

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
EUROGI and CLGE

EUROGI:

- is a pan-European, independent, non-governmental organisation operating in the field of Geographic Information (GI) which includes users and producers from the public, private, academic and community sectors;
- is convinced that good governance, economic and social development, environmental protection and informed public participation depend crucially upon the widespread availability and effective use of reliable spatially referenced information;
- has a mission to maximise the availability and effective use of GI throughout Europe.

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EUROGI and CLGE share a common interest in addressing issues relating to the development of technology, standards and applications for a range of geospatial data handling purposes, notably in acquisition, management, visualisation, analysis and dissemination as well as in strengthening, networking and further promoting the European GI community;

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING provides a basis for liaison between the two organisations.

Both organisations **HEREBY AGREE** to endeavour to intensify their co-operation for mutual benefit. The co-operation shall be undertaken according the following:

1. The relevant groupings such as boards, commissions, working groups, sub-committees or initiatives that each organisation has established will liaise with each other and invite representation and collaboration from each other where it is mutually agreed that it would be appropriate.
2. Each organisation will inform the other of its programme of proposed activities such as projects, conferences, seminars, courses, and workshops to enable joint participation should it be of mutual benefit, and publicise and inform its members of these events as appropriate.
3. Both organisations will identify opportunities to organise specialised projects, seminars, webinars, courses, or workshops under joint sponsorship, and may also seek to promote joint publications.
4. Both organisations will inform each other of any European Commission calls for consortia to undertake projects which they believe may be of interest to the other party and where mutually agreed shall seek to include the other into suitable consortia.

5. If and when developing policy positions on specific topics each organisation will provide an opportunity for the other to make a contribution, and will cooperate were mutually agreed in promoting these positions.
6. Both organisations will inform each other regarding their annual work plans with the view to highlighting areas for cooperation. The results of joint activities will be communicated, as effectively as possible, to both CLGE and EUROGI members.
7. Representatives of both organisations will meet at least once a year either in person or by media tools/conferencing systems or as often as necessary to promote the objectives set out in this MoU.
8. This Memorandum does not directly imply any financial commitments by EUROGI or by CLGE to the other organisation. Co-operative activities under this MoU shall be subject to the availability of appropriated funds and/or human resources, and to the applicable policies and programmes of each Participant, as well as according to the terms of the MoU. The Participants will cooperate in identifying and, where appropriate, exploiting external sources of funding.
9. If intellectual property be generated by the activities undertaken in the pursuit of this MoU an agreement will be established between the Participants related to the use and exploitation of such property.
10. No statement in this MoU should be deemed to create any legal relationship between the Participants. Each of the Participants remains free to undertake activities independently within the scope of this MoU.
11. This Memorandum may be modified or amended by written agreement between EUROGI and CLGE.
12. This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature by the authorized representatives of EUROGI and CLGE and will remain valid for a period of four years and may be terminated by either EUROGI or CLGE by written notification to the other party three months in advance of the date of termination.

IN WITNESS WHITHIN, the parties hereto have signed this Memorandum of Understanding

Bruce McCormack
EUROGI President
Date

Jean-Yves Pirlot
CLGE President
Date