EuroDEM
User Guide
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Introduction

This User Guide has been designed to provide information needed to use the EuroDEM dataset.

The Guide is arranged into the following sections:
- “Introduction”: contact details, copyrights, other general information
- “Overview of EuroDEM data” providing an introduction to the EuroDEM product
- “Using EuroDEM” containing some instructions on how to use the dataset

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Overview of EuroDEM data

General product description

**EuroDEM** v1.0 is a pan-European height dataset in a scale of approximately 1:100 000. This digital dataset describes the terrain relief of Europe, consisting of regularly distributed terrain points. EuroDEM covers the 27 EU countries and the 4 EFTA countries as well as Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and the Kaliningrad area (see the map on the first page of this document and the list below).

Using the official national databases EuroDEM was produced in cooperation by the National Mapping and Cadastral Agencies of Europe. It is seamless and harmonised at the borders of the countries.

**EuroDEM** is ideal for a wide range of uses, including ortho-rectification of imagery, watershed analysis, flight simulations, cartographic publishing and so on, or in combination with other datasets for rendering three-dimensional visualisations, for instance.

**Coordinate system, horizontal:** Geographical coordinates in seconds (longitude, latitude) and based on the ETRS89 spatial reference system, (which corresponds to the WGS84 reference system).

**Coordinates system, vertical:** Height values in meters based on EVRS

**Vertical accuracy:** 8 – 10 meters

**Grid width:** 2 arc seconds (approximately 60 m in meridian direction, E/W dimensions vary according to the latitude)

**Metadata:** According to ISO19115 standard.

**Coverage:** Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Great Britain, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Monaco, Moldova, Montenegro, Northern Ireland, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Vatican and the Kaliningrad area.

The product will be gradually extended targeting to cover the whole of Europe.

SRTM data (Lower quality : +/- 15 m) are applied for Albania, Baden-Württemberg and Saxony in Germany, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia (except Kosovo) and the Kaliningrad area.

**Acquisition date:** differs between national datasets (mostly from 1990 to 2007)

**Update:** This is the first version of EuroDEM. Presently, there is no fixed date for an update.

For more detailed information see the EuroDEM website: [https://eurogeographics.org/maps-for-europe/eurodem/](https://eurogeographics.org/maps-for-europe/eurodem/)
Dataset partition

EuroDEM 1.0 has a seamless coverage of Europe. However, the product has adopted a tile partition, which is delimited by degree graduation of longitude and latitude. The tiles have a spatial extent of 1 x 1 degree (3600 x 3600 arc seconds).

![Figure 1: Tiles of EuroDEM](image)

Standard products

Coverages

EuroDEM will be licensed according to two standard product options:

1. Full European coverage including all countries
2. A predefined set covering one of the following 4 European regions:
   - Northern Europe
   - Western Europe
   - Central Europe
   - Eastern Europe

The coverages of the European regions overlap each other so that a country may be included into several regions.

There is no possibility to license a single national dataset of a country. However single national datasets can be licensed in addition to a European region on condition that they create a seamless coverage and constitute a neighbouring country of the region.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
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| Northern Europe | Denmark  
Finland  
Norway  
Sweden  
Iceland  
Estonia  
Latvia  
Lithuania  
Kaliningrad area |
| Western Europe | Austria  
Belgium  
France + Monaco  
Germany  
Great Britain  
Northern Ireland  
Ireland  
Italy + San Marino + Vatican  
Luxembourg  
Malta  
Portugal  
Spain + Andorra + Gibraltar  
Switzerland + Liechtenstein  
The Netherlands |
| Central Europe | Austria  
Belgium  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
France + Monaco  
Germany  
Hungary  
Italy + San Marino + Vatican  
Luxembourg  
Malta  
Poland  
Slovak Republic  
Slovenia  
Switzerland + Liechtenstein  
The Netherlands |
| Eastern Europe | Albania  
Bosnia-Herzegovina  
Bulgaria  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Greece  
Hungary  
Kosovo  
Macedonia  
Moldova  
Montenegro  
Poland  
Romania  
Serbia  
Slovak Republic  
Slovenia |

Table 1: description of the European regions
Cartographic projection
EuroDEM is available in arc seconds (ETRS89-WGS84) but can be projected into the Lambert projection (conformal conic) ETRS89, suitable for the whole of Europe.

Product delivery formats:
The Full Europe and the European regions can be provided as follows:

- ESRI Grid (ArcGIS Version 9.2)
- ESRI Grid Ascii (ArcGIS Version 9.2)
- GeoTIFF
- XYZ-File (Ascii)

Metadata
Discovery metadata are provided in Excel format, compliant with the ISO 19115 profile. There is a discovery metadata file documenting the entire dataset and a discovery metadata customised by Minimum Unit Dataset, which specifies at the national level the data quality and the production process (source, producer organisation, date of production, reference date of data, accuracy, completeness, and consistency). This discovery metadata delivered by Minimum Unit Dataset is completed by a lineage.doc file describing the level of compliancy with the EuroRegionalMap specifications, any specificity coming from national criteria, the feature and attribute completeness described by feature classes, the reference dates by themes or feature classes.

Each minimum unit dataset is identified by the ICC code of the countries (ISO 3166 two character country code)


The dataset naming description is the following one:

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<th>Minimum Unit Dataset Description</th>
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<td>Austria</td>
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<td>BE+LU</td>
<td>Belgium + Luxembourg</td>
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<td>HR</td>
<td>Croatia</td>
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<td>DK</td>
<td>Denmark</td>
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<td>EE</td>
<td>Estonia</td>
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<td>FI</td>
<td>Finland</td>
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<td>FR</td>
<td>France including Monaco</td>
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<td>DE</td>
<td>Germany</td>
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<td>GR</td>
<td>Greece</td>
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<tr>
<td>GB1 (*)</td>
<td>United Kingdom excluding Northern Ireland = Great Britain</td>
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<tr>
<td>HU</td>
<td>Hungary</td>
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<tr>
<td>IS</td>
<td>Iceland</td>
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<td>IE</td>
<td>Ireland</td>
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<tr>
<td>IT+SM+VA</td>
<td>Italy including San Marino and The Vatican City</td>
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</table>
(*) GB is the ISO (UN) code for the United Kingdom. However, this country is split into two datasets: Great Britain (GB1) produced by NMCA of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (GB2) produced by the NMCA of Northern Ireland.

**Distribution media:** DVD, CD-ROM.

**File Naming convention**

**Dataset**
The naming convention for a EuroDEM tile will be structured as follows:

The name of the tile is composed of the longitude and latitude values of the left lower corner of the tile, for example:

\[ e06n49 \]

means the tile with the left lower corner coordinates 06° East / 49° North.

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<td>ESRI Grid</td>
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<tr>
<td>XYZ-File (Ascii)</td>
<td>e06n49.xyz</td>
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</table>

**Metadata**
The naming convention for the discovery metadata is:

- `<Country Codes>_EuroDEM_Metadata.xls`, e.g. `AT_EuroDEM_Metadata.xls`
Data Structure

**Raster data** (ESRI Grid, ESRI Grid Ascii, GeoTIFF)

The data is stored in these proprietary formats with integer values of the heights (which means height resolution in meters).

**XYZ-Files** (Ascii)

Dataset format:

<longitude.value[arc seconds]> <latitude.value[arc seconds]> <height.value[meters]>

one height point per line

Example:

21601 179999 387
21603 179999 388
21605 179999 389
...

Using EuroDEM
What you need to use EuroDEM

Hardware
EuroDEM can be used with any computer platform from a PC to a mainframe. There are no specific hardware requirements for managing EuroDEM data.

Software
EuroDEM is a dataset and is delivered without a user interface for displaying or analysing it. Whatever you want to do with the data, you need to have appropriate software.

EuroDEM can be used directly with the ESRI ArcGIS system (ESRI Grid, Esri Grid Ascii and GeoTIFF) and may also be imported into other GIS software packages (GeoTIFF and XYZ-Files).

The Spatial reference
Geodetic Datum: ETRS89
Vertical Datum: EVRS
Coordinate System: Lat/Lon in arc seconds
Resolution of the height: Height value in meters (Integer value)
Geographic Coordinate System: ETRS89
  ▪ Datum: D_ETRS_1989
  ▪ Spheroid: GRS_180
  ▪ Semi major Axis: 6378137
  ▪ Semi minor Axis: 6356752.3141403561
Note: In practice it is considered WGS84 = ETRF89 = ETRS89 = GRS80.
Annex A : Product performance report

Please complete and send to:

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Description of problem encountered / suggestion:

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Version of data: _____________________________ (from DVD/CD)

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