

## **Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management**

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Item 14 of the agenda

### **Collaboration with the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (for discussion and decision)**

<i>Statement provided by:</i> EuroGeographics AISBL	
<i>Statement:</i>	
a. EuroGeographics notes the report provided by the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and welcomes the collaborative progress made by the Group of Experts during the intersessional period.	
b. Noting the desire to encourage collaborative projects and share good practices and methodologies related to efficient, integrated and standardised geographical names data management EuroGeographics would like to inform the Committee about the Open Regional Gazetteer which we have developed in collaboration with our members. The Open Regional Gazetteer contains European geographical names, the data meeting the requirements for geographical names of the Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe. Currently, the data include the geographical names of 36 European countries and “dependent territories” in 39 languages. Through its new project, Open Maps for Europe, cofinanced by the Connecting Europe Facility of the European Union, EuroGeographics will provide direction and easy access to pan-European data sets created using official map, geospatial and land information. The Open Regional Gazetteer is included as one of the open datasets available to end users, available as both a download and a service. This collaborative project and experience was shared with Members at the 2021/Second Session UNGEGN.	
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