

**Date**

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**Title of session**

Workshop: Spatially Enabled Government Societies  
EuroGeographics: roles, activities and goals

**Name of presenter/chair**

Magnús Guðmundsson, Managing Director, National Land Survey of Iceland - Chair  
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**Name of rapporteurs**

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EuroGeographics is a membership association for European national mapping, land registry and cadastral agencies. With 52 member organisations from 42 countries they strive to:

- Engage - with the European Commission and Parliament.
- Exchange knowledge – for example Moldova were recently contacted by TeleAtlas. EuroGeographics were able to share knowledge from other mapping agencies to help them to respond.
- Produce interoperable products and services - which are compilations of their member's data. These products are well received, but they are receiving increasing requests for data from outside of Europe.

EuroGeographics run projects funded by members or the European Commission. They are currently working on

- A database which precisely defines the national boundaries
- A European wide gazetteer which takes account of place name spellings in different languages
- A prototype European SDI

Questions/Comments	Answers
<p>Dave Watt - DGC UK</p> <p>The International Boundaries Research Unit at Durham and DGC have already carried out much work in defining international boundaries, have you included them in your project?</p>	<p>Dave Lovell:</p> <p>Yes we have already contacted them and asked them to be partners in the project.</p>
<p>Athina Trakas - Open Geospatial Consortium</p> <p>What role do EuroGeographics have in defining INSPIRE?</p>	<p>Dave Lovell:</p> <p>EuroGeographics have a role as an intermediary rather than a main contributor as it would be difficult to respond in a way that all members would be satisfied with. The esdin (European Spatial Data Infrastructure Network) project looks to deliver INSPIRE datasets.</p>