



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 and effective use of GI throughout Europe

EUROGI stimulates, encourages and supports the development and effective use of GI and relevant technologies, and to act as the voice for the European GI community

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eSDI-NET+: A NETWORK TO CONTINUE!



WHAT IS eSDI-NET+?

The eSDI-NET+ project is a *Thematic Network* co-funded by the eContentplus Programme of the European Commission and coordinated by the Technical University of Darmstadt, Germany. The co-funded phase of the project started in September 2007 and will terminate in August 2010. The network promotes the cross-border dialogue and stimulates the exchange of best practices on Spatial Data Infrastructures in Europe.

WHAT IS EUROGI'S INVOLVEMENT?

EUROGI as one of the initiators of the project is strongly involved within the eSDI-NET+ project and was leading the work package on the *Identification and Analysis of Best Practices*.

As part of work package activities, a methodology to assess sub-national SDI initiatives has been defined. The application of such methodology has been followed by the promotion of 12 related workshops with 24 European countries involving about 200 SDIs. These activities were mainly based on a national node centred approach, within which the members of EUROGI have different levels of involvement, from the direct participation as partners and workshops organisers to the indirect involvement by cooperating with the eSDI-NET+ partners in their countries.

The members of EUROGI have all been involved in the exchange of information about the eSDI-NET+ project and its dissemination through their networks.

The SDI selection and assessment led to the European SDI Best Practice Awards 2009, which took place on November 26-27, 2009 in Turin, Italy.

WHAT EUROGI PLANS TO DO FOR THE SUSTAINABILITY?

EUROGI with its experience as an umbrella and networking organisation supports the sustainability of the network. The initiative and the efforts of the project will be continued and a long-term perspective for the investment of the European Commission towards a European Spatial Data Infrastructure ensured.

- All the contact data of the network partners and the SDIs being part of the database will be added to the mailing list of EUROGI.
- The network will be presented and time will be allocated to its development two times a year during EUROGI General Board and Members Meetings.
- The website will be maintained by EUROGI and will be integrated in EUROGI's new website that will be developed soon this year.
- EUROGI allocates one specific person from its Executive Committee that is responsible for supporting the developments and promoting the awareness of the network.
- EUROGI will allocate a lump sum for the next 2 years for expenses on activities for the sustainability of the network. In return a modest participation fee will be raised.
- EUROGI plans to continue updating the database of SDIs according to the resources needed and the decisions already taken by the experts involved in the evaluation framework.
- EUROGI will involve the SDIs and the partners of the network in the workshops of EC-funded projects that EUROGI participates in.

eSDI-NET+ offers:

- Sustainable network
- International contacts
- Experiences made in 12 regional and national SDI workshops
- About 200 SDIs from 32 countries involved
- 12 European SDI Best Practices
- Database of 135 SDI Best Practices from 24 European countries
- SDI assessment methodology
- SDI self-assessment tool



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NETWORK FOR CROSS-BORDER DIALOGUE AND EXCHANGE OF SDI BEST PRACTICE



THE PROJECT AT A GLANCE

- ▶ Bring together SDI key players and target users in the Thematic Network established as a platform for communication and exchange between stakeholders involved in creation and use of SDI's
- ▶ Promotion of high-level decisions and bottom-up technical discussion, and information exchange
- ▶ Help GI stakeholders realise full potential of digital GI for content providers and users and increase awareness concerning importance of GI enrichment and SDI's for GI reuse
- ▶ Allow integrated view of experts and foster creation of integrated guide lines, standards, and implementation of best practices
- ▶ Establish communication mechanisms between European and local levels to maximize benefits INSPIRE, GMES and GALILEO and e-government programmes in order to establish more sustainable e-communities.
- ▶ Develop solutions for multicultural and multilingual access, exploitation, use, and reuse of digital GI content in Europe
- ▶ Stimulate aggregation of existing national data sets of core GI into cross-border data sets
- ▶ Long-term sustainability beyond the project period with the support of EUROGI

PARTNERS

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- ⊕ AM/FM GIS Italia, Italy
- ⊕ AGISEE
- ⊕ AGILE
- ⊕ USIG, Portugal
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- ⊕ EUROGI
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- ⊕ Kouvola Region Federation of Municipalities (KRF), Finland
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