Our CLRKEN took an active role in the joint PCC workshop and plenary in Helsinki, Finland



EuroGeographics Management Board took part in panel discussions at GWF



Our President, Colin Bray spoke at the Twelfth Western Balkans regional conference in Bosnia and Herzegovina



Mick Cory was delighted to meet with Radu Codrut Stefanescu, Head of the National Agency for Cadastre and Land Registration, Romania which was hosting the PCC Plenary

Highlights of 2019 continued

Knowledge Exchange

An active programme of activities

You have consistently told us that knowledge exchange is a key benefit of EuroGeographics' membership and we continued to deliver an active programme of meetings, workshops and seminars. This includes joint activities, such as with the PCC. The activities and plans of the KENs are widely communicated and circulated to members by providing a knowledge exchange network (KEN) report prior to each of our general assemblies in May and October. All information is available to members via the [website](#).

General Assembly 2019

We welcomed 48 member organisations from 39 countries to the 2019 General Assembly in Manchester, UK. In addition to opportunities for high-level peer-to-peer knowledge exchange, your discussions also helped to shape the future of the Association so that it continues to deliver value to all members. Members agreed that our focus will now move away from sales with a greater emphasis on facilitating access to your data. This will drive our representation activity and be supported by two-way communication through our knowledge exchange and other membership activities.

Extraordinary General Assembly 2019

Seventy representatives from 33 member organisations participated in our extended 2019 Extraordinary General Assembly in Leuven, Belgium. To bring together KEN chairs and members, we again held a dedicated roundtable session. The meeting was followed by a 'Super' KEN workshop to discuss mutual topics of interest.



It was a pleasure to welcome so many members to our 2019 Extraordinary General Assembly



We held a 'Super' KEN workshop following the Extraordinary General Assembly



EuroGeographics was very pleased to participate in the PCC Plenary in Romania



Members gathered in Manchester, UK for the 2019 General Assembly

Membership benefits

Connecting you to European policy, knowledge exchange and users

EuroGeographics is the voice of European National Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registry Authorities. We aim to deliver value to our members to support better governance and for the benefit of society by:

- Facilitating access to your data and demonstrating its importance through the delivery of pan-European products and services to promote its integration and use within the European Institutions, and by existing and potential customers.
- Representing your interests to maintain national and international awareness of your role through our position as a well-established, credible authority on European geospatial data.
- Maintaining a knowledge exchange network that helps you to improve your capabilities and role through high profile collaborations with major international organisations and joint projects that help to develop national spatial data infrastructures.

Key membership benefits

- Access to and engagement opportunities with a unique network of peers from across Europe
- Representation of your collective interests by a well-established and credible authority on European geospatial information from official national sources.
- Information about key policy developments in Europe and globally through our continuous policy monitoring and tracking, evaluation and engagement service for members.
- Organisational and personal development opportunities for continuous professional development through the exchange of ideas and best practice to help further develop skills and expertise.
- A dedicated newsletter and members-only section of the website, with access to a rich information resource.
- Publicising and promotion of your organisation, your data and your geospatial services.
- Use of our offices in Brussels.