

# Esri Joins European Location Framework Project

Esri has joined the European Location Framework (ELF) project to assist in harmonising and sharing geospatial data across Europe. As part of the project, Esri has agreed to a grant offer with EuroGeographics to help its 59 members implement ELF and INSPIRE-compliant services. Under the grant, Esri will be providing the ArcGIS platform, including ArcGIS Online and ArcGIS for INSPIRE software, as well as support and training and entrance to the Esri International User Conference.

Esri is a welcome addition to the European Location Framework, said Dave Lovell, EuroGeographics secretary general and executive director. The assistance Esri is offering will help the community of national mapping, land registry, and cadastral authorities as they continue to create the interoperable, cross-border, INSPIRE-compliant public-sector information necessary for better decision-making.

ELF is funded under the European Commission's Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) and brings together 30 organisations, including 14 European National Mapping Authorities, to harmonise and share authoritative national mapping and cadastral data across Europe. The project will run for three years, having begun in March 2013, and builds upon existing national INSPIRE implementations. ArcGIS Online will serve as the cloud platform for the project, with ArcGIS for INSPIRE feeding national services into the network. Esri will also support the development of various geoprocessing tools including generalisation and quality assurance.

Esri is pleased to work in partnership with this important community, said Jack Dangermond, president. The company looks forward to helping the EuroGeographics members create and share authoritative datasets that underpin a wide range of social, environmental, and economic applications.

At Intergeo 2013, Anja Hopfstock (BKG Germany) will give a presentation with the title *European Location Framework; From Data to Services* during the session INSPIRE Best Practice on Tuesday 8 October 2013 in room Mailand.

For more information on how Esri is helping organisations comply with INSPIRE, visit [esri.com/inspire](http://esri.com/inspire). For a free trial of ArcGIS Online, visit [esri.com/agol](http://esri.com/agol).

For more information on the European Location Framework project, visit [elfproject.eu](http://elfproject.eu).