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Legal and policy frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> EuroGeographics AISBL	
<i>Statement:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EuroGeographics notes the report from the Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management, noting the progress, work and activities carried out in the last twelve months.• As an observer organisation participating in this Working Group, we are happy to contribute, especially in the work focusing on issues concerning authoritative data. We are pleased to note that a paper co-authored by EuroGeographics and EuroSDR, that outlines concepts and thinking in Europe on the notion of authoritative data, was used by the Working Group as a basis for its initial thinking of what is authority.• We note that the Working Group will now transition from hypothetical to real-world situations, and begin legal considerations on items that include authoritative data, geospatial data for public good, the ethical use of geospatial data and the implementation of the Policy and Legal Strategic Pathway of the of the IGIF. EuroGeographics will be happy to continue to contribute in these considerations as an active observer organisation participating in this Working Group.	
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