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**Another 'First' for EuroGeographics!**

– The workshop on Exploring Funding instruments for NMCAs, organised by the EuroGeographics Head Office team in response to member's requests for a better understanding of funding opportunities for NMCAs, took place on 7/8<sup>th</sup> November.

The workshop provided a unique opportunity to learn from [ERRIN](#) other members and EGHO about ongoing opportunities to secure funding. Those who attended, shared their experiences from current and previous projects and gained good knowledge on how to organise themselves in order to seek international funding and build partnership amongst NMCAs across Europe.



We were pleased by the interest of our members, having registered almost 40 participants from 21 members' institutions, most of them making use of the webinar form of the meeting. Anyway it was really nice to meet 12 participants face to face in our office and welcome as well our VIP guest speaker – Mr. Richard Tuffs, Director of the European Regions Research and innovation Network ([ERRIN](#)). Our members contributed actively with the review of their projects, funding instruments, their experiences, lessons learnt, we were really surprised how much and how well our members are doing, it was amazing to learn about their activities!

We from Head Office contributed with a review of all projects we implemented during the existence of EuroGeographics (and its predecessor MEGRIN) and with the insight into the future programming period 2014 -20.

All presentations, conclusions and more information is available on the [PoIKEN website](#) at the Members' only page – after logging in you can access them. The minutes and the records of the webinar will be available soon and we will inform you about it.

The feedback from the workshop showed us that the interest for such kind of events is big amongst our members, we received a number of valuable suggestions, comments even from the side of our strategic partners and we will deal with them in the Head Office and decide the best way of continuing activities in this topic.

By this opportunity we would like to say thank you very much to all presenters for their valuable presentations and contributions and we are looking forward to go ahead in agreed actions and inform you about them.

***Patricia Sokacova and Saulius Urbanas, EuroGeographics Head Office***

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**All good things must come to an end,** or so they say. At the end of this year Antti Jakobsson, after 5 very successful years and after making many very valuable contributions to EuroGeographics, will return to National Land Survey Finland.

Antti's contributions to EuroGeographics have been many and significant, so much so that I could not here summarise them. Without doubt, I would say that, the most significant are the development of the Medium Term plan, his contributions to the Knowledge Exchange Networks, the successful delivery of ESDIN, the inception of the European Location Framework concept and preparation of the proposal to secure funding to implement this important interoperability project.

Although Antti returns to National Land Survey Finland he will continue to play an important role in the European Location Framework project (E.L.F.) working alongside Statens kartverk (Norway) who are the project coordinators.

We thank Antti and wish him every success in his new role!



*Dave congratulates Antti bringing the ESDIN award to Brussels*

**Dave Lovell, EuroGeographics Executive Director**

I have enjoyed my time In EuroGeographics and would like to thank all for good cooperation. I think EuroGeographics has a great mission to be achieved. Looking forward to work in E.L.F. project.

**Antti Jakobsson, EuroGeographics Programmes Manager**



**INSPIRE services workshop.** A workshop about INSPIRE services took place on 25 and 26 October 2012 in Paris (IGN). According to the INSPIRE roadmap, discovery and view services had to be provided before the end of 2011 and download services should be ready by end 2012; so the topic was very relevant!

This workshop was organized by the [INSPIRE KEN](#); the presentations had been selected from the answers to a questionnaire. In parallel to the physical workshop, a webinar was offered to those who could not travel.

The presentations and following discussions showed some difficulties that are more or less common to all INSPIRE services. The first one is obviously the economic situation that imposes cuts in public budgets; as governments do not always see the immediate benefits of INSPIRE and are not really threatened by potential penalties (stick not considered as big enough.... though the fee is quite high), some NMCAs may receive no fund to implement INSPIRE.

Among the technical issues, the main one is the fact that INSPIRE has a thematic approach (one theme, multiple scales) whereas NMCAs have a product approach (several themes, one scale); the mapping between these two approaches is not so easy.

More detailed report of the workshop is available on our [INSPIRE KEN website](#), the presentations

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and more documents are available on the INSPIRE KEN Basecamp. In case you need access or if you are interested to get more information and get involved into discussion, the best way for you is to join your colleagues in the INSPIRE KEN.

I am looking forward to welcoming you in our KEN.

***Dominique Laurent (IGN France), chair of INSPIRE KEN***

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**REMINDER: The Quality KEN is organizing a webinar on the 23rd November 2012** from 10:00 CET to 11:30 The presentation topics are:

1. Inspire Data Specification on elevation from ICC Spain presenting an overview of the INSPIRE Data Specification on Elevation v3.0.3 with a special focus on data quality and metadata section.
2. Data quality on land cover in Inspire from FOMI, Hungary Showcasing the wider experiences collected in the field of verification / validation of GMES related land cover data  
More information and registration is available on [our website](#).

The Quality KEN Plenary meeting will take place on 28 – 29 November 2012 in Zagreb, Croatia. More information is available on [QKEN website](#).

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**ISO STANDARD FOR LAND ADMINISTRATION APPROVED!** The 'Land Administration Domain Model (LADM)' was approved as an official International ISO Standard on 1 November 2012. The proposal for this standard was submitted by FIG to ISO almost five years ago. Standards are needed in land administration, both for initial data acquisition and for data maintenance and information exchange.

Experience learns that it is not an easy task to design and set up a land administration. In many countries modelling expertise is lacking when setting up land administration systems. It should be noted that those systems contain high volumes of data.

LADM is a common standard for the land administration domain. It will stimulate the development of software applications and will accelerate the implementation of proper land administration systems that will support sustainable development. Currently the last editorial updates are under process. The publication will be available very soon; we will inform you when it happens.

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**EuroSDR EduServ e-Learning courses 2013 – registration is open.** Similarly as in 2012, the 2013 series of e-learning courses will begin with a pre-course seminar on 11-12 March; hosted by CISM in Udine, Italy. The seminar will be followed by four two-week distance e-

learning courses, designed for knowledge transfer from the research to the production domain. The courses will cover following topics:

- Radiometric Performance of Digital Photogrammetric Cameras and Laser Scanners (hosted by Finnish Geodetic Institute and Vienna University of Technology)
- Open Standards & Open Source WebMapping (hosted by ITC - University of Twente)
- High density image matching (hosted by Stuttgart University)
- Integrated use of airborne laser scanning and aerial photogrammetry (hosted by Aalto University)

Find more information on [EuroSDR webpage](#).

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**Workshop: CityGML in national mapping 21-22 January 2013 – registration is open.** This workshop will be jointly organised by EuroSDR, OGC and Geonovum. The objectives of the workshop are to discuss the benefits and barriers to the provision of 3D geospatial data and related services by National Mapping and Cadastre Authorities and explore the relationship between 2D and 3D data. The workshop will also identify the potentials of the CityGML standard and define requirements for future developments of the standard.

Find more information and call for contributions on the events [webpage](#).

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**REMINDER: Call for NMCA presentations closes on 15 November 2012:** The organizers of the [International Cartographic Conference 2013](#) in Germany plan to include in the programme a day long session focussed on National Mapping and Cadastre Authorities. The NMCA day will highlight the achievements and trends at national level and stimulate discussions with experts from all over the world.

All National Mapping and Cadastre Authorities are invited to contribute with their presentations on topics such as regional cooperation, interoperability, linked data, running projects and policy issues. The presentations for the NMCA day will be selected from the regular call for papers. The deadline for abstracts has been extended to **15 November 2012**. Details are available in the [Call for abstracts](#).

Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy BKG Germany will assist the Local Organising Committee in organising the NMCA day. For questions and recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact [Andreas Illert](#).

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**STOP PRESS, HOT NEWS.** EuroGeographics has negotiated a 20% discount on the price for attending the [Geospatial World Forum 2013](#) taking place 13 – 16 May 2013 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. If you plan to attend but haven't yet registered wait a few more days until we can provide you with the direct registration process at a reduced price.

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