



CLGE about the creation of a Positioning Knowledge Exchange Network

CLGE is strongly in favor of the creation of a Positioning KEN within EuroGeographics. We advocate a quick constitution of this KEN.

However, such a KEN is an internal tool of EuroGeographics and since the endeavor has to be regarded as a common initiative of the four organizations, i.e. EuroGeographics, EUREF, EUPOS and CLGE, we should strive to get a MoU between these organizations. We need an equal commitment from EUREF, EUPOS and CLGE to cooperate with EuroGeographics on an equal level. One of the tasks of the KEN should be to draw such a MoU or common vision.

For CLGE, the KEN is just an intermediate goal. What the sector asks is the constitution of a European Positioning System.

CLGE's Position

Since 2011, CLGE officially has asked for a closer cooperation between the national agencies, when it comes to the creation of a European Positioning System. This was officially expressed by the Umeå Statement (http://www.clge.eu/documents/events/93/11_06_23_Umea_statement.pdf).

Therefore, Jean-Yves Pirlot is very pleased by the initiative of EuroGeographics as required by Artur Oriba, from EUPOS.

Two recommendations in the Umeå statement have to be developed, since they are very relevant in this field.

Assess and advertise the technical coordination in the field of Geodetic Infrastructure in the EU and neighboring region

- A certain level of technical coordination exists since it is one of the activities of EUREF. This organisation is very committed. It works a lot in the scientific and academic field.
- In the field of CORS, a lot of people managing the different networks will say that the existing cooperation based on the results of EUREF and bilateral talks are sufficient.
- However, this cooperation is not homogeneous over the whole territory of Europe - Moreover, cooperation can always be improved.
- If we take Nord Rhein Westfalen (NRW) and Rheinland Pfalz for instance, their cooperation is very good, within SAPOS. The cooperation between NRW and Flanders is probably good too but probably it could be even more effective to come on the same level than within SAPOS.
- One must know that the 16 German Länder are cooperating within Adv.



- Does EUREF / EUPOS have the same possibilities? Wouldn't it be interesting to give EUREF / EUPOS and or EuroGeographics, such a task? Shouldn't we have an official EU body?
- In the field of the use of the true ETRS 89, wouldn't it be interesting to oblige or at least encourage member states to use it?

Improve the user segment coordination and table propositions to the EU and National Authorities

- CLGE gathers 36, soon 39 member states, with as many National Liaison Groups or National Associations
- CLGE represents about 100.000 or more surveyors ranging from civil servants to liberal surveyors, via publicly appointed or licensed surveyors
- It would be interesting that CLGE provides a platform via which this tremendous user group could voice its needs and remarks about existing or lacking services
- This could be done via our very interesting contacts with GSA (GNSS Agency)

About the appointment of a Chair for KEN, CLGE is very interested to have a Chair who's a recognized domain expert, with enough managerial experience, part of or close to more than one of the four organisations.

Sincerely yours,

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