

EuroGeographics Extends Open Data Coverage

More than 1,500 users have downloaded pan-European data from EuroGeographics since its 1:1 million scale topographical database, EuroGlobalMap, was released as open data. A survey examining how it is being used revealed a wide range of applications including air traffic analysis, emergency services accessibility studies, mobile mapping and demographic and socio-economic analysis.

EuroGlobalMap has also helped to create archaeological distribution maps and energy and environment models, and been well received by those working in the education sector.

EuroGeographics wants as many people as possible to use its open data as a first step in discovering the wider benefits of pan-European geoinformation, said operations manager, Sallie White. Feedback from users indicates that they greatly value free data from authoritative sources that is up to date and covers a range of European countries. She said her organisation therefore is delighted to announce that EuroGlobalMap's coverage has now been extended to include the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, as well as updated administrative and road network information and enhancements to the hydrology theme.

Providing EuroGlobalMap free of charge under an Open Data licence as part of a Freemium model has introduced hundreds of people to the benefits of EuroGeographics pan-European products: EuroBoundaryMap - a seamless geodatabase at the scale 1:100 000 covering 41 countries; EuroRegionalMap - seamless and harmonised topo-geographic information at 1: 250 000 scale covering 33 European countries; and EuroDEM - a digital elevation model.

The initiative is an important part of EuroGeographics' commitment to provide easy access to - and encourage increased use of - data from National Mapping, Land Registry and Cadastral Authorities. It has also helped to raise the Association's profile, further establishing EuroGeographics and its members as a trusted source of geoinformation.

EuroGlobalMap can be downloaded at no cost at www.eurogeographics.org/form/topographic-data-eurogeographics.

For more information about EuroGeographics' pan-European products, visit www.eurogeographics.org/products-and-services

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