

# EuroGeographics Signs Production Agreement with Germany's Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy



EuroGeographics is developing a new core reference dataset using INSPIRE-compliant geospatial information from official national sources. The international not-for-profit membership organisation for Europe's National Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registration Authorities (NMCAs) has signed an agreement with Germany's Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy (BKG) to coordinate technical production and quality management.

A prototype, focusing on transportation (road and railway) and hydrography themes, is to be available in Autumn 2018 and will also include basic feature types and attributes. This will be followed by the launch of the first version of the new dataset in Spring 2019.

## Implementing the INSPIRE Directive

EuroGeographics' secretary general and executive director, Mick Cory said their members' have made significant investments in implementing the INSPIRE Directive and delivering interoperable information. Delivering this new dataset is just one of the ways they ensure that their authoritative geospatial information is consistent with other data, in particular from other public authorities, to maximise its value and benefit for the public good."

"BKG has extensive experience of harmonising and edge matching their national data and EuroGeographics products to comply with the INSPIRE Directive. I am delighted that they have agreed to provide technical support and coordination for this exciting new initiative."

The core reference dataset is part of EuroGeographics' wider vision for European Location Services, a unique and powerful source of harmonised geospatial information from official sources. After delivering the prototype, the intention is to include additional themes such as buildings or settlement areas, addresses and elevation, and to offer coverage for all EU and EFTA Member States and EU Candidate countries.

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