eurogeographics 25 years

Highlights 2025

A geospatial framework for a strong and secure Europe

For 25 years, EuroGeographics has proudly represented Europe's National Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registration Authorities (NMCAs). Our silver jubilee has been one of both celebration and ambition as we reflect on past accomplishments while committing to deliver the next generation of pan-European high-value datasets.

Together with our members, we continue to demonstrate what Europe-wide cooperation can achieve. The successful completion of the Open Maps For Europe 2 (OME2) project proves our collective ability to deliver the harmonised, seamless, interoperable and sovereign pan-European data that Directorate-Generals across the European Commission have identified as essential. To fully meet this need, members have now taken the decisive step of expanding OME2 from prototype to production by developing the only high-value large-scale authoritative dataset for Europe.

The success of OME2 demonstrates how EuroGeographics brings together members' data and expertise across national boundaries. This remains our primary strength and a powerful symbol of certainty and trust in a complex and uncertain world.

Trusted pan-European geospatial data is one of Europe's most valuable resources in achieving a strong and secure, prosperous and competitive Union. Our commitment of expertise and initial investment will unlock its potential, but long-term sustainability demands partnership, dedicated recognition and funding that secures this critical infrastructure for the benefit of all.

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Enabling access to members' data and expertise

Representing members' interests

Providing opportunities for knowledge exchange

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

EuroGeographics is committed to working with its members to provide access to their data, helping to address global challenges through its integration into European and international infrastructures.

Pan-European datasets

- Relied upon by Eurostat, Copernicus In-Situ Component, UN Second Administrative Level Boundaries (SALB) initiative, NATO, SMEs, academia and many others.
- Almost 21,500 unique users of the Open Maps For Europe interface.
- 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)

Coordinates production of EuroGlobalMap, 1:1 million scale multi-themed topographic open data.

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

Provides quality management and generalisation tools.

Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy, Germany (BKG)

Manages production of:

- **EuroBoundaryMap,** which enables the exact matching of administrative units with statistical data using a European-wide unique identifier.
- **EuroRegionalMap,** multi-themed topographic data at 1:250 000 scale.
- **Open datasets** available through www.mapsforeurope.org
  - **Open data version of EuroRegionalMap.**
  - **Open Gazetteer,** a service providing authoritative multilingual geographical names.
  - **EuroDEM,** 1:100 000 scale digital open data elevation model providing height data.

Enabling the European Institutions to access official pan-European data

Agreement with Eurostat

- Provides EuroBoundaryMap to European Commission and its Agencies, including all EU National Statistical Institutes.

Cooperation with the European Environment Agency (EEA)

- The Copernicus Framework Agreement between EuroGeographics and its members is a practical solution for overcoming legal barriers to accessing authoritative data for the Copernicus In-Situ Component.

COP-IDEA consortium

- EuroGeographics is a subcontractor for this Consortium and is leading a data provider engagement work-package in phase one. The aim is to identify synergies and support the EEA by increasing access to data.

CORDA Contract – January to October 2025

EuroGeographics is a subcontractor and successfully completed its deliverables on time and to budget.

- Continues to increase number of national datasets available via CORDA, a centralised gateway for authorised users to access geospatial reference data from European countries participating in the Copernicus component of the EU Space programme.
- More than 100 new datasets, including seven targeting the update of the EU-Hydro product, are now available to Copernicus Services.
- Currently, 33 National Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registration Authorities are either making their open data easily accessible or have signed the agreement which covers the Copernicus Emergency Mapping Service (CEMS); the Copernicus Land Monitoring Service (CLMS); and the Copernicus Security Service (CSS).
- Demonstrating synergies between the Open Maps For Europe 2 (OME2) project results and Copernicus requirements.
- Supporting CORDA's engagement with National Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registration Authorities, including organising webinars, and a hydro data campaign.
- Creating guidance materials to assist members in providing their data to CORDA,
- Delivering communications to promote the partnership.

CORDA Contract – November 2025 to January 2027

- A new 15-month contract has been negotiated with CORDA. EuroGeographics will continue to be a subcontractor and deliver activities to support the increase of access to members official data for the Copernicus Services.

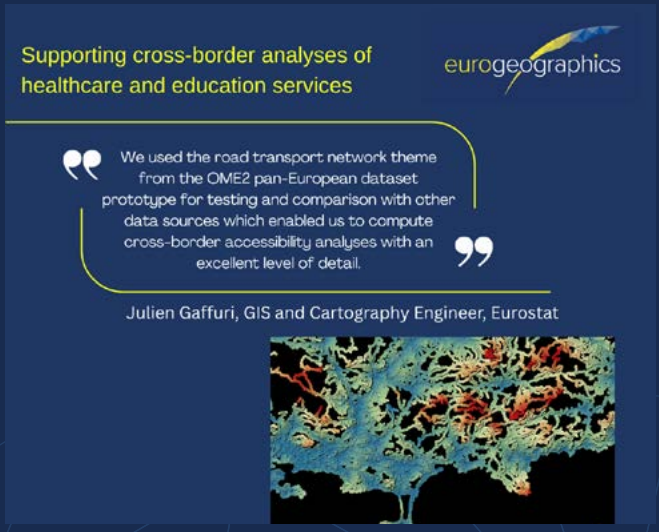
Open Maps For Europe 2 (OME2)

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

Open Maps For Europe 2 (OME2) unlocks one of Europe's most valuable assets by turning EU rules for high-value data into a seamless cross-border solution for governments, businesses, and citizens.



Outcomes

OME2 high-value, large-scale pan-European prototype

1: 10 000 scale authoritative administrative boundary, transport and hydrographic data for Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Luxembourg, Spain, Switzerland and The Netherlands.

- Fulfils a long-standing EU requirement for streamlined access to an authoritative cross-border dataset without navigating multiple national portals or complex data integration.
- User numbers prove demand for large-scale edge-matched data aligned to EU Policy objectives and UN core geospatial data recommendations.
- Delivers data as Geopackage download by theme, country or administrative area or WFS, WMS or WMTS via the Open Maps For Europe portal.
- Demonstrates how demand for geospatial information in all common data spaces of the European Strategy for Data can be met.

OME2 has showcased both technical excellence and true collaboration to meet European and global policy objectives.

- Delivers a new production process and technical specification underpinned by national expertise in integration of core geospatial data.
- Solves complex challenge of delivering usable sovereign pan-European data through collective action.
- Harmonises and edge-matches official geospatial data from national mapping, land registration and cadastral agencies into a single dataset: the OME2 high-value, large-scale pan-European prototype.
- Advances the data sharing tools needed to deliver free-flowing, interoperable data for the single market.
- Saves users time, effort and resources by providing harmonised data from multiple countries through one portal under one easy-to-understand licence.
- Supports implementation of the Open Data and reuse of Public Sector Information Directive by enabling EuroGeographics' members to re-use OME2 techniques nationally and share good practice.

Enhanced Open Maps For Europe datasets

- **Open Cadastral Map: the prototype map service for European cadastral data**
- Data service now includes all 15 planned countries
  - Metadata now available for all datasets.
  - Machine-readable metadata now available on the European Data Portal.
  - Basemap included to aid the user experience.
- Delivery of a pan-European Cadastral Data Strategy.
- **EuroRegionalMap:** open data version updated
- **EuroGlobalMap:** updated annually
- **Open Gazetteer:** updated

OME2 ran from 2023 to the end of 2025. It was co-funded by the European Union with matched investment from EuroGeographics and its members.

The three-year project was delivered by EuroGeographics; National Geographic Institute, Belgium; National Institute of Geographic and Forest Information, France; Hellenic Cadastre; General Directorate for the Cadastre, Spain; and Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency, The Netherlands.

OME2

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Taking the outcomes of OME2 to the next level: A broader pan-European Spatial Data Infrastructure

To ensure the continuity and expansion of the OME2 outcomes, members of EuroGeographics have thrown their support behind an exciting new data project to be publicly launched in early 2026 and run until 2028.

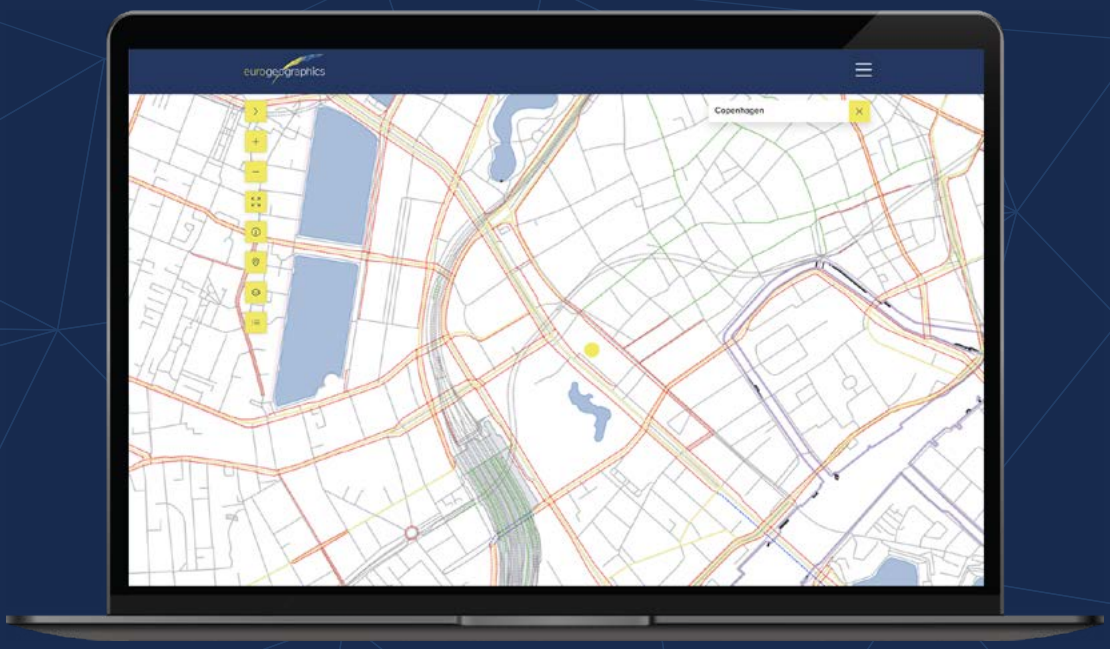
The consortium: Committed to providing the expertise and initial investment

- EuroGeographics
- Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy Germany (BKG)
- National Institute of Geographic and Forest Information (IGN France)
- The Netherlands' Kadaster, Land Registry and Mapping Agency (Kadaster Netherlands)

The solution: A one-of-kind dataset with a unique proposition

- Builds on the OME2 technical and organisational framework.
- Delivery of high-value, large-scale geospatial data with the most comprehensive coverage of geographical Europe possible.
- Harmonised and edge-matched to deliver the data that users have said they need and want: administrative boundary, transport network, hydrography.

By making the collective decision to take forward a practical solution, EuroGeographics members will meet user needs and maintain their relevance in the wider data ecosystem. This is a collaboration that will continue to unlock the power of geospatial information to benefit people and planet, and in doing so it will provide a more certain future for authoritative data at pan-European level.



Representing **members interests**

Demonstrating value of trusted geospatial services from official national sources

Establishing partnerships to support the public good

Promoting integration of authoritative data within the European and International systems

EuroGeographics engages users and decision-makers to showcase the value of members' authoritative location data in connecting cross-border information and enabling coordinated action.

Connecting members to European and global policy

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

Promoting the value of authoritative data within Europe

Briefings on vital role of EuroGeographics members in achieving European priorities:

- Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space
- Military Capability Board by invitation of the External Action Service.
- Head of Eurostat, Mariana Kotzeva.
- Cabinet of European Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen – Better Regulation
- Cabinet of Commissioner Valdis Dombrovskis, Economy and Productivity; Implementation and Simplification
- Representative for Commissioner Apostolos Tzitzikostas, Sustainable Transport and Tourism
- Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport – Sustainable and Intelligent Transport
- Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development Data – Governance Unit
- Local Assistant of President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola

EuroGeographics accepted invitations from the Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology to contribute to discussion fora on:

- **Public Sector Information Reuse:** Sallie Payne Snell, EuroGeographics' Secretary General and Executive Director highlighted that sustainable funding is essential to realising the Open Data Directive's full value and ensuring Europe is both competitive and self-sufficient.
- **DG CNECT's Dialogue on Data Policy** with Commissioner and Executive Vice President, Henna Virkkunen: EuroGeographics intervention focused on the potential of the re-use of public sector and the ways in which members are already overcoming barriers and bottlenecks
- **Expert Focus Group:** EuroGeographics represented members in discussions around the interplay between personal data protection and data provision under the Open Data Directive and Data Governance Act.

EuroGeographics responded to:

- **Public Consultation as part of the Green Data for All impact assessment:** EuroGeographics believes that aligning the INSPIRE Directive with European Union horizontal legislation is highly valuable but stressed that investments already made in the Directive's implementation must be respected.
- **Commission Call for Evidence for a European Data Union Strategy:** EuroGeographics strongly suggested that the forthcoming European Data Union Strategy includes a maintained, sustainably funded pan-European geospatial high-value large-scale dataset as a part of the investment in data infrastructure.
- **Commission Call for Evidence on Digital Omnibus (Digital Package on Simplification):** EuroGeographics stated that prioritising legal coherence is the best path towards simplification, highlighting that the fragmentation of geospatial policy and information prevents the Union and its business and citizens from maximising the benefits from this high-value data collected from official sources.
- **Public Consultation on the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF).**
- **EuroGeographics' position:** EU funding for civil protection, preparedness and response to crises where investment in data infrastructure is critical.

  EU funding for the single market, and cooperation between national authorities, specifically the need for high value data to be harmonised by experts. This is a delicate, sector specific process and in case of doubt, only they can assess and explain the details and the origins of the discrepancy.
- Joint Permanent Committee on Cadastre (PCC) and EuroGeographics Cadastre and Land Registry Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN) Conferences and Plenary in Denmark.
- Joint PCC – EuroGeographics Cadastre and Land Registry KEN Conferences and Plenary in Poland.
- Participation in 2025 GISCO Working Group meeting on integration of statistical and geospatial information.

Participation in 12th Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM Europe:

Sallie Payne Snell, EuroGeographics Secretary General and Executive Director presented on trusted data.

OME2: A showcase in turning EU rules for high-value data into practical solutions

An event for policymakers to explore how high-value, large-scale geospatial data can support their priorities and strengthen evidence-based decision-making across the European Union.

Attended by representatives from Eurostat, EU Defence and Security, EU Environment and Climate and EU Digital and Technology, the European Parliament and Permanent Representations at the EU, as well as members of the Cabinet of Commissioner Hadja Lahbib.

"The real value lies in making data usable across Europe. Through collective action, we're transforming trusted national information into ready-to-use, interoperable pan-European datasets."

Sallie Payne Snell,
Secretary General and Executive Director,
EuroGeographics

Global activities

15th 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 providing the UN-GGIM: Europe Secretariat through the Service Level Agreement with The Netherlands.
- Reiterated our willingness to share our network, which links different players within wider data ecosystem, and communications infrastructure, for the benefit of the broader UN-GGIM community.
- Highlighted the OME2 project successes:

  Implementation of the 14 core data themes proposed by the UN-GGIM: Europe Working Group on Core Data.

  Delivery of the Open Cadastral Map prototype service and development of the pan-European Cadastral Data Strategy

  Planned next steps which will be part of the future geospatial information ecosystem.
- Demonstrated our approach to overcoming the legal barriers to data access for climate and resilience using with Framework Licence Agreement with the EEA.
- Welcomed the policy briefs released by the UN-GGCE, especially the focus on geodesy's critical role in climate science, and stressed thar we are ready to collaborate with the UN-GGCE to amplify the critical message that geospatial and geodetic capabilities are essential to achieving Europe's strategic priorities.

Participation in the 2025 Cambridge Conference, hosted by Ordnance Survey, where Sallie Payne Snell, EuroGeographics Secretary General and Executive Director presented on National Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registration Authorities responses to the changing global context.

Providing opportunities for knowledge exchange

Maintaining an extensive knowledge exchange network

Delivering webinars that enable maximum participation by members

Organising a comprehensive calendar of events, including with partners

EuroGeographics is committed to supporting members' ambitions through knowledge sharing and partnerships with those who share our goal of using geospatial data to benefit society.

- More than 1,000 participants in knowledge exchange programme.
- 24 dedicated knowledge exchange events.
- Members-only webinar series.
- Wide range of events held by Cadastre and Land Registry KEN, Policy KEN, Quality KEN and Technical Data KEN.
- Cadastre and Land Registry KEN held a physical meeting as Joint PCC-CLRKEN conference and plenary in May 2025 in Warsaw and a hybrid Joint PCC-CLRKEN conference in November 2025 in Aalborg
- Quality KEN held a virtual spring Plenary meeting and an in-person autumn Plenary in Athens.
- European Policy Update webinar.
- Technical Meeting of the EuroGeographics Data Producers 2025
- Permanent Correspondents Exchange annual webinar was held as a virtual and in-person meeting.
- Joint webinars with the EEA on Copernicus Services Framework Agreement and associated annexes.
- Joint workshops with EuroSDR on geodata discovery, and sustainable business models for NMCAs.
- Joint 5th Spatial Data Quality Conference with EuroSDR.
- Continued collaboration with UN-GGIM, including providing a platform for UN-GGIM: Europe webinar series.

Silver Jubilee General Assembly 2025

More than 120 participants representing 46 member organisations from 40 countries: one of the biggest gatherings of geospatial experts in EuroGeographics' 25-year history.

Hosted by the Latvian Geospatial Information Agency with support from the State Land Service.

Celebrating 25 years of cooperation: Committing to the future of high-value data

- United by a common vision to use members' expertise and information for the public good.
- Working together to ensure that members' data is recognised as an essential component of European and global infrastructures.
- Making the collective decision to deliver the only high-value large-scale authoritative dataset for Europe based on UN-GGIM core geospatial data recommendations.

Welcoming us to Latvia, Andris Sprūds, Minister of Defence said: "National Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registration Authorities have long been trusted sources of geospatial information. Today, a modern mapping agency must be able to operate under conditions of uncertainty."

At one of the biggest gatherings in EuroGeographics' history, members' demonstrated that they accept this challenge.

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