

A topographic map of Europe, showing elevation contours and terrain. The map is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark grey rectangle containing the title text. The right side of the map is partially obscured by a white geometric grid pattern.

EuroGeographics: The importance of International Collaboration

Location, it gives us our
sense of place.

OUR BUSINESS

63 
members

46 
countries

from the whole of geographical Europe

Members invest over
€1.5 B 
each year in the
development of
geo-information

Relied on by
European
Commission
Businesses
& Citizens



Share best practice
through
expert
knowledge
exchange
networks



66,000
people and
over are
employed by
EuroGeographics members





Our Vision

A society empowered by our members' authoritative geospatial services

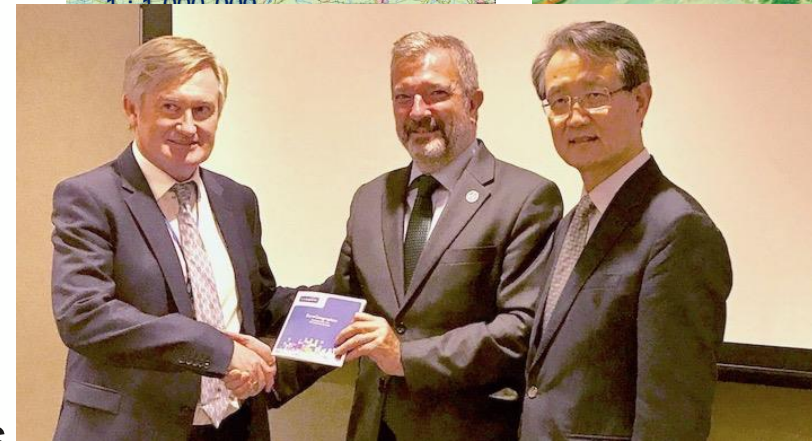
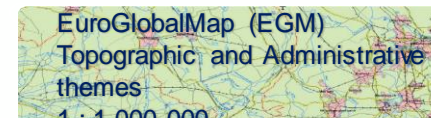
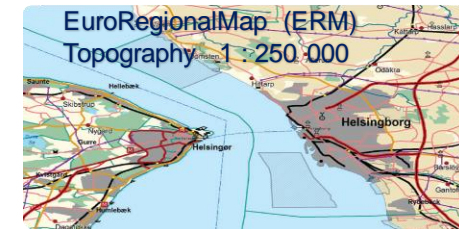
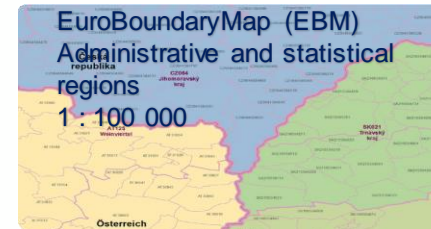
We support the public good by representing our members' interests, maintaining networks that help our members improve their capabilities and role, and by facilitating access to and use of our members' geospatial services



Facilitating Access to our Members' data

Core strategic goal, achieved through:

- Representing the importance of our members' authoritative geospatial data and services
- Provision of pan-European products,
- To European Union (Eurostat), the UN and commercial customers
- Development of European Location Services



UN SALB project – delivery of boundary data

Our vision is for sustainable European Location Services



To provide the single access point for international users of harmonised, pan-European, authoritative geospatial information and services.

For National mapping, cadastral and land registry authorities to be recognised in our International effort to contribute to the wider public good.

Open European Location Services

<http://openels.eu>



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Connecting Europe Facility

European open geospatial data services from official national sources

The Open European Location Services (Open ELS) project is developing pan-European data services using authoritative geospatial information and an associated model for sustainability

Open ELS is a core component of EuroGeographics' wider vision for operational European Location Services.

- 2 year project funded by European Commission (2016 CEF Telecom Call - Public Open Data (CEF-TC-2016-2), started in May 2017
- Budget: €2.393.393, European Commission funds 50%
- Open ELS partners: EGHO, KARTV, KADNL, OSGB, NLSFI, SDGC, IGN-ES, NLS-SE, GUGIK
- More information available www.openels.eu

Open ELS contributes to make authoritative open geospatial information easy to find, access and reuse

Open ELS is focusing on

- Understanding of users' needs and providing user-focused services using open geospatial data which is already available from members
- Making geospatial content available for defined Open ELS products
- Providing certainty about what is free, what is charged for and under what terms and conditions
- Engaging with SME to understand their demands to develop an engagement plan
- Supporting members in data contribution and capacity building
- Maintaining a technical infrastructure for accommodating national web services and launching Open ELS products
- Developing an operational plan for sustainability

Understand User requirements

- Reviewed previous captured information (ELF and user meetings)
- Completed 9 interviews and wrote 78 user stories
- Consolidation and analysis of user stories
- User validation – did we understand correctly?
- Evaluation programme – EEA –Copernicus EMS

- Communication with key European Commission users/ customers
- Engagement with software vendors to ensure tools will connect to ELS
- SME Engagement activity
- Use Case Activities



Strategy- developing European Location Services

- EuroGeographics is not an operational business, and does not intend to become one.
- Exploring who might be interested in working with us
- Seek ideas from prospective partners
- Help to refine our requirements, to design, build, implement and operate the service set out in our European Location Service Vision and Strategy document.
- Currently investigating options as to how this can be achieved.