



# EuroGeographics input to public consultation on the next Multiannual Financial Framework

## Funding civil protection, preparedness and response to crises

### About EuroGeographics

EuroGeographics is the not-for-profit membership association for the European National Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registry Authorities. We are proud to represent official providers of geospatial information across Europe, working with them to enable access to their data and expertise for the public good.

EuroGeographics believes in a society empowered by the use of trusted geospatial services from its members, the European National Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registration Authorities.

Open Maps For Europe 2 (OME2) a Digital Europe Project is co-funded by the European Union. It is being delivered by a consortium comprising: 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 is developing a new production process and technical specification for free-to-use high-value data from multiple European countries under a single open licence. Authoritative 1:10 000 scale data for 10 countries will be delivered via the user interface built by the award-winning Open Maps For Europe Project. OME2 is also enhancing the five existing Open Maps For Europe datasets, including the pilot Open Cadastral Map.

In addition, EuroGeographics has a partnership agreement with the European Environment Agency which includes a streamlined licensing process for the Copernicus Emergency Mapping Service, the Copernicus Land Monitoring Service and the Copernicus Security Service; increasing availability of official data on the CORDA database.

Through our pan-European data services and harmonised datasets, EuroGeographics and its members demonstrate how cross-border collaboration can unlock the value of public sector geospatial data in Europe by providing fundamental in-situ data supporting earth intelligence for decision makers.



## Challenges linked to civil protection, preparedness and response to crises

The security landscape facing Europe—from climate-driven disasters to geopolitical instability—demands strategic investment in an interoperable digital infrastructures and data framework that form the backbone of an integrated crises management system. By treating data - geospatial, statistical, Earth observation, administrative - as critical infrastructure the EU can enable seamless cross-border services. A coordinated data infrastructure is transformative in dismantling digital barriers between member states, to ensure rapid, coordinated cross-border for civil protection, preparedness and response to crises.

Investing in an integrated data infrastructure is critical for Europe's crisis management capability and security resilience. Such infrastructure would enable rapid, coordinated responses to disasters by creating interoperable systems where geospatial data from national sources, Earth observation data, population information, and infrastructure mapping flow seamlessly between national governments and EU institutions. As well as enabling better and secure information sharing between civil and military authorities and in the maritime area.

During floods, wildfires, or complex cross boarder emergencies, this integration would eliminate the information silos that currently delay and hamper disaster response.

Allocating structural funds for such integrated data infrastructure represents a high-return investment and will enhance and support existing platforms, ensuring comprehensive EU-wide security and crises preparedness. Member states face significant challenges in developing and maintaining comprehensive data systems—particularly geospatial frameworks—due to their complexity, cost, and technical requirements. Without dedicated European-level funding, disparities in data infrastructure capabilities will persist between more and less developed regions, hampering effective and coordinated crisis management capability and security resilience.

Strategic investment would enable the building of pan-European interoperable systems that allow cross-border services, facilitate appropriate and seamless civil-military cooperation in domains like maritime security, border management, and critical infrastructure protection.

By treating such funding as infrastructure investment, the EU recognises that the use of trusted data underpins effective crises resilience. Security, and disaster management are a compelling case for strategic infrastructure investment at the pan-European level. The return on this investment comes through enhanced and effective protection of European citizens, assets, and interests in an increasingly volatile risk environment.

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