Maps for a Data-driven Europe Showcased at European Parliament

EuroGeographics will showcase next-level mapping for modern-day data infrastructures at the European Parliament on 29 November. The debate with MEPs and policymakers, organized by Cristian BuÈ™oi, chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), will discuss the benefits of maps for a data-driven Europe.

The debate is set to demonstrate how location is the link between information and action across national boundaries to enable a sustainable, safer and prosperous European society.

"Every data producer in the world, especially public data providers, must ensure that their data is ready to underpin this decade of action," BuÈ™oi stated. "This is an immense responsibility for EuroGeographics and its members – the national providers of official geospatial information – in ensuring that the data meets the needs and requirements of European Union's institutions and supports them in addressing the challenges they are facing."

"The quality of the data is utterly important – authoritative data that comes from official sources is crucial for decision-makers. I'm confident that EuroGeographics members will help build this data-driven society, and we encourage them to enhance the existing data infrastructure and support the creation of pan-European datasets," he continued.

Reliable High-value Data for Making Critical Decisions

Colin Bray, president of [EuroGeographics](#) which represents the European National Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registry Authorities, added: "Knowing where to find and access accurate, high-quality, reliable high-value data is essential for governments and decision-makers making critical decisions."

"In this ever-connected world, our members have moved from database production to providing data infrastructures to play a vital role in joining-up information from different sources to help provide insight and answers to address the key issues we face as a global society. Whether tackling climate change, managing Covid recovery, or maintaining security during times of conflict, these challenges extend beyond national boundaries and those making difficult decisions that impact on us all need the most accurate and up-to-date information available."

"We are delighted to showcase the [Open Maps for Europe](#) project which addresses the challenges of accessing trusted geospatial open data from multiple official sources." The Open Maps for Europe platform provides easy access to pan-European open data created using official map, geospatial and land information.

"By working together to deliver pan-European data, our members are demonstrating not only what can be achieved through Europe-wide cooperation, but also the benefits that result for the wider public good, specifically in support of policy decision-making at the European level," Bray concluded.

Pan-European geospatial data is key in supporting policy decision-making.