



## **Workshop on the Challenges and Opportunities facing smaller NMCAs**

**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**

**Castile Room at the Grand Hotel Excelsior, Floriana, Malta**

National Mapping and Cadastral Agencies (NMCAs) have an important role, providing geospatial data that are the backbone of social, economic and environmental services of the countries and territories they serve. These functions have to be provided nationally, regardless of the size of the NMCA.

All geospatial agencies are facing increasing challenges: limited resources, financial constraints, rapid technological advancements and legislative/national obligations. How do you meet these challenges when you are small? When faced with a smaller country infrastructure but with larger country obligations?

Small might be beautiful, but it also presents a number of challenges especially when resources, both financial and human, are limited. The consequence of such restrictions can include being forced to delegate or outsource responsibilities, having people who are generalists because they have to cover a variety of tasks, or being constrained to limit participation due to lack of resources. Conversely these same challenges lead to opportunities; being forced to think outside the box to overcome these limitations leads to innovative and novel solutions.

EuroGeographics is organising a dedicated workshop focusing on understanding and discussing the challenges and opportunities inherent in smaller NMCAs. The event will consist of discussions, panels and roundtables, and is aimed at smaller NMCAs, geospatial agencies of microstates, and larger NMCAs carrying out delegated mapping for microstates or other territories.

This one-day workshop will be held in Malta on 22 March 2023 back-to-back with the EuroGeographics General Assembly. Workshop delegates are invited to join the dinner and Maltese cultural evening at 1743 Razzett L-Antik, Qormi on the evening of 21 March.

Register your participation by following this [link](#).

21 March 2023

19:00 (CET)

Cultural Evening 1743 Razzett L-Antik, Qormi (Dress code: Casual)

22 March 2023

09:30 – 15:30 (CET)

Chaired by Carol Agius, EuroGeographics

09:30 – 10:00	<b>Registration</b> <b>Coffee and networking</b>	
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>	Carol Agius, EuroGeographics
10:15 – 10:45	<b>Keynote: The challenges of being small!</b>	Marie Briguglio, University Malta
10:45 – 11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:15 – 12:30	<p><b>What are the challenges smaller NMCAs face?</b></p> <p>Interactive panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small country infrastructure with large country obligations</li> <li>• Delegated mapping</li> <li>• Resource limitation</li> <li>• Generalist vs Specialist</li> <li>• ....</li> </ul> <p><i>Slido interaction with the audience and panel</i></p>	<p>Facilitator: Joep Crompvoets, EuroSDR</p> <p>Gunnar Haukur Kristinsson, National Land Survey of Iceland</p> <p>Sanja Zekušić, State Geodetic Administration of Croatia</p> <p>Joseph Gauci, Malta Planning Authority</p> <p>Ralph Buchholz, Government of Jersey</p>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
13:30 – 14:30	<p><b>Opportunities and innovations for Smaller NMCAs</b></p> <p>Break session – round tables discussing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proxy solutions</li> <li>• Promoting innovation</li> <li>• Specialised staffing solutions</li> <li>• Creative collaborations</li> </ul>	<p>Carol Agius, EuroGeographics</p> <p>Round table discussions lead by: EGHO Team</p>



14:30 – 14:45	<b>Reporting back from roundtable discussions</b>	
14:45 – 15:20	<p><b>EuroGeographics responding to the needs of Smaller NMCAs?</b></p> <p>Interactive panel discussion:</p> <p>What are the needs of smaller NMCAs?          What makes smaller NMCAs special? What stands out for smaller NMCAs?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership</li> <li>• KENs</li> <li>• Knowledge Exchange</li> <li>• Capacity development and support</li> <li>• .....</li> </ul> <p><i>Slido interaction with the audience and panel</i></p>	<p>Sallie Payne Snell, EuroGeographics</p> <p>Ingrid Vanden Berghe, NGI Belgium</p> <p>Denis Tabučić, Federal Administration for Geodetic and Real Property Affairs of BiH</p> <p>Carol Agius, EuroGeographics</p>
15:20 – 15:30	<b>Conclusion and wrap up – does size matter?!</b>	<i>Carol Agius, EuroGeographics</i>
15:30	<b>Close</b>	