

# EuroGeographics Enhances Open Data for 2017



Users of EuroGeographics pan-European open data will benefit from a series of enhancements to the latest release of EuroGlobalMap. 45 members of the Association for the European National Mapping, Cadastre and Land Registry Authorities have contributed to the 1:1 million scale dataset which includes an administrative theme providing boundary information. It also features a settlement theme with the addition of populated places and populated place ID for built-up area feature classes.

Angela Baker, EuroGeographics, explained EuroGlobalMap is produced using official data supplied by their members which is harmonised to standard specifications. Following these latest updates, three themes are now generalised from our more detailed products, 1: 100 000 scale EuroBoundaryMap and 1: 250 000 scale EuroRegionalMap, giving even greater confidence that the information provided is consistent, comparable and easily shared – regardless of its national source.

Baker added since its launch in 2013, more than 5,800 users have downloaded EuroGlobalMap. Feedback indicates that users greatly value high quality, reliable data from authoritative sources and that open data provides a great first step in discovering the wider benefits of pan-European map and land information.

The latest release of EuroGlobalMap covers 45 countries and territories, and comprises six themes: Administrative boundaries, names locations, transport networks, settlements, elevation; and the water network. It is available free of charge under an open data licence from [www.eurogeographics.org](http://www.eurogeographics.org) and enables a wide range of applications, including mobile mapping, demographic and socio economic analysis, hydrology, energy and environment modelling and in education and research. It is also ideal for cartographic visualisation across Europe.