

Minutes of the POLKEN Meeting

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1. Welcome remarks from the Chair

Dominik Kopczewski welcomed participants and provided short outline of the agenda. Each participant introduced themselves with a brief overview of their responsibilities.

2. EuroGeographics Activity Update (ELF to ELS transition, EEA Agreement, OPEN ELS) by Mick Cory

Please see Mick's presentation at:

<http://www.eurogeographics.org/sites/default/files/20161128%20EuroGeographics%20Update.pdf>

Mick presented EuroGeographics activities by covering four areas:

- I. Partnership agreement with EEA as a Framework for strengthening cooperation between the European Environment Agency and EuroGeographics with a view to improving the Copernicus programme's access to and use of in-situ geospatial data. Therefore the Copernicus KEN is established to facilitate coordination and communication, the chair is Anders Sandin from Sweden.
- II. ELF transition to ELS. ELF project is completed, has completed technical infrastructure, tools and some test services. Now is in transition to ELS, to ownership by Eurogeographics.
- III. Open ELS bid activities (CEF funding)
- IV. Team News

3. Commissions' proposal on new statistic Regulation - discussion on the level of geospatial component within by Marjana Zelic

Please see Marjana's presentation at:

<http://www.eurogeographics.org/sites/default/files/research%20update%20marjana.pdf>

Marjana presented the purpose, structure and key content of the Commission's proposal for a Regulation establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households, based on data at individual level collected from samples.

4. International Federation od Surveyors – Report from activities of the FIG by Gerda Schennach

Please see Gerda's presentation at:

<http://www.eurogeographics.org/sites/default/files/POLKEN FIGCom7 Report Budapest2016.pdf>

Gerda gave comprehensive overview of FIG topics of interest, focusing on Commission 7, cadastre and land management, which she chairs. A main topic of interest, which might be a subject of cooperation with EuroGeographics is the Cadastral Template 2.0, a online-tool for providing comparable details of land administration systems in different countries. Up to now 58 countries have provided information and still a number of European countries are missing. It has been agreed with Daniel Steudler, who takes the lead for the Cadastral Template 2.0 within FIG Commission 7, to discuss about collaboration with EuroGeographics members.

5. Work plan 2017- open discussion - all

Discussion on a workplan opened a series of issues such as: do we share the same expectation; how we can be better and what can be changed?

In the context of reviewing the KEN it was suggested to set up in advance the topic areas then it could be decided how involved the members will be. Do we need task forces or do we just need lead people for the topics?

At this stage on privacy implementation it would be good to share knowledge with others; it is more about implementation to discuss experiences and the best practice.

Should POLKEN cover maritime issues? Norway includes maritime, UN-GGIM includes maritime, the scope of EuroGeographics is very wide so it will be another challenge to put another topic over. Aware that there is parallel of maritime and land there is a lot that maritime can learn from the land and vice versa. GS mentions that the definition of the border between land and sea is an issue as well. It depends very much on history, on local developments and especially for cross-border issues it is not yet resolved. Before a serious initiative is taken, these topics need to be clear.

Topics of concern – policy issues the institutions are interested in now: open data, the principle is not a problem, problem is how we are going to fund it. Privacy & crowd sourcing. IPR particularly copyright, cross border in real estate issues, UN-GGIM setting policy, property in marine zones.

6. Copernicus Task Force /Discussion/ UNGGIM WG A developments by Francois Chirie

Please see Francois's presentations at:

<http://www.eurogeographics.org/sites/default/files/POLKEN%2029%20Nov%202016%20-%20Copernicus.pdf>

<http://www.eurogeographics.org/sites/default/files/POLKEN%2029%20Nov%202016%20-%20WGA.pdf>

Francois reported that the French & Spanish proposal for coordination action for member states regarding Copernicus reference data was presented to the 6 September meeting of the Copernicus User Forum. During this meeting, Member States brought a good support to the FR-ES action proposal; Following this presentation, the Commission now better understands the issues related to duplication and inconsistency between Copernicus reference data and national reference data.

The Copernicus KEN led by Sweden could work with some dialogue, it could be a good focal point for such sort of discussion. Copernicus KEN can make this move forward. Through it our members can engage with EEA.

Any implementation of core data is to be done in ELS – the vision is UN - GGIM is about proposing policy it is not about implementation. Inter KEN coordination is needed.

7. Digital Single Market Task Force report by Neil Sutherland

Please see Neil's presentation

at:<http://www.eurogeographics.org/sites/default/files/EuroGeographics%20PolKEN%20NS%20-%2029%20November%202016.pdf>

Neil gave detailed overview on many news in this broad policy area, focusing on the Proposed Copyright Directive, the Free Flow of Data initiative, the Fundamental Rights Implications of Big Data and Revision of the EU

Interoperability Framework. He also noted that the Directive on Accessibility of Public Sector Websites was now adopted and informed the meeting of the likely implementation deadlines.

8. Tour of the table – national issues, updates, issues for debate

NETHERLAND

Three relevant developments:

- I. Parliament elections will take place in March 2017. They will be followed with interest by Kadaster.
- II. There is a good cooperation between Kadaster and the National Statistical Institute.
- III. The relation between open data and privacy. Implementation of the European Privacy Regulation is of interest (before May 2018). This is a development which is relevant for other countries as well; addressing this by the POLKEN is recommendable.

AUSTRIA

Have a perfect system of cadastre, managing automatically controlling private surveyors' documents before giving the certificate for implementing. The next step is to fully digitise the process, now documents are delivered in pdf format which is under a critical perspective not considered to be a fully digital process.

Legal cadastre means that boundary marks are agreed upon by the neighbours/land owners on the spot in a legally defined negotiation with a licensed surveyor or with a representative of a public authority and those are legally binding, and now due to natural disasters some marks are moved in nature, but according to the law the coordinates are binding, not only the mark in the nature. For the moment the law is amended in a term that local areas where coordinates are not save by landslides i.e. may be declared as areas with legally less binding coordinates. This is the only way how this can be handled for the moment, but it is not sustainable for the future since it changes all philosophy of the legal cadastre.

Next year we are hosting the GA of EuroGeographics in BEV and BEV celebrates 200 anniversary of the Austrian cadastre with a week of events in October.

UK

From OS point of view most of the legal implications of Brexit are of minor concern, INSPIRE will continue to be legally binding. Government was looking for options for private capital by 2020, and instigated two reviews: one is a general review of the facts on which decisions will be based; the other is a commercial review. Close to completing the general review, but Brexit means there may not be more progress soon.

There is a lot of pressure on open data mostly on open addresses.

Land Registry was to be privatised but this has now been abandoned. A lot of resistance to that because citizens and others were concerned about the government guarantee of ownership.

NORWAY

ELF is closing to end and we experienced more negative reactions received than expected. ELF has delivered in accordance to plan.

EEA and the Norway grant programme have a high project activity level.

E-land registry will be fully operational in 2017, centralised land registration.

There is ongoing project with green laser to cover mapping on the boundary between the land and sea.

FRANCE

NGI have a contract of objectives of performance with government for each three years period, where our strategy and targets are defined in detail. We are currently preparing it for the next 3 years period.

ITALY

Budgetary constrain – IMGI has to get in touch with Italian regions to reach technical agreements to get their data which have different level of quality. IMGI has to reuse and harmonise this kind of data and it doesn't have enough resources to handle this situation. IMGI has informed authorities on this.

Open data – ongoing discussion on all level, political technical and financial. Nowadays IMGI has a different business model and authorities have been informed to harmonise this situation.

ELF - IMGI has never joined the ELF Project as Project Partner. In the past the IMGI has accepted to become only Product Partner (EGN; ELF IB). It is not still enough clear to us the true current and future risk relating to the same project and this is truly fundamental because we have to report to our MoD – Defence General Staff about all our activities: the already authorised ones and the ones we are going to ask to the authorization for.

SWEDEN

There is an agreement with different authorities working with geospatial for the new strategy, it is decided in entire society and it will be guidance for open, free of charge, usable and accessible data.



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Cooperation is advance, this goals are broken into action plans. In the attached document we are discussing on innovation and growth, planning process, defence issues, climate change. It gives good pictures of the policy we are working in the future.

HUNGARY

According to Governmental decision FOMI moves to Budapest municipality office - geodesy, cartography and remote sensing department. It will have an effect of EG membership. Two big projects are ongoing, one is NSDI of Hungary, and the other is on cadastre.

POLAND

Due to the reorganisation of government Geodesy and Cartography has been transferred from the Ministry of Administration to Ministry of Construction. New legislation has also shifted responsibility for NSDI coordination and development to newly created Ministry of Digitisation.

New Ministry which will take over responsibility for national INSPIRE access point – which until now has been a maintained by the NMCA as an integral part of national geoportal.gov.pl service which played a role of a universal broker for spatial information of the geodetic and cartographic service but also for other bodies of public administration serving spatially referenced data particularly is scope of INSPIRE. The Minister will also nominate new members of the National Council for Spatial Information Infrastructure.

9. AOB/Summary and closing remarks

Next meeting will take place in Leuven, May 017, after the Ex – GA together with experts from BIKEN.