

One vision, one Europe united through geographical information

EuroGeographics is the umbrella association and official voice for the European National Mapping and Cadastral Agencies. We bring together members from countries across Europe - from Portugal to the Ukraine, Iceland to Turkey.

These experts in land information are all working towards the same aim: the development of an infrastructure which integrates our members' national data - including topographic and land information - to deliver the definitive pan-European location framework for a wide range of uses.



One vision

With geographical information playing a key role in successful business and effective government, as well as in everyday life, its seamless availability across national borders is crucial to building a well-governed, competitive and sustainable European economy which benefits all citizens.

Our members are sharing best practice and creating standard data specifications and policies to ensure that their individual geographical databases are compatible and can interact with one another. This will provide Europe with the high quality geographical information it needs to develop policies and legislation for the environment, business competitiveness, public services, legal systems, security and more.

One Europe

Geographical information doesn't just tell you where something is. Information about location, ownership, value and use, can be linked to other data to analyse statistics and forecast trends. This ensures policy is evidence-based and services are provided which meet the needs of users.

By developing and maintaining definitive land information that is universally compatible, our members are providing products and services to support decision-making in the European Union and national governments, as well as in the private sector.

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EuroGeographics is a unique organisation representing Europe's National Mapping and Cadastral Agencies, each of which has a wealth of experience and knowledge. We provide a single point of contact for communicating with our members, enabling both governments and businesses to benefit from their expertise and advice.

Our members invest around 1.5 billion Euros in the development of geographical information each year and use cutting-edge technology to create, manage, maintain and make available authoritative national databases. By harnessing the information already routinely available from the European mapping, land registry and cadastral agencies, we can ensure that duplication of effort is minimised, unnecessary costs are avoided and progress is made quickly.

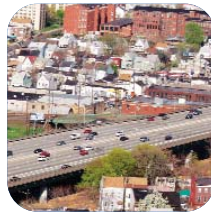
We offer a range of pan-European services and products created from our members' definitive data. We also work with our members to improve the accessibility and affordability of European national land and geographic information, and have a network of value-added resellers to reach a variety of sectors, including transport, geo-demographics, asset and environmental management, and regional development.

We are already working with the European Commission in projects such as the Global Monitoring for Environment and Security programme, the European Space Agency and European Environment Agency. We are also a respected member of a number of international organisations including the UN Working Party on Land Administration and the Global Spatial Data Infrastructure.



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- The official voice for the European National Mapping and Cadastral Agencies
- Delivering the definitive pan-European location framework for a wide range of uses
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Our Vision for Cadastre and Land Registry

State-of-the-art services for property and land information

More than half of EuroGeographics' members are responsible for developing and maintaining land registers and national cadastres (a system that records parcels of land and information about it). These are an integral part of both national and international geographical information infrastructures and a vital component in the infrastructure which integrates Europe's geographical information. They form the backbone of land administration and the property market by providing the link between legal, environmental, land use, valuation, agricultural and zoning information.

Our group of land registry and cadastre experts is working to provide state-of-the-art services for the diverse range of users in property and land information markets. These include policy makers and those from the environmental, housing, transportation, agriculture and tourism sectors. The members are also playing an important role in building the pan-European geographical information infrastructure which will standardise their national data so that it works in harmony with that of other countries.

A vision to meet e-government, technical and political changes

Open property markets are vital to the development of the European economy and will, in the future, demand that all relevant information and transactions take place in electronic form, in one place, online. Our members recognise the crucial role they play in providing reliable property data, facilitating cross-border sales and mortgages, and upholding the right of citizens across Europe to have their assets secured and formalised. They also want to share knowledge and expertise with their counterparts in countries with developing economies.

The aim is that by 2012 European Cadastre and Land Registry organisations will:

- Establish networks to create one-stop service portals for electronic information and government services
- Ensure that land register and cadastre registration documents can be submitted in electronic form quickly and cost-effectively by both professionals and, where relevant, the public. Fees and duties will also be payable online
- Help to make relevant information available for value-added public and private services, provided that it does not infringe upon rights to privacy
- Anticipate and respond to new user requirements such as demands for information about what lies below or above the earth's surface
- Support legislation and technology to enable secured mortgage lending across national borders
- Participate in pan-European land and property information projects enabling cross-border property transactions
- Encourage the establishment of partnerships.

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