

# EuroGeographics Report for QKEN

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# Extraordinary General Assembly

- May 2017 in Leuven - 74 delegates and guest from 36 members' authorities and invited guests
- Two days of active learning, discussions, networking and side meetings
- Membership Applications from the **Malta Land Registry** and **Registers of Scotland** were approved by members. As a result, EuroGeographics now **represents 63 organisations from 46 countries**
- Presented the results of the membership survey and KEN review



# Cooperation with EuroSDR

- **KEN chairs meeting with EuroSDR** in Leuven before Extraordinary General Assembly
  - to discuss the cross- KEN topics and the links to the activities of the EuroSDR, our partner. During the meeting they agreed the future common activities.
- **EuroSDR presented to EuroGeographics members at our assemblies:**
  - Andre Streilein at Extraordinary General Assembly in May 2017 in Leuven
  - Joep Crompvoets at General Assembly in October 2017 in Vienna
- **EuroGeographics presented to EuroSDR board of delegates:**
  - Dominik Kopczewski at EuroSDR Board of Delegates in Warsaw June 2017 in Warsaw
  - Mick Cory giving key note at EuroSDR Board of Delegates in Helsinki October 2017



# New KEN

- Launch and first session of the **Copernicus Knowledge Exchange Network**, our new KEN chaired by Anders Sandin from Lantmäteriet Sweden
- Members of the Copernicus KEN coordinating committee met at the European Environment Agency (EEA) in Copenhagen to kick off activities.
- First CoKEN workshop scheduled for 5 December Brussels (date TBC)



# POLKEN and BIKEN joint meeting in Leuven

- The joint spring meeting of the Policy Knowledge Exchange Network (POLKEN) and the Business Interoperability KEN (BIKEN) held after the closing of the Extraordinary General Assembly
- During the discussion the participants also tried to identify crosscut points between activities of the BIKEN and POLKEN and debate possible interaction of these two groups which will enhance benefits and reduce overlapping of efforts.





# EuroGeographics / EuroSDR workshop on improving the usability of geospatial data

- Nearly 40 delegates from across Europe were hosted by Ordnance Survey to discuss how to improve the usability of geospatial data. The group of producers, users and academics explored the issues and put forward a number of proposals for research that will now go back to the EuroSDR Board of Delegates meeting for funding later this year.



# INSPIRE KEN

- **Workshop about extension of INSPIRE data specifications** was held on 20-21 June 2017 in Marne-la-Vallée, in the previous seat of the EuroGeographics Head Office. It was a joint event of the INSPIRE KEN, EuroSDR and Geonovum, well attended by more than 40 delegates, coming from different communities, mainly national data producers and European stakeholders.



# Common Vision Conference 2017

- The Austrian National Mapping Agency BEV hosted the Common Vision Conference 2017 on 5-6 October 2017 in Vienna. The focus of the conference was on Cadastre and Land Registration and with the theme "Tradition meets Innovation". It was embedded in the 200-years celebrations of the Austrian Cadastre.
- The CVC2017 was co-organized by the common vision partners PCC, EULIS, ELRA, CLGE and EuroGeographics (CLR KEN), as well as the FIG-Commission 7 and WPLA.





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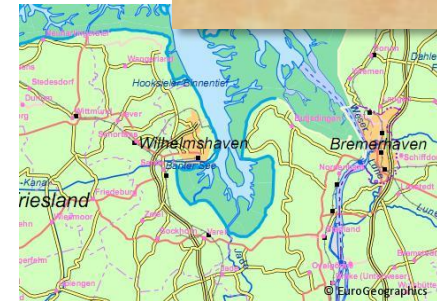
# EuroGeographics is now a GEO member

- EuroGeographics was recognized as a Participating Organization in the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) following the 40th Session of the GEO Executive Committee held in Geneva, Switzerland, 11-12 July 2017.
- EuroGeographics hopes to develop collaboration with the earth observation community by acting as the interface between the GEO community and European NMCAs, through the use of Knowledge Exchange Networks to facilitate learning and development of earth observation amongst our members. We will also focus on how our communities can best contribute to the UN SDG in a collaborative way.
- As a first step we plan to hold two webinars with the GEO community. The first will be given by GEO for our members, on 21 November; the second will be by EuroGeographics for the GEO members on the 28 November.  
<http://eurogeographics.org/event/geo-webinar>



# European Open Data to be included in key UN boundary information initiative

- Harmonised European open data from official national sources is to be included in the United Nations Second Administrative Level Boundaries (SALB) initiative.
- EuroGeographics, provided its 1:1 million scale topographic open dataset, EuroGlobalMap to assist the project's aim of compiling global administrative boundaries data from authoritative sources.
- Mick Cory, presented the dataset to Mr Kyoung-Soo Eom, Chief, Geospatial Information Section, United Nations (right) and Mr Anthony O'Mullane, Director, Information and Communications Technology Division, Department of Field Support, United Nations GGIM7 in August.



# Projects: From ELF to Open ELS

The ELF Project concluded its active project phase on 31 October 2016.

EuroGeographics Management Board decided on behalf of its members to take ownership of the ELF platform, and with their help and support will ensure:

- The ELF Project consortium partners remain responsible for maintaining the existing ELF platform for the two-year period following the end of the ELF Project (until 30 September 2018).
- EGHO is responsible for developing the operational European Location Service.
- The ELF platform is used to develop test services and to deliver an evaluation environment for key European Commission users (such as EEA / Copernicus).

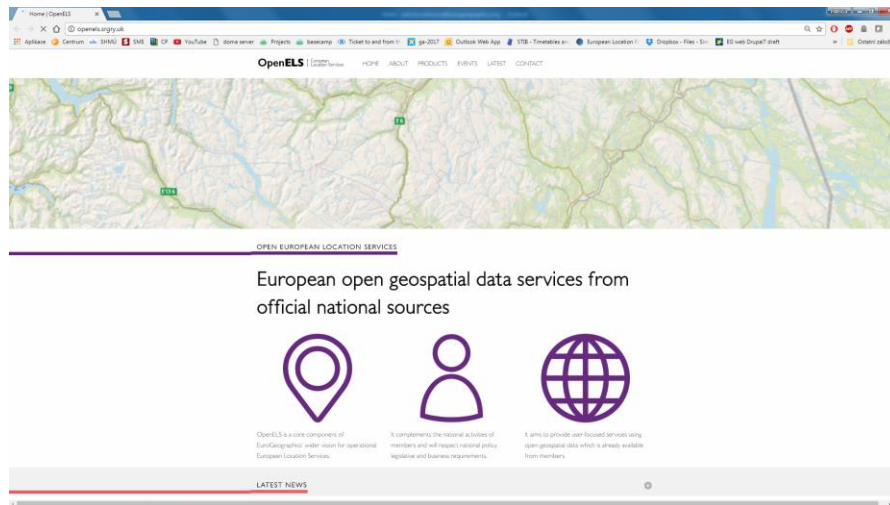
The transition from the ELF Project to the operational European Location Service is being managed in the ELS Transition Programme which runs from 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018.





The Open ELS Project is a European Commission (EC) funded project that aims to develop pan-European open data services from European NMCA's. The project duration is from 1 May 2017 to 30 April 2019. The project is strongly user oriented, as it provides easy access to the services and creates user support, advice and assistance for identifying, obtaining and using the data. The action builds upon the outcomes of the ELF Project.

The project website has been launched earlier in September just before the INSPIRE conference, it contains basic information about the project and will be further developed so you can follow the achievements and progress.



<http://openels.eu/>





# EuroGeographics General Assembly in Vienna

- More than 120 delegates from 50 members' organisations and 42 countries hosted by the BEV in Vienna 1 – 3 October
- BEV were celebrating 200th Anniversary of the Cadastre in Austria
- Disruptive technologies, SDGs and role of NMCAs was on the agenda
- During the formal business members unanimously approved the new EuroGeographics Strategy 2017-2020, the budget and subscriptions for 2018, and elected new members to the Management Board



# New Management Board

- Two new members of the Management Board have been elected:
  - Mrs. Amalia Velasco Martin-Vares from Directorate of Cadastre in Spain
  - Mr. Colin Bray from Ordnance Survey Ireland



# EuroGeographics Strategy

- The Management Board has reviewed the EuroGeographics Strategy, based on results of the Membership Survey, KEN Review, Stakeholder views, Products and the rapidly changing policy landscape, as well as the results from the preliminary work on the European Location Service and plans for how best to deliver the operational service.
- Following very productive discussions at their meetings in late June and early July, a discussion paper was circulated to members for their feedback and contributions.
- A final draft was circulated to members prior to the the General Assembly in Vienna, where the strategy was approved.





# Communications



EuroGeographics Messenger 1/20

EuroGeographics' vision is of a European society that makes decisions informed by our members' accurate, authoritative and quality-assured data, services and expertise.

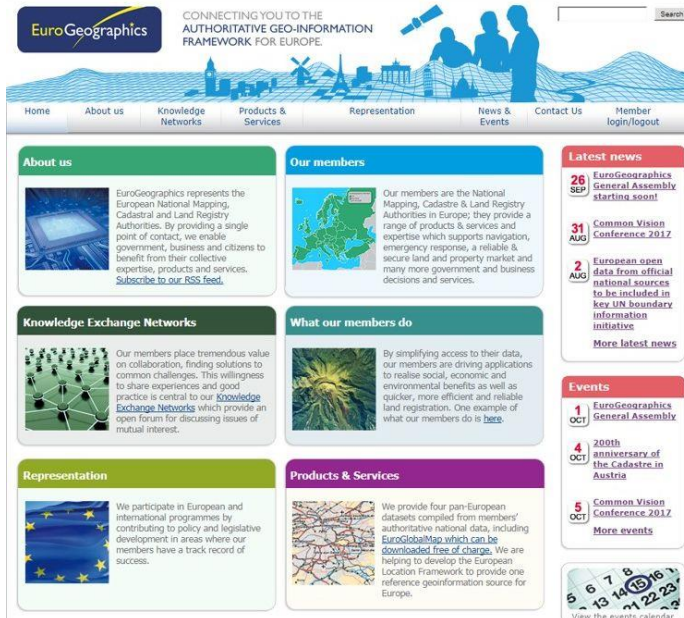


In this issue of the Messenger, we report on some of the ways in which we are working with others to contribute to policy developments and aid operational requirements.

Our partnership agreement with the European Environment Agency for example will improve access to pan-European maps and land information for Copernicus users, while the latest release of EuroGlobalMap open data provides a great first step in discovering the wider benefits of members' products and services.

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Dominik Kopczewski as our new Policy Development Manager. Dominik will fulfil a vital role in reflecting our members' collective view on national and international policy issues and will also be responsible for liaising with European and global organisations within the geospatial and land information sectors.

You can also read about our progress towards an operational European Location Service, and news from our members in Belgium, Finland, Georgia and The Netherlands.



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## General Assembly 2017 in Vienna - coming soon!

We are pleased to see the number of members registered for the General Assembly, with 122 delegates from 50 members' organisations and 42 countries!

This year's event will commence at 19.00 on Sunday 1st October with a welcome reception at the premises of our hosts, the Federal Office of Metrology and Surveying BEV, Austria are celebrating 200th Anniversary of the Cadastre in Austria. The agenda will formally conclude at 17.00 on Tuesday 3rd October, followed by an Anniversary Dinner in the evening.

Latest information and the final agenda will be sent by the host to all registered delegates. In case of questions, please contact me or the [BEV preparatory team](#).

We wish you safe travels and see you soon in Vienna!

*Patricia Sokacova Membership and Communications Manager*

## European Location Services Update September 2017

Work on the transition phase from the ELF Project to operational European Location Services continues. During the last 8 months our work has focussed on setting up the programme management structures and governance arrangements necessary to run the programme. These are now fully established with a Programme Board reporting to the EuroGeographics Management Board.

The ELF Consortium formally transferred the rights and obligations of the ELF

# EuroGeographics website updates

- Following feedback from the recent members' survey, implementing a programme of improvements to EG website. A key aim is to enable a better search facility for users to quickly and easily find the information they require.
- The improvements will happen in two stages,
  - the first an upgrade to the latest version of our content management system to ensure the website remains secure and the content protected. The temporary upgraded page will be launched shortly. All users will then need a new password to continue to access the members-only content. If you are an active user of the current website, we will email you a new log-in in the coming weeks.
  - The second phase involves creating a brand-new website that will better meet the needs of members and other users. Outsourced to create a brand new modern website, the launch of the new EuroGeographics website is planned for the end of 1st Q 2018.





# Future EuroGeographics Events

- **Data Producers Technical meeting 2017** – The Annual meeting of the technical experts working on our pan-European products 14 – 15 November 2017 in Lisbon, Portugal
  - meeting aims to brief on the production for 2018 for EBM, ERM and EGM
- **EuroGeographics INSPIRE KEN**, the European Environment Agency, EuroSDR and the INSPIRE Thematic cluster LU-LC workshop on “Land use/land cover products: challenges and opportunities” on 15 November 2017 in Brussels
  - The workshop aims to help data producers to make decisions regarding evolution of their land cover and land use data products and at identifying possible actions between involved stakeholders in order to solve issues and to foster innovation in LU/LC products.
- **SBE KEN Plenary** meeting will be held on 23-24 November in the premises of Italian geographic Military Institute in Florence, Italy
- **2nd International Workshop on Spatial Data Quality**
  - The International Workshop on Spatial Data Quality will be held in the Old University Campus in Valetta, Malta on 6-7th February 2018.



# Ongoing Surveys

- **Survey on Digital Elevation Models in Europe** EuroGeographics launched the survey on “[Digital Elevation Models in Europe](#)”. The survey results will be used for:
  - Contributing to the study of European Environment Agency (EEA) in evaluating capacities of in-situ reference data for Copernicus services;
  - Analysing source data products for a possible initiation of the development of pan-European DEM product (EuroDEM30) in response to demands of European stakeholders and EuroControl in particular.
- **Open data survey** one of deliverables of the Open European Location Services (Open ELS) Project is the creation of a policy framework which will include an Open Data policy. Such Developing of policy has to take into account national and European variations and interpretations, and will support overcoming policy obstacles to the sharing of data and web services.
  - This is [the first of two surveys for Open ELS](#) which will be sent to members in the coming weeks.
  - The second survey, which is being run in conjunction with JRC, will help us to understand the availability and terms of use of specific open data in more detail.



# Your Head Office Team



# Thank you!



## Together we achieve much more than working apart!

