

State Boundaries of Europe (SBE) KEN

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The Value of Knowledge Exchange Networks

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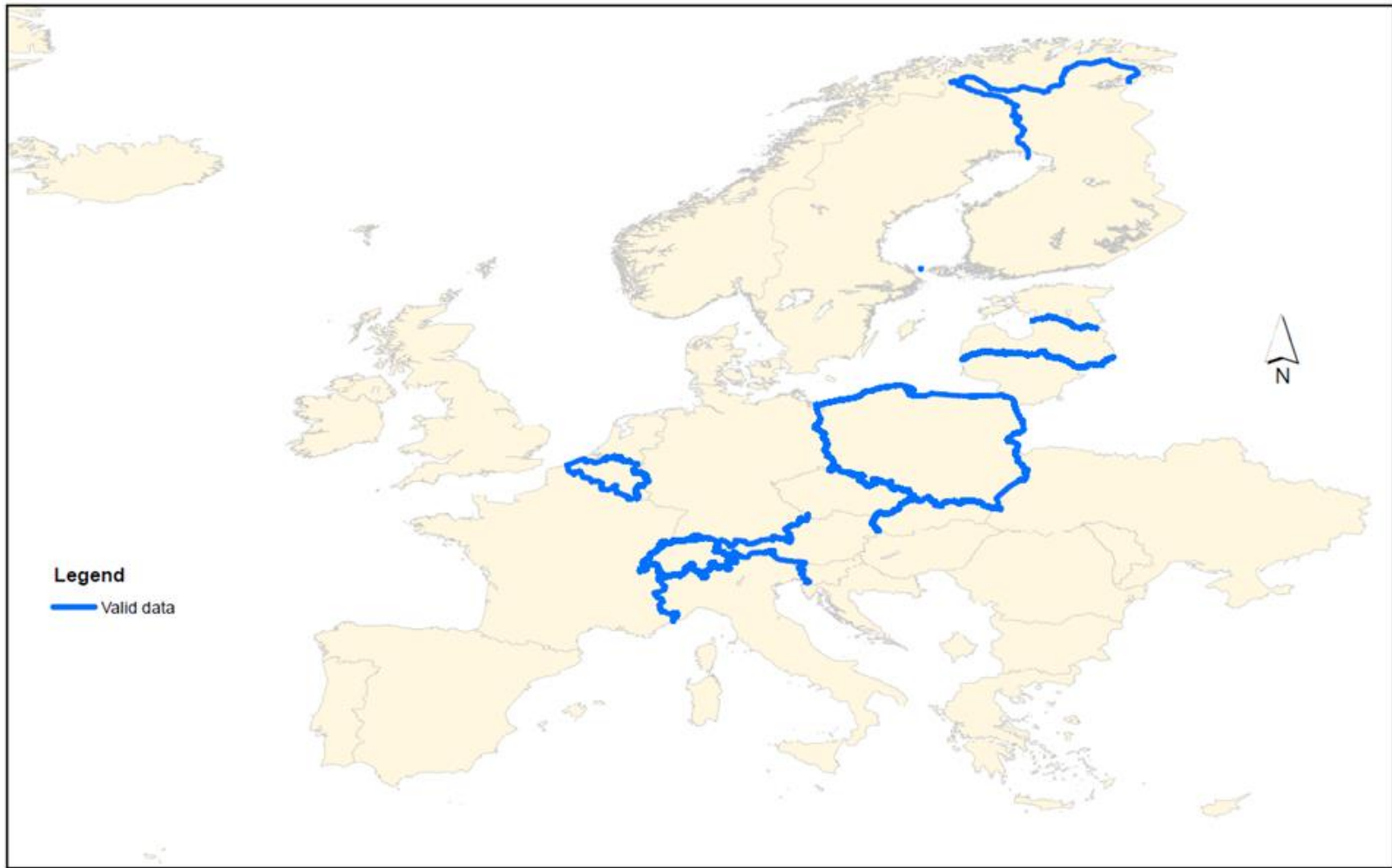


KEN Objectives

- What are the TORs and objectives of the KEN?
 - Knowledge and involvement in determination and update of the state boundaries
- What does the KEN aim to achieve?
 - Collection and maintaining of:
 - the administrative and **legal definition of state boundaries**, based on boundary Treaties,
 - their **precise geometric description** expressed in ETRS89 coordinates of boundary points, marks and lines
 - Facilitate the collection of boundary data for edge-matching of features across borders

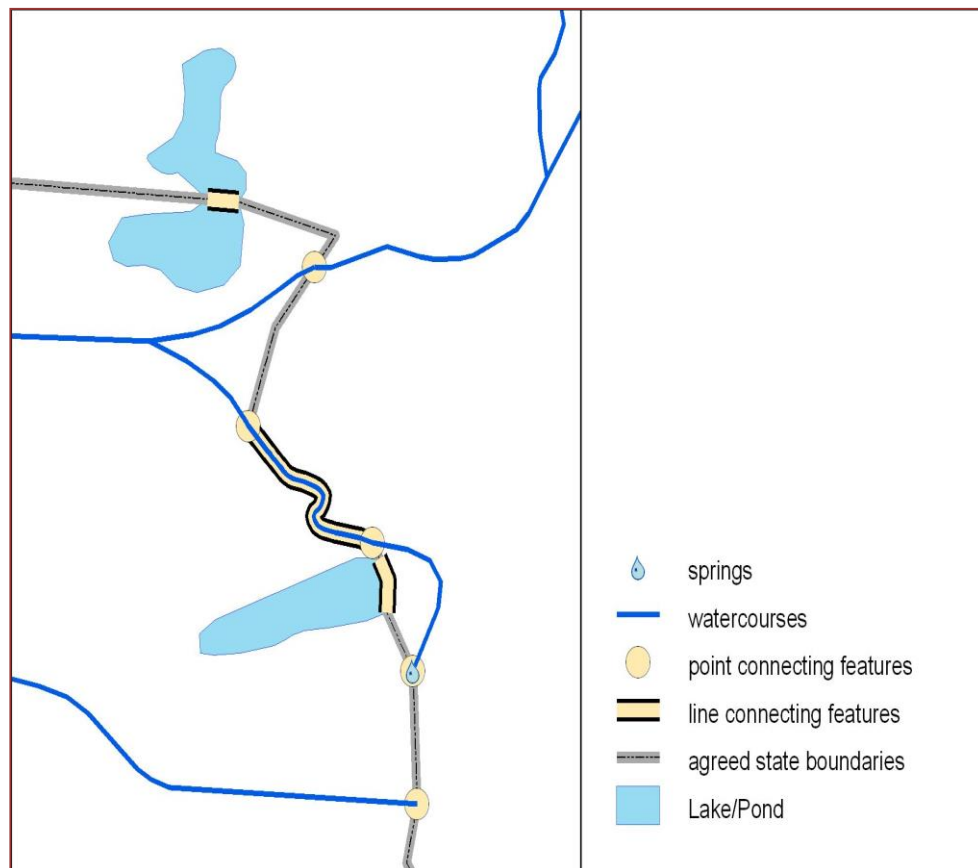


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Edge-matching features of national data with features of neighboring countries

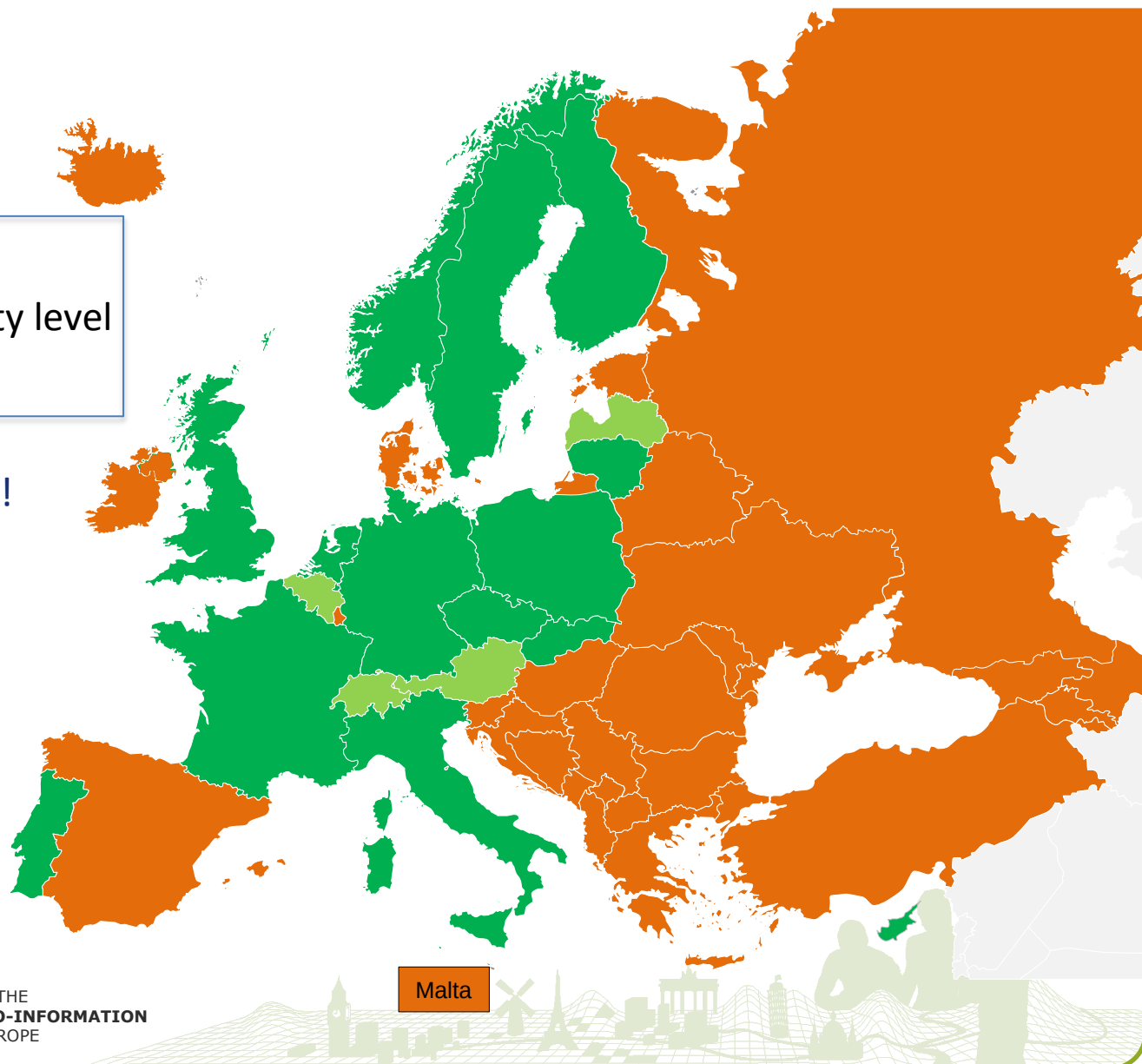
- ★ To assure cross-border connectivity
 - ★ AU, HY, TN, LC
- ★ Connecting features
 - ★ Locations on the lines where edge matched geographic entities from neighbouring countries connect
 - ★ Serve as anchor for repeatable edge matching
- ★ Defined for all LoD



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- Master level *
- Available SBE treaty level
- No response

*Not agreed in all cases!
(Sometimes only two national version.)



Part of the Bigger EuroGeographics Picture

- How do the KEN objectives meet/align with the strategic objectives of EG?
 1. *Develop the network of members*
 2. *Develop the European Location Framework*
 3. *Facilitate access to members' data and expertise*
 4. *Ensure that the Association continues to develop its role and has a sustainable future*



Adding Strategic Value to Member NMCA's

- **Long term goal** : to maintain the data of definitive state boundaries and its legal definitions.
- **Today** : Members of the KEN reported that SBE helps also everyday to work with neighboring countries : to agree coordinates, to contact other administrations, to encourage to commit themselves to act on national level and to engage bilateral negotiations.



Value of Participation

- SBE KEN is the pool of boundary experts
 - Share knowledge, issues and best practice
 - Learn the lessons and how others managed with problems, get advice
 - Meet colleagues, discuss edge-matching issues and provide recommendations / solutions
- 1 annual meeting, communication by basecamp, EG website
- ...if NMCA's experts will not harmonise the data, someone will... **don't be aside!**

