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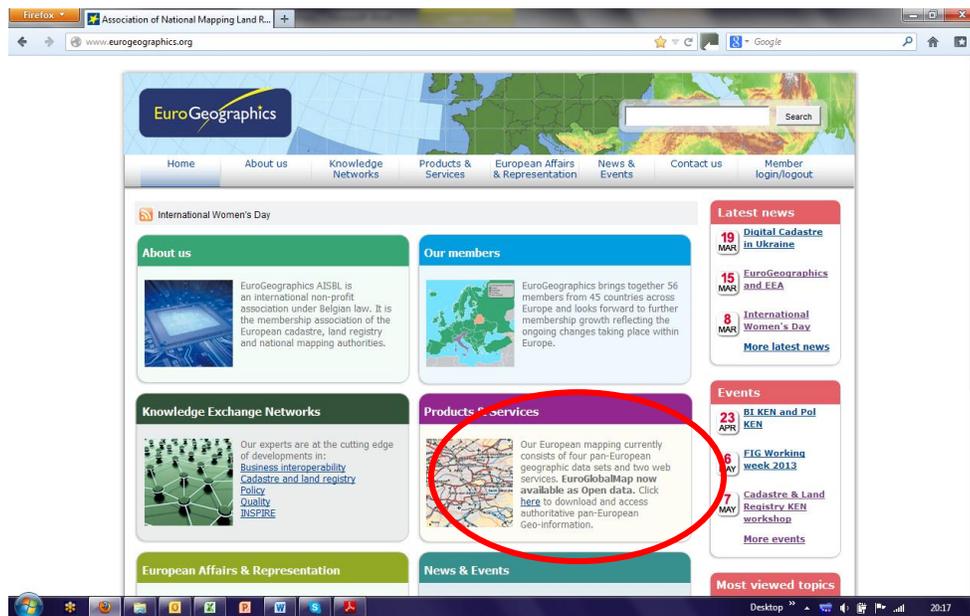
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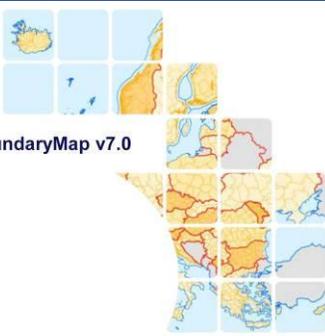
On 8th March EuroGeographics followed the lead of a number of members and made EuroGlobalMap available under an Opendata licence.

In the first week it was downloaded nearly 200 times. You can follow the link to it on <http://www.eurogeographics.org>



We want to thank our members for supporting this and particularly thank IGN-France who are kindly providing the hosting services.

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EuroBoundaryMap celebrating another anniversary. Let us have one glance backwards and two forwards: Twenty years ago the Seamless Administrative Boundaries of Europe (SABE) was released for the first time. On behalf of MEGRIN we started with 25 countries and continued to produce this geo-database when EuroGeographics (a merger between CERCOC and MEGRIN) was founded.

Up to now twelve versions were launched, the first five starting with the acronym SABE. For purpose of harmonization between EuroGeographics products the others, yearly updated since 2006, is called EBM v1.0 to EBM v7.0 – offer administrative and statistical regions covering 41 countries at 1:100 000 scale now. Many improvements have been done version by version, first of all based on the requirements of

EC/Eurostat, EEA and INSPIRE.

In January 2013 we have finalized the EBM v7.0 referring to the administrative situation as of 1 January 2012 and will continue to extend this pan-European geo-database, especially to deliver input for yearly update of the GISCO database (Eurostat).

In parallel we have started an extensive harmonization between EuroGeographics products and projects, at first during the very successful ESDIN project and will go on with E.L.F.

In this context the prices for licensing of EuroGeographics products have been revised and reduced, moreover EuroGlobalMap is available as Open data already!

So after twenty years we are sure that we will come up soon with a completely new quality of up-to-date, authoritative, interoperable, cross-border, reference geo-information for use by the European public and private sectors.

Before and on the occasion of the EuroBoundaryMap anniversary we would like to thank each of our colleagues at NMCAs and EuroGeographics Head Office for their commitment to this product for such a long while.

Ingrid Naumann, BKG, Germany

EuroGeographics and UN-GGIM. Those of you who attended our 2012 General Assembly in Helsinki might remember the presentation of Prof. Paul Cheung and the call for User Case Studies, as another very useful activity for United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM). Thank you very much for your kind assistance by supporting our well running cooperation with UN-GGIM and please keep continuing in it, as EuroGeographics Members are becoming more and more visible and responsible partners of UN-GGIM thanks to your active approach.

To avoid any confusion we would like to inform you about our common activities provided for UN-GGIM.

1. **User case studies.** In February 2013 we sent you a call for Use cases for the UN-GGIM.

We asked you to please help us and provide UN-GGIM with your case studies as a PPT to the UN-GGIM Secretariat, Mrs. Cecille Blake blake1@un.org with a copy to me patricia.sokacova@eurogeographics.org till **29 March 2013**.

Nine members have already sent their contribution. If you haven't we encourage you to contribute. This will give you good global exposure and demonstrate the effectiveness of our association. To make it easier, the case studies can of course be the same as the ones you sent to us for the Annual Report, including last year's, or other case studies.

It is really an important thing to have lots of inputs for UN-GGIM use and for our EuroGeographics strategic communications – with the aim of helping you.

2. **Questionnaire on Geospatial Information Management** The questionnaire intends to capture the status of national geospatial information management and systems globally. A country profile will be prepared which will provide indicators and a benchmark for global geospatial information management (GGIM), inform the types and level of support that may be needed by Member States, serve as a measure for GGIM progress and assist in shaping the strategic direction for the work of UN-GGIM and related working groups.

It has been sent to you on 26th March 2013. Please submit the completed questionnaire and supporting documents in electronic format to Ms Cecille Blake, blake1@un.org or Ms. Vilma Frani, frani@un.org with a copy to me, patricia.sokacova@eurogeographics.org till **April 19, 2013**.

Thank you very much for your kind contributions and cooperation!

Patricia Sokacova, Membership Management and Communications

Let's focus on Cadastre & Land Registry please! [Cadastre & Land Registry Knowledge Exchange Network](#) is inviting you to attend the workshop "Meeting user's needs for appropriate cadastral information" on 7th May 2013 in Riga, Latvia. The invitation & call for abstracts, the draft agenda and the registration form is available [on our website](#).



The workshop has been prepared as a pre-event to the International Conference ['Challenges for Cadastre in Digital Era'](#) held on 8 - 9 May, 2013 in Riga, organized by the State Land Service in Latvia to recognize the 20th anniversary of their foundation. More detailed information and the registration link is available on our [website](#), deadline for registration is already **26 March!**

We are looking forward to welcoming experts and interested persons for cadastre and land registry to discuss the topics listed in the invitation and the agenda.

Don't miss the opportunity to gain a lot of information and bring your opinions and views to the cadastre & land registry round table!

Digital Cadastre in Ukraine Big success had been achieved by our member, [State Service of Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre in Ukraine](#).



In January 2013 the unified National Cadastral System has been launched. For the first time since Ukraine became independent paper archives were opened and all data on land brought into a single database in electronic form.

At the same time the [public cadastral map](#) has been opened to the citizens and users.

After one month it can be said with confidence that the national cadastral system works well. The proof are over 27,000 registrations of new land parcels during three weeks of actual work. Through automation of the registration the process took no more than 5-10

minutes instead of weeks by the previous way of registration. Also during this period, they have issued over 5,000 deeds from the inventory to support land transactions.

Sergey Tymchenko, Director General of the State Service of Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre gave an interview providing more information about the ambitious project, with a budget exceeding 50 M USD which started in 2004 and came to its successful conclusion under his leadership. Read the whole exciting story [here](#) (in Russian).

Changes on the top in Registers

Iceland. Mrs Margrét Hauksdóttir has been appointed Director General of [Registers Iceland](#) as of 1st of May 2013 as last autumn the Minister of the Interior (on the picture with Margret) accepted the request of Mr. Haukur Ingibergsson to resign as Director General from that time, after 13 years in that position.

Margrét is a lawyer and has an MBA. She has been the Deputy Director General of Registers Iceland for nine years.

Thank you very much, dear Haukur for all your great work and support and we wish a lot of success to Margret in her new position, looking forward to continue in our good cooperation!



A new strategy for the Association has been drafted based upon discussions with members during 2012 and a strategy review meeting of the Management Board in January 2013.

The Board reviewed the draft at its meeting on 22nd March 2013 and declared its satisfaction with it. [The draft is available on our website](#), in the Association documents and formalities section.

It will be presented to KEN meetings before being discussed with members at the General Assembly in Brussels on 11th and 12th June. You are welcome to send your comments on it to dave.lovell@eurogeographics.org at any time.

We hope that most of our Permanent Correspondent's will be able to attend the [early General Assembly](#) as it will be a briefing meeting for the main topics of the main [General Assembly in Warsaw](#).



UN-Spider calls for your opinions.

How beneficial are geo-information products for disaster and risk management? In the context of the VALID

project, the project team has issued a survey which is online on this [link](#). We invite you to share with your opinion with them on up to ten geo-information products that have been shortlisted in a previous user survey. If you wish to give your opinion in this user appraisal, kindly do so until 11 April 2013.

[VALID is an ongoing project](#) jointly carried out by UNOOSA/UN-SPIDER and the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies (JB GIS). The objective of VALID is to produce a publication to give evidence of the benefits which can be realized by applying geo-information to disaster and risk management.

If you have any questions about the VALID project and the user appraisal, feel free to get in touch with [Dr. Robert Backhaus](#).



Dates for your diary:

Technical Producers meeting 10-11 April (Vienna, Austria)

Business Interoperability KEN & Policy KEN meeting 23-24 April (Brussels)

Cadastre & Land Registry KEN workshop 7 May (Riga, Latvia)

Challenges for Cadastre in Digital Era, International conference

8-9 May (Riga, Latvia)

Geospatial World Forum 13-16 May (Rotterdam, The Netherlands)

EuroGeographics General Assembly 11/12 June (Brussels)

EuroGeographics General Assembly 29.Sep - 02.Oct (Warsaw)

[And many more here](#)
