

# Highlights 2023



# Enabling easy access to your data and expertise now and in the future

EuroGeographics is proud represent you, the European National Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registry Authorities (NMCAs). Our members are at the heart of everything we do, and we deliver membership benefits that are driven by your needs.

In 2023, the Open Maps For Europe 2 (OME2) project, co-funded by the European Union, underpinned our activities as we continued to:

- ▶ Work with you to enable access to your data and expertise for the public good through its integration into European and global infrastructures.
- ▶ Represent your interests by:
  - Promoting the uses of your authoritative information.
  - Demonstrating its value.
  - Showcasing your knowledge and expertise in high value data production.
- ▶ Support your ambitions through:
  - An extensive programme of knowledge exchange.
  - Establishing partnerships with those who share our goal of using geospatial data to benefit society.

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to members' data  
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Providing opportunities  
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# Enabling access to members' data and expertise



Connecting users to official national geospatial information



Facilitating access to high-value geospatial datasets



Providing expertise in data production

## Pan-European datasets

Updated and quality continuously improved through our unique data integration process in collaboration with:

- ▶ 45 Data Producers
- ▶ National Institute of Geographic and Forest Information (IGN) France
- ▶ Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy (BKG)
- ▶ Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency, The Netherlands (Kadaster)



**Thank you to everyone who contributes to our datasets, our data production system and Open Maps For Europe.**

# Enabling the European Institutions to access official pan-European data

## Agreement with Eurostat

- Contract renewed.
- Provides EuroBoundaryMap to European Commission.
- Access extended to all National Statistical Institutes in European Union.

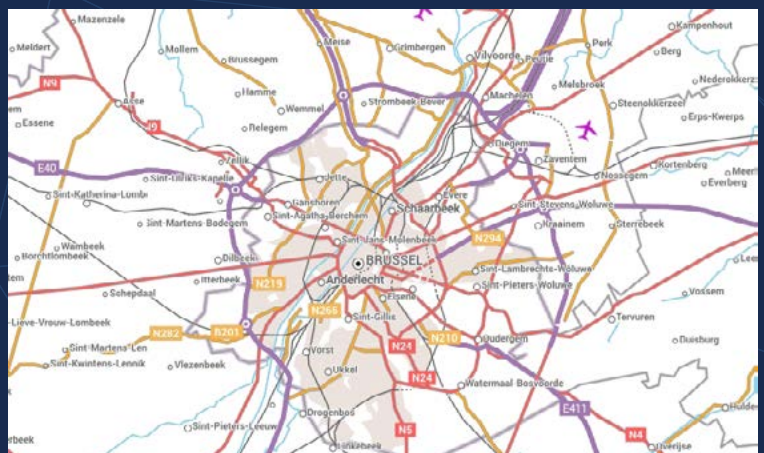


## Cooperation with the European Environment Agency (EEA)

- Increases number of official national geospatial datasets available via the Copernicus Reference Access Data gateway.
- Streamlines licensing process through Copernicus Framework Agreement.
- Extension of contract with e-GEOS to facilitate use of members data in Land Monitoring, Emergency Management and Security Services.

## Contribution to One United Nations Geospatial Situation Room

- Provides European open data for UN Second Administrative Level Boundaries (SALB) initiative.
- Supports aim of compiling global administrative boundaries data from authoritative national sources.



# Open Maps For Europe



[www.mapsforeurope.org](http://www.mapsforeurope.org)



View open data from multiple countries



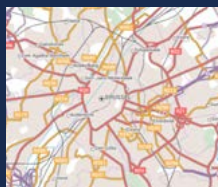
Access via a single user interface



Reuse under a single open licence

## Project successfully completed at end of 2022

- ▶ More than 4,000 registered users
- ▶ Exceeded target number of users
- ▶ 4,700+ datasets downloaded
- ▶ All milestones met
- ▶ 6 million web service transactions



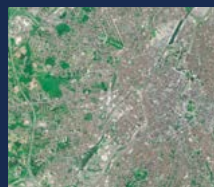
**EuroRegional Map**



**EuroGlobalMap**



**EuroDEM**



**Pan-European Imagery**



**Open Gazetteer**



**Open Cadastral Map**

Coordinated by EuroGeographics in partnership with the National Geographic Institute (NGI) Belgium.

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



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# Open Maps For Europe 2 (OME2)



Foundation for future pan-European high-value datasets



Production process and prototype for harmonised large-scale data



Aligned to EU Policy objectives and UN core geospatial data recommendations

## OME2 is delivering:

- ▶ A new production process and technical specification for free-to-use- high-value data from multiple European countries under a single open licence.
- ▶ A prototype for harmonised, edge-matched large-scale pan-European datasets covering 10 countries and aligned to key EU Policy objectives and UN core geospatial data recommendations.
- ▶ Enhancements to the five existing Open Maps For Europe datasets, including the pilot Open Cadastral Map.
- ▶ The infrastructure and tools to enable users to access members' high value authoritative data, and create pan-European datasets in the future.

## Benefits

- ▶ Addresses challenge of finding, easily accessing and licensing authoritative pan-European harmonised edge-matched, large-scale, high-value geospatial data.
- ▶ Saves users time, effort and resources by providing harmonised data from multiple countries through one central portal under one easy-to-understand open data licence.
- ▶ Supports NMCAs in implementing rules for Open Data and reuse of Public Sector Information Directive by re-using OME2 techniques nationally and sharing good practices.
- ▶ Advances data sharing tools needed to deliver free-flowing, interoperable data for the single market.
- ▶ Demonstrates how demand for geospatial information in all common data spaces of the European Strategy for Data can be met.

The OME2 project is being delivered by a consortium comprising: EuroGeographics; NGI Belgium; IGN France; Hellenic Cadastre; General Directorate for the Cadastre, Spain; and Kadaster Netherlands.



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# Representing Members interests



Demonstrating value of trusted geospatial services from official national sources

- > Weekly policy news summary
- > Policy pages in regular members newsletter



Establishing partnerships to support the public good

- > Tracking Records
- > Briefing papers, meetings and webinars



Promoting integration of authoritative data within the European and International systems

## European activities



- > Showcase in European Parliament for MEPs and policymakers on role of authoritative geospatial data in UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- > Participation in 10th Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe as observer on the Executive Committee
- > Participation in Community of Practice of the EU Mission Adaption to Climate Change meeting
- > Participation in 9th joint UN-GGIM: Europe – European Statistical System (ESS) – United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) meeting
- > Meetings with Directorate-General for Digital Service (DG DIGIT) and the Interoperability Unit
- > Participation in 2023 INSPIRE Conference
- > Participation in joint UN-GGIM: Europe – ESS– UNECE workshop on Integrating Geospatial and Statistical Data
- > Joint Permanent Committee on Cadastre (PCC) and EuroGeographics Cadastre and Land Registry Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN) Conferences and Plenary
- > Engaging with Data Spaces Support Centre and GREAT project (GreenData4All)
- > Participation in 5th Congress on Cadastre in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- > Presentation at GEO Business
- > New collaboration with EUROGI to promote use of geospatial data

# Global activities



## 13th Session of UN-GGIM Committee of Experts

Interventions demonstrated EuroGeographics participation, collaboration and contribution to the Committee's activities as observers, globally and in Europe.

- ▶ Confirmed our continuing commitment to resource UN-GGIM: Europe Secretariat through renewal of Service Level Agreement with The Netherlands.
- ▶ Reiterated our willingness to share our network, which links different players within wider data ecosystem, for the benefit of the broader UN-GGIM community.
- ▶ Suggested that geospatial data is integrated into the next development framework to strengthen and make it more inclusive beyond 2030.
- ▶ Highlighted how OME2 supports ambitions of UN Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF).
- ▶ Welcomed paper on Authoritative data in an evolving geospatial landscape: an exploration of policy and legal challenges.



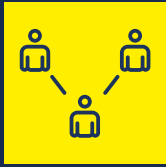
Participated in and exhibited at Geospatial World Forum 2023.

Signed collaboration with the International Cartographic Association (ICA) to use our collective expertise to support the public good.



# Providing opportunities for knowledge exchange

## Supporting members capacity building and development plans



Maintaining an extensive knowledge exchange network

- ▶ 2,000+ total participants in knowledge exchange programme
- ▶ Members-only webinar series
- ▶ Talking Heads programme for Heads of member organisations
- ▶ Technical Data KEN established as part of agreement with Eurostat.
- ▶ Events held by Cadastre and Land Registry KEN, Policy KEN, Quality KEN and Technical Data KEN.
- ▶ Policy KEN data strategy and data spaces event with DG CNNECT
- ▶ Technical Meeting of the EuroGeographics Data Producers 2023



Delivering webinars that enable maximum participation by members

- ▶ Joint events with EuroSDR: 4th International Workshop on Spatial Data Quality and workshop on Artificial Intelligence
- ▶ OME2 User Requirements Workshop
- ▶ Dedicated workshop on the challenges and opportunities facing smaller NMCAs
- ▶ Joint workshop with GeoE3-project, Finnish Location Innovation Hub and EuroSDR on European Core Data & Services for European Data Spaces
- ▶ Continued collaboration with UN-GGIM, including providing a platform for UN-GGIM: Europe webinar series
- ▶ Joint webinars with the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) and Frontex



Organising a comprehensive calendar of events, including with partners



# General Assembly 2023

110 + participants from 39 countries

Hosted by the Malta Planning Authority in Valetta, Malta.

Focused on responding to a changing political, social and economic landscape as providers of official geospatial data.



# Management Board



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