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- EuroGeographics is pleased to take note of the report on the application of geospatial a) information related to land administration and management. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Expert Group on their work, and welcome the broad consultation on the Framework for Effective Land Administration (FELA), which in our view was conducted in a timely and professional manner; EuroGeographics was pleased to provide a consolidated feedback to the global consultation, and notes the professional and transparent approach adopted to addressing the consultation response. EuroGeographics welcomes the leverage of the IGIF Implementation guide for governments to enable positive transformational change, and as a reference resource, and in particular we welcome the clarification provided in the report on the relationship between the FELA and the IGIF Implementation Guide. We welcome the plans to raise awareness and engage with regional committees of the UN GGIM system set out in the paper, and would further encourage the Expert Group to consider how best to actively engage with wider stakeholders and decision makers outside our geospatial community of interest in order to raise awareness and advocate the importance of effective and efficient land administration and management.
- b) Looking at implementation in Europe, we see a need where based on the existing level of maturity next steps can be defined following the nine pathways. We continue to take an active interest in this topic through our "Knowledge Exchange Network on Cadastre and Land Registration", and remain open for possible cooperation, and will continue to closely follow the next steps that FELA is going to take.
- c) Finally, and most importantly, in recognising the importance of providing secure land and property rights, we encourage the committee of experts to adopt the FELA at its 10<sup>th</sup> session.

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