

# EuroGeographics Report for QKEN

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# The EuroGeographics story

- 25 years since European NMCAs started to meet together in CERCO, (Comité Européen des Responsables de la Cartographie Officielle)
- 15 years since EuroGeographics was first established;
- 5 years since EuroGeographics became an International Not for Profit Association;
- 35 members in 1980 has grown to 60 members in 46 countries now;
- 48 Members are represented at GA last week;
- It was the biggest General Assembly ever with over 150 people attending!



# EuroGeographics General Assembly 2015



# A growing membership

60 organisations  
46 countries



# Solutions to common challenges

8 active KENS, 350 participants



# A special welcome

## Mr. Mick Cory

### EuroGeographics Secretary General and Executive Director

# WELCOME



# Your Head Office Team



# Management Board members

## Appointed Board Members

France - Jean-Philippe Grelot - Treasurer

Germany - Hansjörg Kutterer - Vice President

Great Britain – Andrew Trigg

## Elected Board Members

Ingrid Vanden Berghe - President

Angela Matcov

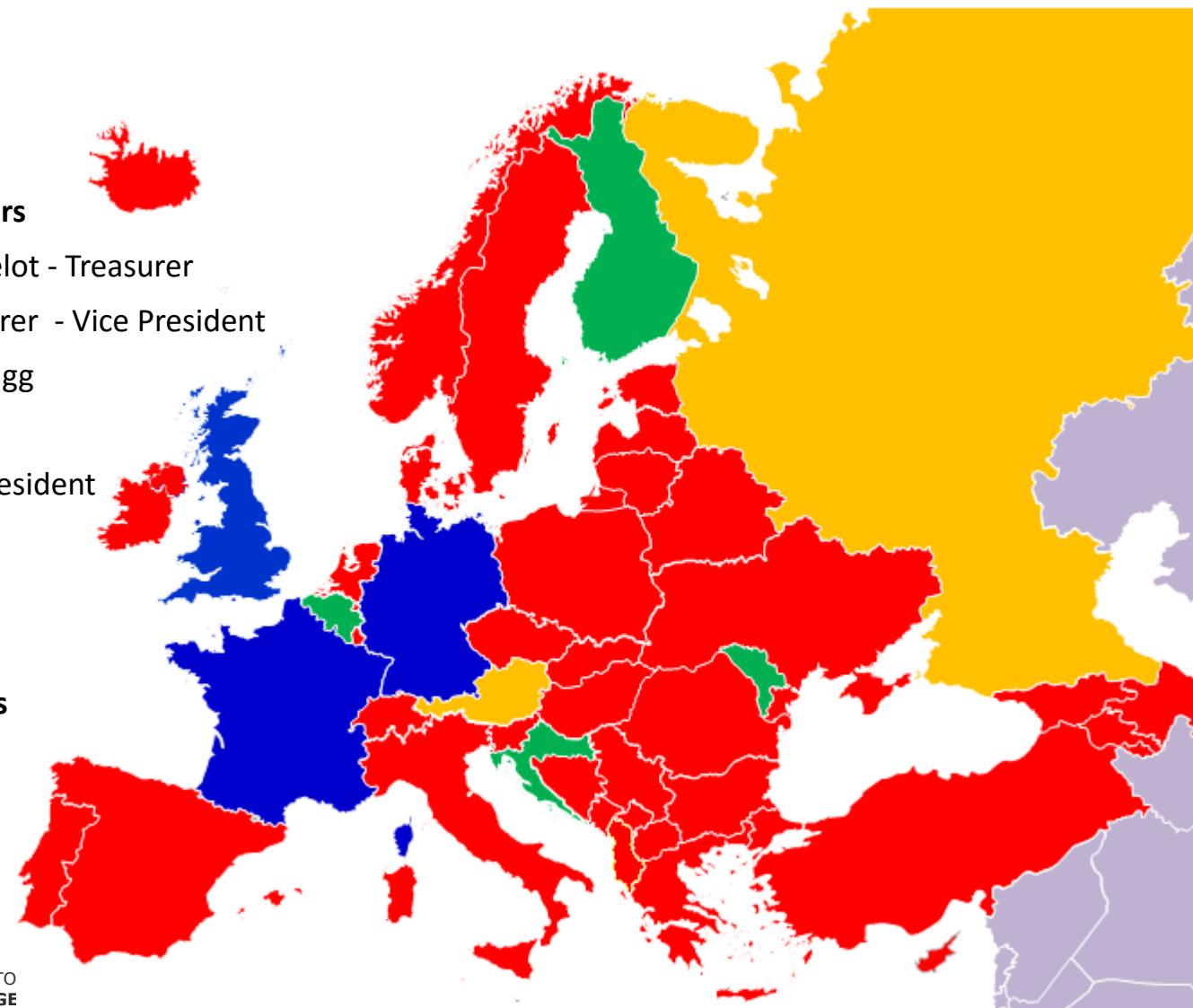
Arvo Kokkonen

Danko Markovinović

## Newly elected Candidates

Wernher Hoffmann;

Igor Vasiliev.



# Your Management Board



# Cooperation Agreement with EuroSDR



# Representing you

## Representation

### Current Policy Topics

#### European Affairs and Representation Strategy (EARS)

#### Policy Briefing Documents

#### UN-GGIM

#### \*\*\*Weekly Representation News Update\*\*\*



#### EuroGeographics Briefing Paper Digital Single Market Strategy: the importance of dependable geospatial information

Reference: April 2015 V1.0

##### Briefing

- A common understanding of location is vital to connecting Europe
- That in turn requires dependable geospatial information and a shared location framework
- The INSPIRE Directive has already established the ground rules for a European Spatial Data Infrastructure created by the Member States
- Now the European Location Framework project is developing a cloud-based platform of harmonised INSPIRE-compliant national geospatial information
- The Commission's forthcoming Digital Single Market Strategy can help to ensure that geospatial information is able to play its full part in the Digital Single Market



#### Weekly Policy News Summary

Year 2015 – 38<sup>th</sup> week

##### Digital services interoperability programme ISA<sup>2</sup> - agreement with Parliament

The Luxembourg presidency of the Council and the Parliament finalised an informal deal on a programme to help member states' public administrations provide interoperable digital services for citizens and businesses (ISA<sup>2</sup>). The agreement was reached in one trilogue meeting and completed in a number of technical meetings.



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# Representing you

## CADASTRAL DATA CONTRIBUTES TO ECONOMIC GROWTH IN ROMANIA

Changes in the way the National Agency for Cadastre and Land Registration (ANCP) is funded, together with the launch of major new programmes of work, are delivering significant economic benefits in Romania.



From September 2014, the Agency became self-financing. As it became self-financing, the government, for the first time, will no longer pay the Agency. This will enable the Agency to be more efficient and deliver savings instead of a share in an integrated cadastral and land registration system. The allocation of state subsidies to the Agency will be reduced by 20% and the reduced state subsidies makes it easier to deliver growth by making separate revenue through taxation, in attracting investment and as part of EU funded projects. The new system will also support the delivery of the objectives of the Common Agricultural Policy by enabling the measurement and registration of agricultural land.

The unprecedent scale of the initiative, which will end in 2023, will see the appointment of around 600 specialists as well as a professional development programme of training for existing staff.

Two new EU-funded projects were also announced in 2014. The first, which received €8 million in funding, will expand property registration systems for cadastral, mapping and cadastral data to the Ministry of Agriculture and the Agricultural Register. This will facilitate access to public information, enhance infrastructure transparency and improve the delivery of services. The second project, which received €87 million in funding, will deliver orthophotos and digital maps through LiDAR technology.

■ New Secretary General and Executive Director announced ■

## EuroGeographics Newsletter

By Rhian French

EuroGeographics has announced that Mick Carty from Land and Property Services, Northern Ireland, is to be its new Secretary General and Executive Director.

Newsletter

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International Mapping Agency. The biggest lesson I learnt at this time is that, although most of the data is available, it is not always useful, it is what you use them for that most counts."

"EuroGeographics' members play a unique role in Europe by providing the most accurate, up-to-date, high-quality geospatial and cadastral data. However, many of the players fully understand or appreciate the power of this data – or how to unlock it."

"I look forward to helping to promote and realize the full potential of members' geospatial information, particularly through the delivery of the European location framework and to help EuroGeographics' unique, membership-driven gateway to their data."

Mr Ingmar Vanherle, President of EuroGeographics said: "Mick has extensive experience across national, cultural and professional boundaries as he is a true internationalist. He has a wealth of experience of representing the 61 organisations from all countries that make up our membership."

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During the past year, ANCP's National Mapping Centre (CNC) completed the updating and revision of the National Geographical Reference System of Romania (TopGEO). This new version contains new classes of objects including geographic level 1 points, administrative numbers in urban localities, urban points, roads and railroads, and new administrative points. The CNC has also produced a number of administrative and physical maps at different scales as well as national or territorial tourism and traffic maps.

Romania continues to enhance its INSPIRE Geospatial with new features such as the National Nominalisation of Geospatial Data Catalogue, a set of new data sets and services to be made available and by updating the integrated cadastral and land registry IT system. ANCP's surveyors experts also played a key role in the eLPOS project by providing real-time GNSS data to national national permanent stations.

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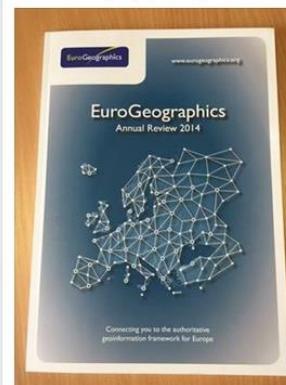
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# On the world stage



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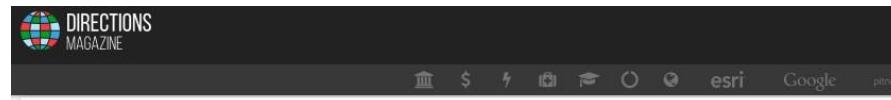
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## EuroGeographics signs contract to provide geospatial information to Eurostat

EuroGeographics has signed a contract to provide pan-European geographic information and related services to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union.

The four-year agreement means that staff at the European Commission can access geospatial data from National Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registry Authorities through its geographical information service, GISCO. The data includes administrative units and statistical regions as well as 1:250 000 scale topo-geographic information.



# It's all about the ELF



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# Taking ELF to members



# A gateway to your data

- Complements your activities
- Brings together data from different countries and organisations
- It is one of the first European practical implementations of the INSPIRE Directive
- Meets user needs, creates new business opportunities and increases the reuse of public sector information
- Contributes to international and European initiatives



# ELF Project year 2

- Scale independent,  
INSPIRE-compliant data model
- Specifications & harmonisation tools
- National ELF web services
- Maintained pre-operational services
- ELF Basemap
- Product and Service definition and  
EuroGeographics branding



# Latest news: ELF Basemap



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Save the dates!  
17 & 18 November

# Maps for Europe

**Invitation to reception & Directors Forum at  
the European Commission Headquarters Brussels**



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## Maps for Europe – Save the dates!

**17 November – Reception, 18.00**

**European Commission, Berlaymont Building, Brussels**

The "Maps for Europe" reception, at the Headquarters of the European Commission, is a unique opportunity for you to network with top policymakers and their staff.

The reception will open the EuroGeographics' educational and instructive exhibition illustrating the European Location Framework (ELF) and provide opportunities to discuss with stakeholders how ELF can work for Europe.

This reception is part of a week-long series of events.

**18 November – Directors' Forum, 10.00 – 15.00**

The Directors' Forum is an opportunity to discuss your vision for the future operation of the European Location Framework.

As the European Location Framework is essential to the future of European NMCAs, we encourage you to attend these events.

Further information on how to register will follow shortly.

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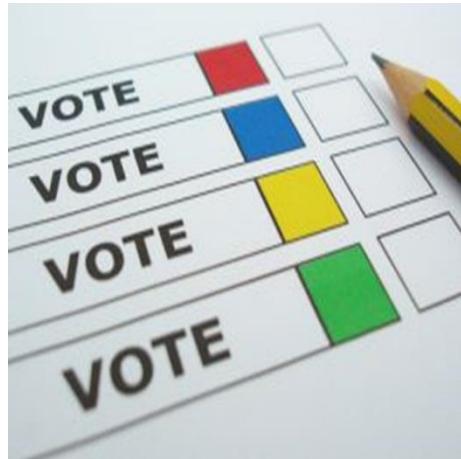
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# **The members voted and approved the 2016 Operating Plan proposed by the Board**



# The 2016 Operating Plan

- Sets the context within which the Association operates;
- Describes the Association's response to this environment;
- It builds on our achievements to date;
- Is governed by our Articles of Association
  - Defines the purpose of the Association: '***to further the development of the European Spatial Data Infrastructure through collaboration in the area of geographic information1, 2and the representation of EuroGeographics' membership and its capabilities***'.
- Is strongly guided by the EuroGeographics Strategy 2014-2020 (approved by the 2013 General Assembly in Warsaw).



# EuroGeographics Strategy 2014-2020

- Purpose
  - to further the development of the European Spatial Data Infrastructure through collaboration in the area of geographic information, and the representation of the EuroGeographics' membership and its capabilities.
- Vision
  - A European society which makes decisions informed by our members' accurate, authoritative and quality-assured land and geo-information data, services and expertise.
- Mission
  - to maintain a network which helps each member to improve their competencies and role; to facilitate access to our member's data, services and expertise; and to provide a strong voice for our members.



# EuroGeographics Strategy 2014-2020

## Strategic objectives

1. Provide the voice of our members
2. Develop the network of members
3. Develop the European Location Framework
4. Facilitate access to members' data and expertise
5. Grow our network of members
6. Ensure that the Association continues to develop its role and has a sustainable future



# Operating Context

- Change - Big data, open data, new technologies and increasing expectations from society - presents major challenges and opportunities;
- The evolving role of NMCAs – spatial data ‘broker’;
- European Union’s mandate and priorities – notably Digital Single Market, eJustice and Marine Spatial Planning;
- Developments in the UN. Potential for UN-GGIM to influence policy decisions in Europe, associated with geographic information;
- Copernicus programme, and CORDA contract, challenge and support the need for high quality, easily accessible, authoritative reference data from the NMCAs;
- Funding and capacity to fully satisfy the expectations of modern society, commercial markets and European policy makers - Sustaining the Financial position of the Association.



# Association's Activities

## 1. Provide the voice of our members

- Represent members' capabilities.
- EuroGeographics PolKEN priority issues
- Work with UN-GGIM:Europe;
- Exploiting the potential of UN-GGIM: Europe



# Association's Activities

## 2. Develop the network of members

- Knowledge Exchange Networks:
- Use of information
- More workshops with external experts
- Collaborate with Pos KEN with CLGE, Eupos and Euref
- Contribute to ELF
- KEN participation in National and regional workshops and conferences
- Develop the capacity of members.



# Association's Activities

## 3. Develop the European Location Framework

- Meet commitments in European Location Framework project in 2016.
- Develop a vision for ELF
- Develop members' national web services and connect to ELF
- Shared understanding with stakeholders
- Sustainability



# Association's Activities

## 4. Facilitate access to members' data and expertise

- Maximise use of our member's geographic information in European Commission
- Fulfil Eurostat requirements
- Improve 3rd party data content in pan-European datasets
- Expand our distributor network and engage effectively with existing distributors and VARs
- Manage our customer relations and implement the marketing plan for our products.



# Association's Activities

## 5. Grow our network of members

- Encourage applications for membership
- Explore opportunities to improve or expand the benefits delivered to members.

## 6. The Association develops and has a sustainable future

- Unlock the full potential of EuroGeographics
- Assess the impact of the ELF on the Association's structure and management;
- Coordinated activity with relevant pan-European and international organisations;
- Maintain a highly motivated Secretariat Team



# Challenges ahead





# The potential for the European Location Framework

Mick Cory

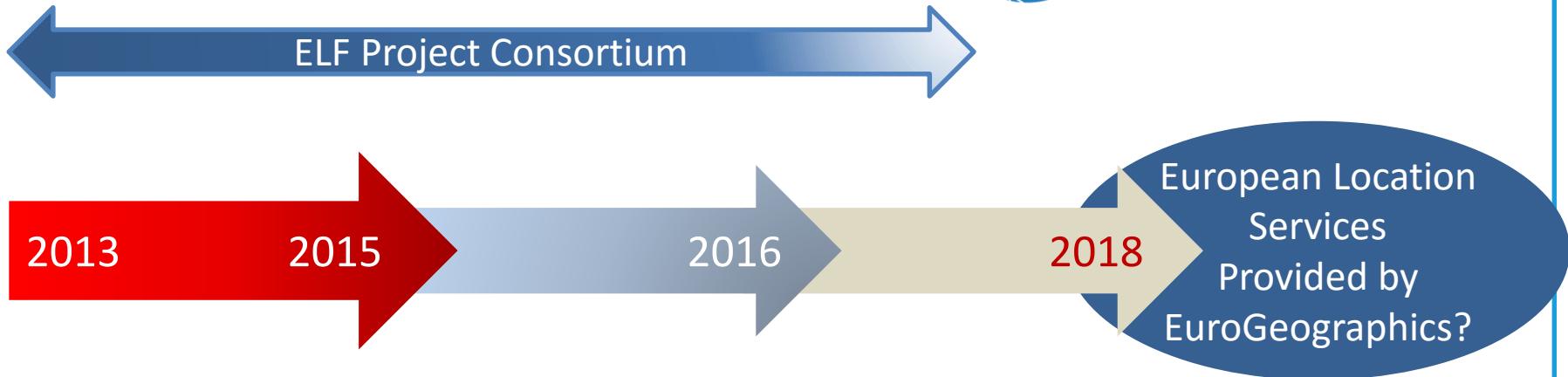
6<sup>th</sup> October 2015



# Timescale



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2013  
Project  
start

March 2016  
• Beta test  
• Road show  
• Awards

Oct 2016  
• Assumed  
Project end  
• Transition phase  
begins

2016 – 2018  
• Operational?



# What it is

- An information system to find, view, download, or use geographic information for analysis, visualization and dissemination
- Not just maps: geospatial information
  - maps, geographic and land information
- And geospatial tools, for example
  - To edgematch,
  - To visualise statistical data (Table Joining Service)



# What it will provide

- Complete, reliable, updated and harmonised maps, geographic and land information for Europe
- Single source of authoritative content
  - Quality Assurance
  - Up to date
  - Standard data specifications
- Greater certainty of long-term commitment to supply
- Viable alternative to commercial providers



# Minimum Potential

- To reduce costs by making datasets consistent across Europe:
  - between themes and across multiple geographical areas
  - with INSPIRE requirements
- Take less time to discover data sources
- And less time acquiring data from multiple sources
  - Simplified pricing and licensing
  - One-stop shop



# Achieving minimum Potential

- To move current EuroGeographics customers to download, or web services
- This includes The European Commission (Eurostat)
- These will be maintained through a new European Location Services portal
- Potential to develop new products and services and new income streams
- 'Meet INSPIRE obligations (reduce costs of building own services)



# Potential

- For society (the wider public good – security and safety, a better environment)
- To help develop policies that improve society
- For the efficient and effective administration of the delivery of public services
- For the economy – drives business growth
- For our organisation, EuroGeographics
- For our Members, NMCAs – it is what we are here to do.



# ELF Contributes to the Digital Single Market



- It creates better access to digital maps, geographic and land information and services
- It provides the potential for innovative services to flourish
- And contributes to the digital economy



# What is the role of EuroGeographics?

- More questions than answers!
- And what should EuroGeographics' role be in this?
- EuroGeographics is a Membership organisation
- What do our Members want?



# Key dates for Members' engagement

- Initial views of our members- already started with the GA 2015
- Gather more detailed views at EuroGeographics Directors' Forum 18th November 2015, Brussels
- Members to consider a draft of the Vision at the Extraordinary General Meeting in May 2016, Leuven, Belgium
- Process for developing the vision will conclude at the General Assembly in October 2016 for approval.



# Thank you

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