



EUROGI

European Umbrella Organisation for Geographic Information

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EUROGI (1994):

- established as a Foundation (“Stichting”) under Dutch Law (NGO)
- continuously collaborating with EU/EC and other Associations (MoU e.g. Eurogeographics(NMAs & Cadastres), CEN/TC287 GI...)

currently has 22 members - 16 National GI Associations (A-members), 4 Corporate Members (B-members) and 2 Other Organisations (C-members) involved in geographic information (GI).

network of networks and corporate members
representing more than 6500 organisations (public, private, academic..)

Policy oriented
Awareness raiser
Capacity Builder



Affiliated Organisations A: National Geographic Information Representatives, may be national organisations acting in the European GI field. From each country, only one (1) national organisation may be an affiliated organisation A;

Affiliated Organisations B : Corporate organisations, may be commercial organisations such as commercial companies acting in the European GI field;

Affiliated Organisations C: Other organisations and networks may be national, regional and local authorities like SDI's, cross border cooperation networks, Pan European organisations, universities as well as other not for profit stakeholders in the broadest sense, acting in the European GI field;



EUROGI

- Vision:

Geographic Information with all its aspects should become a fully integrated component of the European knowledge-based society.

- Mission:

In order to ensure good governance, economic and social development, environmental protection and sustainability, and informed public participation, the mission is to maximise the availability, effective use and exploitation of GI (geographic information) throughout Europe. This requires EUROGI to stimulate, encourage and support the development and effective use of GI and relevant technologies, and **to act as the voice for the European GI community.**



General Board, Executive Committee, SG

All EUROGI members are represented in the General Board that elects the President and the Executive Committee (9)

President: Bruce McCormack,
Vice-President: François Salgé
Treasurer: Mauro Salvemini

GB approves the strategy and the workplan
Executive committee implements the strategy and workplan (day-to-day management)
SG coordinates, facilitates
Legal and Administrative Officer



EUROGI objectives

OBJECTIVES:

1. IMPROVE KNOWLEDGE-SHARING BETWEEN MEMBERS BY EXCHANGING EXPERIENCES, SERVICES AND BEST PRACTICES.
2. IMPROVE EXCHANGE BETWEEN EUROPEAN NATIONS AND THE EC, WITH EUROGI ACTING AS A CHANNEL
3. RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
4. MONITOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF GI USE IN EUROPE AND ENCOURAGE GREATER USE, REUSE AND ACCESSIBILITY OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
5. IMPROVE CO-OPERATION WITHIN THE GI PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR COMMUNITY
6. CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS ADVANCING GLOBAL SDI'S, SUPPORT EUROPEAN OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, UNDERSTANDING AND CONTRIBUTE TO GLOBAL COORDINATION OF GEOGRAPHIC PROGRAMMES



Current activities 2011

Emerging Future

- SDIs, EU Location Framework (EULF- cross-sectoral interoperability issues for the exchange and sharing of location data and services
- Open source software, open standards
- Open data, geolinked (open) data (semantical approach)
- Internet of Things (location aware sensors and receivers embedded in objects, carried by people etc which would be connected in real time over the Internet.)
- Volunteered GI/crowd sourcing
- Cloud computing



Current activities 2011

Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe

to identify possible areas in which EUROGI could provide support, including for example supporting the establishment of National GI Associations (NGIAs).



Current activities 2011

Policy papers, position papers, lobbying

to make contributions to European Union policy development as it relates to GI matters:

- Digital Agenda
- Common Strategic Framework for EU Research and Innovation Funding
- GMES
- EC Green paper on Research



Current activities 2011

Conferences/workshops

INSPIRE Conference July 2011, UK; July 2012 - Turkey

Nordic SDI seminar, 3-4 October 2011: regional EUROGI-SDI-conference

The Swedish GI organisation ULI Geoforum and [GI Norden](#) (the Nordic umbrella organisation for geographic information), in cooperation with its European counterpart EUROGI, organised a Nordic seminar on Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) to exchange views and experiences on the current status of SDIs in the Nordic countries as well as to make relevant comparisons with other countries or regions in Europe.



Current activities 2011

Conferences/workshops

EUROGI/eSDI-Net conference:

sub-national SDIs Best Practises Awards



Jury: GIM international, ESRI, Open Geospatial Consortium, European Parliament, Open Source Geospatial Foundation, JRC-EC, 2 winners edition 2009,

"Each spatial data infrastructure is a special case": with this assumption in mind , the Jury decided not to look for "the best SDI", but for various SDIs that were excellent in different aspects.

eSDI-Net Award conference: presentations Award winners and Jury members available here:

<http://eurogi.org/esdinet/awards/2011.html>



Current activities 2011

International Affairs

GSDI Association

UN Global Geoinformation Management Initiative

International GI Business Clubs

Eye On Earth Summit

Geographical areas. EUROGI is particularly focused on developing contact networks in Africa and the Middle East, Asia/Pacific, and Central/Southern America in order to identify opportunities for sharing European expertise.



Current activities 2011

Engagement with European Parliament
Parliamentary GI interest group?

European Commission funded Projects
Plan4All, GRAAL,

Good/best Practice Awards
EUROGI/eSDINet+ 2011 Sub-national Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI)
Awards Scheme.



Current activities 2011

Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs)

Eurogeographics

3D Charter

CEN/TC287

pending: JRC, OSGeo, EuroSDR

Communicating and Information Sharing

Website

Newsfeeds, Newsletter



Thank you,

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