



**HIGHLIGHTS  
2021**



# PROUD TO BE THE VOICE OF EUROPEAN NATIONAL MAPPING, CADASTRAL AND LAND REGISTRATION AUTHORITIES

EuroGeographics is your Association. Our activities are driven by your needs.

In 2021, we continued to strive to maximise the benefits of belonging to EuroGeographics and achieved record levels of engagement with our members.

Our programme focussed on enabling connections: connections between members; connections with key users of your trusted data; and connections that are being made through new technology. Here are some of the highlights.

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**Facilitating access to  
your data**



**Representing your  
interests**



**Providing  
opportunities for  
knowledge exchange**

# FACILITATING ACCESS TO MEMBERS DATA

## IN THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND ITS AGENCIES



Delivering Open Maps for Europe to support Open Data and Re-Use of Public Sector Information.



Providing data for policy making, monitoring and measurement.



Meeting current and future user requirements to keep official geospatial data relevant.

EuroBoundaryMap used within the European Commission through our agreement with Eurostat.



55

Official administrative boundaries

39

from 39 data producers

*\*according to ISO country code and Kosovo*

***“To meet end user requirements regarding data content and quality, Copernicus Services need access to open, up-to-date, and harmonised geospatial information across Europe. Data produced by the members of EuroGeographics is therefore key to its success.”***

*Henrik Steen Andersen  
Project Manager Copernicus In Situ Component, European Environment Agency*



## COOPERATION WITH THE EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (EEA) THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH e-GEOS

Contributing to improved provision of Copernicus In situ data:

- Increases number of official national geospatial datasets available via the Copernicus Reference Access Data gateway.
- Facilitates use in services such as Land Monitoring, Emergency Management and Security.
- Streamlines licensing process.

## FOSTERING USE OF EUROPEAN GEOSPATIAL DATA

Six pan-European datasets developed through our unique data integration process in collaboration with:

**45** Data Producers

### Data Production Management



National Institute of Geographic and Forest Information (IGN)  
France



Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy Germany (BKG)



Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency, The Netherlands  
(Kadaster)



*Attendees at the in-person sessions of the 2021 Data Producers Technical Meeting*

# OPEN MAPS FOR EUROPE



Making more data available



Removing integration costs from users



Reducing costs of data to increase its re-use

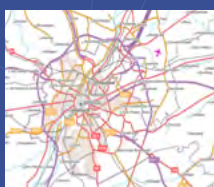


Improving re-usability of data from a technical perspective



Ensuring a level playing field for all reusers

First open datasets released at [www.mapsforeurope.org](http://www.mapsforeurope.org)

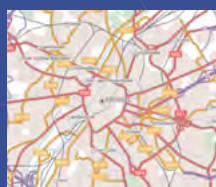


**EuroRegional Map**

1:250 000

Multi-theme

Open Data



**EuroGlobalMap**

1:1 million

Multi-theme

Open Data

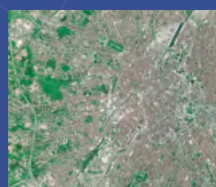


**EuroDEM**

1:100 000

Elevation Model

Open Data



**Pan-European Imagery**

Available 2022

Open Data

Provided by BKG from Copernicus Earth Observation



**Open Gazetteer**

Available 2022

Open Data

Authoritative multilingual names

*Cartography and styling on the Open Maps For Europe interface is based on NGI Belgium cartography*

## Benefits of Open Maps For Europe for EuroGeographics members



Demonstrates role in delivering European policy



Promotes data beyond national borders

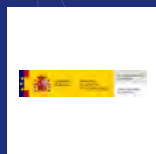


Lays foundations for future data development

*Coordinated by EuroGeographics,  
partnered by National Geographic Institute (NGI) Belgium.*



**Co-financed by the Connecting Europe  
Facility of the European Union**



***Supported by BKG Germany, General Directorate for the Cadastre Spain, NGI Belgium, IGN France and Registers of Scotland and all members who provided data for the first release.***

# REPRESENTING MEMBERS INTERESTS



Legitimacy



Messaging



Partnering



Visibility



Voicing



Access

## Active monitoring of European policy

- Weekly policy news summary
- Policy pages in your regular members newsletter
- Tracking Records
- Briefing papers, meetings and webinars

### What are policy makers using geospatial data for?

 Monitoring energy networks	 Optimising transport networks
 Monitoring environmentally sensitive areas	 Developing smart transport
 Developing smart cities	 Border surveillance
 Optimising trajectories	 Disaster Management
 Controlling evolution of pests	 Controlling evolution of diseases
 Fostering renewable energy	 Evolution of soil
 Monitoring crops & harvest	 ...

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## ENSURING THAT MEMBERS ROLES, CAPABILITIES AND CONCERNS ARE UNDERSTOOD IN EUROPE

- Information paper on the European Strategy for Data.
- Commission's releases to create a single market for data.
- Commission proposal on the Data Governance Act.
- Commission's Artificial Intelligence (AI) Regulation proposal.
- eIDAS Regulation proposal.
- Commission's Roadmap on Europe's Digital decade: 2030 targets by submitting a feedback paper.
- EU Roadmap on Data Act.
- Common European data spaces
- Data Governance Act.



### On behalf of our members, we participated in:

- EU Data Viz 2021
- INSPIRE Conference 2021
- Geospatial World Forum 2021
- 14th Conference of the European Forum for Geospatial Statistics
- Ordnance Survey Ireland GeoGov 2021 Symposium





## ENSURING THAT MEMBERS ROLES, CAPABILITIES AND CONCERNS ARE UNDERSTOOD GLOBALLY

### In the United Nations by:

- Observer organisation at the UN-GGIM Committee of Experts
- Observer on the UN-GGIM Europe Executive Committee
- Continue to provide and fund UN-GGIM: Europe Secretariat through a Service Level Agreement with The Netherlands Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency

## 11TH SESSION OF UN-GGIM COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS

### Interventions highlighted your contributions and important role of your authoritative geospatial information

#### Offered support for:

- Implementation of the UN Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF).
- the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Geospatial Roadmap.
- The Global Geodetic Reference Frame.
- The Framework for Effective Land Administration (FELA).

#### Welcomed:

- Federated approach for the Centre of Excellence in Germany.
- Vision to see geospatial and location-based information being recognised and accepted as official data for the SDGs and their global indicators.
- Collaborative progress made by the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.

### Participated in:

- UN-GGIM: Global Geodesy Forum – ‘The Power of Where: The Value of Geodesy to Society’
- DGI Europe 2021, the leading global geospatial intelligence conference
- 12th session of the Working Party on Land Administration
- Cambridge Conference in Conversation: Applying Geospatial Information to Climate Challenges
- 8th Plenary of UN-GGIM: Europe
- UN-GGIM: Europe – ESS – UNECE Workshop
- FIG e-Working Week 2021
- UN Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management as an observer organisation
- COP26 ‘Applying Geospatial Information to Climate Challenge’ briefing paper
- Geospatial Information for Digital Transformation organised by the Norwegian Mapping Authority.



# KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

## SUPPORTING YOUR CAPACITY BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS



Webinars



Events



KENS

- Record participation in knowledge exchange activities – 1,760 total participants
- Members-only webinar series
- Continued to deliver an active programme for members at all levels
- Knowledge Exchange Networks on Cadastre and Land Registry, Policy, Quality, and INSPIRE
- Permanent Committee on Cadastre in the European Union Conferences (PCC) organised by Cadastre and Land Registry Knowledge Exchange Network together with the Portuguese and Slovenian PCC Presidencies.
- Virtual workshop on Artificial Intelligence (AI) with EuroSDR
- INSPIRE Knowledge Exchange Network webinar series on INSPIRE themes implementation
- Knowledge Exchange Forums on State Boundaries of Europe and Positioning
- EuroGeographics 2021 General Assembly attracted 130 senior participants from 55 member organisations for a unique knowledge exchange opportunity

## TALKING HEADS PROGRAMME

- For Heads of the EuroGeographics member organisations
- High-level strategic discussions
- Chatham House Rules

## FUNDING

- Dedicated workshop with information on existing EU and non-EU funding
- Specific landscape study to present guidance on existing funding
- Specific working group

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