# Minutes of the POLKEN Meeting

## 19 – 21 October 2015, Tbilisi, Georgia

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| **19 October 2015** | |
| **Topic:** | **Lead:** |

| 1. | Welcome to Georgia<br><br>Study visit to the National Agency of Public Registry | Ekaterina Meskhidze |
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| **20 October 2015** | | |
| 2. | Welcome remarks from Chair of PolKEN. | Chair |
| 3. | Introduction to National Agency of Public Registry of Georgia | Eka Meskhidze |
| 4. | Introduction to the EuroGeographics strategy | Mick Cory |
| 5. | European Location Framework | Laila Aslesen |
| 6. | Regional Issues and presentations:<br><br>Ukraine<br><br>Romania<br><br>Moldova | Dmytro Makarenko<br><br>Corina Dragomir<br><br>Maria Ovdii |
| 7. | Round Table Discussion | All |
| **21 October 2015** | | |
| 8. | Recent developments in Personal data protection in decisions of the European Court of Justice | Laila Aslesen |
| 9. | Status reports from Task Force leaders<br>• Digital Single Market Task Force<br>• Cadastre issues related to policy<br>• Copernicus<br>Discussion | Neil Sutherland<br>Amalia Velasco<br>Francois Chirie<br><br>All |
| 10. | Overview of activities and developments in the UNGGIM and UNGGIM Europe | Carol Aguis |
| 11. | UNGGIM WG A and B - progress | Francois Chirie |
| 12. | Various initiatives tracking document – progress<br><br>Participants are invited to share information about items of interest for the EuroGeographics community. These issues may be from the European, EU or Global arenas. | Marjana Zelic |

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| 13. | WPLA | Eka Meskhidze |
| 14. | Bavarian database case - update | Marjana Zelic |
| 15. | European Location Framework in practice | Saulius Urbanas |
| 16. | Tour deTable – national issues, updates, issues for debate | All |
| 17. | AOB | All |
| 18. | Summary and closing remarks | Chair |

### 1. Welcome remarks from the host and study visit to the National Agency of Public Registry

Very warm welcome by the host team and perfect organisation of the walking tour through the Public Service Centre, an impressive area with an average visit of 10 000 people per day requiring a different types of services grading from birth certificate, status, property or company registration etc. PolKEN participants witnessed the overall process of property registration, from the application submission to the document delivery.

### 2. Welcome remarks from the Chair of PolKEN

Dominik welcomed participants, thanked to the host on the invitation and hospitality, and stressed that this is the opportunity to see EuroGeographics' non EU members' state of play and developments hoping that this practice will continue.

### 3. Introduction to National Agency of Public Registry of Georgia by Eka Meskhidze
Please see Eka's presentation at: http://www.elfproject.eu/sites/default/files/NAPR_Presentation_PolKEN_meeting.pdf

Eka welcomed attendees of the meeting and presented NAPR activities starting from reforms in property registration which took place in mid nighties with the liquidation of different entities and subsequent Land management administration establishment.

### 4. Introduction to the EuroGeographics strategy by Mick Cory SG&ED
Please see Mick's presentation at: http://www.eurogeographics.org/sites/default/files/POLKen%20Tblisi%20MIC%20slides.pdf

Mick excused himself for not arriving to Georgia due to previous commitments in Bruxelles and Luxembourg, and expressed a great pleasure for the opportunity to speak to PolKEN participants. He presented his professional background, and then outlined the role and strategy of EuroGeographics.

NS: "There are two strands of Representation, the importance of EuroGeographics is one, and the other is representing us to our members - how variable we are and different structures of organisation we have. We don't all come from the same point. ELF is close to some organisations, some understands. Can we do anything towards a common model or series of models to contribute to the better understanding?"

MC:"Having been a Head of National Mapping organisation I understand and respect National policies and requirements. EuroGeographics do not interfere in these but can support its members in providing the European perspective, and recognise that everybody is not working in the same manner and do not

have the same approach in different circumstances. We share some common goals; this is where EuroGeographics is valuable, in collecting the common voice and we can add collective our voice beyond the national boundary. This is why we have to encourage participation in KENs."

## 5. European Location Framework by Laila Aslesen

Please see Laila's presentation at: http://www.eurogeographics.org/sites/default/files/ELF%20Data%20Providers%20-%20requirements%20and%20expectations%2020201015.pdf

Laila presented how to become an EF Data provider. ELF is complex structure but the complicity is behind the scene. Overview of the project and transition from the project to EuroGeographics was presented as well.

## 6. Regional Issues and presentations:

### 6.1. Report from Romania

Please see Corina's presentation at:
http://www.eurogeographics.org/sites/default/files/INSPIRE%20Implementation%20in%20Romania.pdf

Corina gave comprehensive overview to the INSPIRE implementation in Romania.

GL: "You mentioned that there is a policy for pricing, will you have an open data or charge for data?"
CD: "Some will be free some will be charged, we can't tell you now which data will be free, viewing most probably will be free of charge; pricing policy will tell us how we evaluate and calculate the prices."
MC: "I am interested in draft laws in terms of pricing. Does it take very log to introduce the law of this nature?"
CD: "It takes some time to issue the laws due to the legislative technic. The draft is issued but has to be approved by government. At least two years to issue a new law. Services are also offered now for free to public institutions, and we are also selling some services."
DK: "Polish experience is if we want to amend the existing law it takes two years, new law two to four years including public consultation."

### 6.2. Report from Ukraine

Please see Dmytrov's presentation at:
http://www.eurogeographics.org/sites/default/files/2015.10.19%20PolKEN%20Presentation_Ukraine_DM_eng.pdf

Dmytro presented national and international developments related to NSDI establishment, process of NSDI law and upon question he noted that the relation with their national stakeholders had been significantly improved after national workshop organised under the EuroGeographics umbrella in the March this year.

### 6.3. Report from Georgia

Since we already had a presentation from Georgia at the beginning of the meeting as an introduction of the host, in this session Eka spoke on regional level concerns. "Georgia is a dynamic developing country, the first in Kavkaz region (Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia) which started with SDI and that is a big challenge for NAPR. We investigated demands and capacity from society – how is the readiness of the society; do they know the value of data and how to use them? We performed research and the result was not good, the usage of spatial data is low.
EuroGeographcs gave us a lot of experiences in processing since in that time we underwent a lot of webinars and trainings."

## 7.    Round table discussion

The conclusion of the round table discussion is that the regional cooperation already exists but more as one-to one country coordination instead of all Black sea region countries together, but the fact is that the acknowledgement of the regional common interest begun and approximation would take place gradually, such meetings are step forward.

## 8.   Recent developments in Personal data protection in decisions of the European Court of Justice

Please see Laila's presentation at: http://www.eurogeographics.org/sites/default/files/Data%20protection%20-%20new%20regulations%20and%20decisions.pdf

Laila presented some views on the problem today with European data protection as we don't have a uniform definition of personal data, only very broad definition in the directive, meant to be restricted by national law. This situation affects geographic information.

GL: "Is there a risk that it will change our view of geographical information?"
LA:  "No, it is not such fundamental change."

GL: "If you look at yellow pages there are maps, addresses, names, telephone numbers is that in danger of being changed?"
LA: "No because such things are based on people's consent to be on the yellow pages."

## 9.   Status reports from Task Force leaders

### 9.1. Digital Single Market Task Force report by Neil Sutherland
Please see Neil's presentation at:
http://www.eurogeographics.org/sites/default/files/EuroGeographics%20PolKEN%20Neil.pdf

Neil reported on Data protection regulation progress and presented Digital Single Market strategy published this May. DSM is the economic cornerstone of the EU project since there is not sufficient cross-border online trade, it is relatively undeveloped, ICT usage is low (compared with the US) few big digital firms developed in EU.

MC: "One can buy things in US much easier than in Germany for example, and get parcel delivered. Isn't it the issue we have to search more?"
NS:  "Addressing product is not harmonised enough. It would be good to have for example EuroGeographics addressing model."

NS briefed on Copyright reform – proposal is expected before the end of 2015.
GL: "Any implications on open data?"
NS:  "No definitions, and consider open licence"
FC:  "Issue of IPR for public entities?"
NS: "Some member states have strong views about it, e.g. Germany suggests it shouldn't apply to public sector bodies.  They are likely to be covered, but whether there will be something specific to public bodies is not clear.

### 9.2. Copernicus Task Force report by Francois Chirie
Please see Francois's presentation at:
http://www.eurogeographics.org/sites/default/files/POLKEN%2021%20October%202015%20-%20Copernicus.pdf

Francois reported on EU – DEM & EU-HYDRO news.

The conclusion is that there is a need to increase synergy between MS and Copernicus. CORDA access node for Copernicus enables access to the companies put in charge by the Commission of developing Copernicus services, there is a lot of similarity wit ELF – so we need more synergy between them.

Saulius added an update from the recent event in Copenhagen, an EEA workshop for land monitoring; "I spoke with different people from commission and we agreed to organise a joint meeting of Copernicus KEN and CORDA project – we can make data available through ELF. There is a change of language regarding in situ data, less opinion in favour to "no restriction" or "no charge". General feeling is that coordination could be straightened."

9.3. Cadastre issues related to policy by Amalia Velasco
Please see Amalia's presentation at: http://www.eurogeographics.org/sites/default/files/polken%20amalia.pdf

Amalia informed us on forthcoming C&LR KEN and EULIS joint meeting in November and on PCC meeting as well. She also presented European Union Open Data Portal with annotation that Euro Geo data & ELF are missing at open portal.

Want to encourage cadastre people to give data for ELF.

| 10. | Overview of activities and developments in the UNGGIM and UNGGIM Europe |
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Please see Carol's presentation at: http://www.eurogeographics.org/sites/default/files/UN-GGIMEurope-Overview-Secretariat_0.pdf

Carol presented an overall UNGGIM developments starting from 2011, a year when ECOSOC, recognising the importance of global geospatial information, established the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) with five year mandate, and requested the Committee to present to ECOSOC in 2016 a comprehensive review of all aspects of its work and operations, in order to allow Member States to assess its effectiveness and to encouraged Member States to hold regular high level, multi-stakeholder discussions on global geospatial information, including through the convening of global forums, with a view to promoting a comprehensive dialogue with all relevant actors and bodies.

| 11. | UNGGIM WG A and B – progress by Francois Chirie |
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Progress on harmonisation of data is already mentioned, we have to go forward in terms of reference data harmonisation. The main news is workshop organised in January 2016 on which it will be decided what INSPIRE data should be core data; good knowledge of user requirements is needed. Output will be consolidated list on what data is core and what data are not core.
UN-GGIM: Europe Work Group A on European Core Data is currently identifying use cases for UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG). In this respect, use cases are defined as user actions involving GI and necessary to achieve SDG targets within all the phases of sustainable development policies (analyse, make decisions, communicate, monitor). This work of identifying use cases requires first a preparation work. One of the information sources used by Work Group A for this preparation is to interview SDG experts, in order to clarify what are the potential actions to reach the objectives of the SDGs, and what geospatial data are required by these actions. Work Group A plans to carry out these interviews by mid-November – this information should be disseminated through policy info tools.

## 12. Various initiatives tracking document – progress

Marjana presented the final version of the "Table of the content" of the document which is the result of the prior circulation of the proposal and participants input. The step forward would be the work on document what requires assignment of the leading author for each section. There were no volunteers for additional work what led to the conclusion/confirmation that generally KENs are not working groups but knowledge exchange forum and by respecting it as members wish we should channel the work and provide the members with required information so they can have an in-depth insight into ongoing processes and their relations thus enabling members to sort evaluations for their decision making processes.

## 13. WPLA report by Eka Meskhedize

Please see Eka's presentation at:
http://www.eurogeographics.org/sites/default/files/WPLA%20activities_October2015%20Tbilisi.pdf

Eka reported on WPLA recent activities. It is concluded that WPLA news and developments will be reported to the members through PolKEN.

## 14. Bavarian database case – update by Marjana Zelic

Please see Marjana's presentation at: http://www.eurogeographics.org/sites/default/files/ECJ%20490.pdf

Marjana presented to date stages of the Database directive case and informed that Judgement is expected on 29 September. Immediate information on outcome will follow.

## 15. European Location Framework in practice by Saulius Urbanas

Please see Saulius' presentation at:
http://www.eurogeographics.org/sites/default/files/20151021_ELF_technical_req_Saulius2.pdf

Saulius gave a very detailed explanation on ELF in practice and described expected contribution from data providers.

## 16. Tour de Table – national issues, updates, issues for debate all

ROMANIA
We developed INSPIRE implementation project and also e-payment project which is in testing phase. Another big project is database for cadastre and land registry.

ITALY
At the moment I was most interested in ELF presentation, many of data are not in our responsibility thus it will be some difficulties to implement elf.
Currently, we are collecting regional data and generalising different regions with different specifications which is our main role. Elf requires delivery layer by layer which is not in line what we are working; we are working on dataset all together but it will be possible to extract but it will take a couple of years.

GEORGIA

This meeting showed me the importance of ELF project and gave me good lessons on it. Planned activities are: demarcation of the boundaries between municipalities, working on the data for ERM, developments of ortophotos.

POLAND

Challenging time in Poland, three large projects successfully came to an end, hence financing could probably stop. We applied for three another projects 1. Further development of centralise info system on cadastre info which is maintained by local authorities. 2. National Central for spatial analysis is of national special interest and the financing is challenging.

NORWAY

No particular developments, moving land registry into the digital area and trying to establish it which requires a lot of changes in various laws.

## 16. AOB - all

Work plan should be set. Since we didn't have time during this event it will be organised via online manners.

## 17. Summary and closing remarks

Mick Cory said that he is very pleased with the meeting which was very productive and informative; he reconfirmed the importance of PolKEN in the work of EuroGeographics. We don't operate in isolation from governments on national level that is the same in European level.

He wanted to personally keep in track of policy developments in EU and global level. PolKEN is in a heart of this by tracking and monitoring to be able to understand the policy environment.
Heard very interesting thoughts at this meeting, and can say that Elf is not just a technical solution but it is also potentially to support others in how to use our data, and the educational side is also important.
He highlighted once again the importance of having regional collaboration and expressed his gratitude to everybody for the participation, and to Georgia for hosting the event

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