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INTRODUCTION

- Founded in 1994 after an EC recommendation
- Established as a Foundation under Dutch law
- Core membership by national representation
- Other organisations admitted (Pan European)
- 21 members
- Collectively representing more than 6500 public and private sector organisations
- Continuously collaborating with EU/EC

PROFILE

- European wide
- User centric networking
- Independent non governmental
- Open to the participation of all European GI stakeholders
- NGIA: National Geographic Information Associations
- Enhancer of NGIA development
- Capacity builder and Awareness raiser
- Policy oriented
- High level lobbyist for GI (Inspire, Lisbon Strategy, etc.)
- GI Market watcher
- European foreign cooperation

VISION AND MISSION

- **Vision:**

GI with all its aspects should become a fully integrated component of the European knowledge-based society

- **Mission:**

In order to ensure good governance, economic and social development, environmental protection and sustainability, and informed public participation, the mission is to maximise the availability and effective use of GI throughout Europe.

This will require EUROGI to stimulate, encourage and support the development and effective use of GI and relevant technologies, and to act as the voice for the European community.

ORGANISATION

- Members (Full Members, Extended Candidate Members, Candidate Members, Sponsors, Miscellaneous Organisations, Individuals)
- Executive Committee (P, VP, T and councillors) and secretary general
- Working and Advisory Groups (WAG):
Datasets and services; User access; Applications; Capacity building; Communication; International Affairs: Assist NGIA in developing nations, Promote SDI on a global basis, Strength GI in the EU aid programme, Facilitate cooperation of experts, Identify global trends, Promote relationships with European neighbouring countries

PRESENT ACTIVITIES' DOMAINS

- **INSPIRE**
Implementation Rules, User requirements, National information days, Dissemination, collaboration with EC
- **GSDI actor**
- **Data sharing, access and usability**
Public sector agreements, leverage the public sector efficiency, Re-use of spatial data sets by third parties, Public Private Partnerships (PPP) Assess pricing policies within the framework of technical, legal, financial and organisational issues of European countries
- **Cross border**
Inventory of case studies, Interoperability
- **GI in European Eastern countries (EU enlargement)**
Conduct a survey on existent NGIA, local key players, GI usage and opportunities
- **GI Showcase of Applications**
Create simple structure, Populate with applications, Broadly disseminate
- **EGIN (European GI Network)**
Strength the network, Exchange of information, Capacity building
- **GI role in EU Programs**
FP7, eContentplus, i2010, e-government
- **Members Meeting (yearly)**
- **Industry and market development**
Involvement of industry, EU Industry Day (yearly)

OPPORTUNITIES

- European GI Network of National associations and Networks
- European NGO organisation managing dynamic portal
- European contact point for GI (Lobby, Expert witness, event promoter, GI standard supporter , etc.)
- Supporting its members at the grassroots
- Participating (through the members) in funded projects

FINAL REMARKS & PROPOSALS

- EUROGI is absolutely convinced that good governance, economic and social development, and informed public participation depend upon the availability and use of reliable and spatially-referenced information and supports the goals of UNSDI.
- EUROGI trusts in the best practice in the creation and use of GI by encouraging collaboration between NGIA, and provides professional balanced advice to those who commission and need European GI, particularly to those in the public sector
- EUROGI proposes to be included in Goal1 T7 of UNSDI Strategy as one of the bodies (GSDI,OGC,ISO already listed)



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