



## VISION

*Geographic Information 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 GI community*

## MEMBERS OF EUROGI

AESIG, Spain  
AFIGEO, France  
AGEO, Austria  
AM/FM Italia, Italy  
CAGI, Czech Republic  
CC Belgium, Belgium  
DDGI, Germany  
GEONOVUM, The Netherlands  
GTIM SIG, Luxembourg  
HUNAGI, Hungary  
IGP, Portugal  
IRLOGI, Ireland  
LISA, Iceland  
PROGIS, Finland  
SOGI, Switzerland  
ULI, Sweden

AUTODESK  
ESRI  
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INTERGRAPH  
NAVTEQ

EARSC  
GI NORDEN

## EUROGI OPENS MEMBERSHIP TO ALL GI STAKEHOLDERS

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES OF EUROGI SET A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR THE ORGANISATION

### PRESS RELEASE

EUROGI - *European Umbrella Organisation for Geographic Information* - now aims to evolve towards an open network capable of gathering into the organisation a diverse range of *Geographic Information (GI)* and *Spatial Data Infrastructures (SDI)* stakeholders from across Europe, retaining its foundation which has been based on unique national European country representative GI organisations.

The re-engineering process of EUROGI was initiated in 2008, with a key milestone being the approval of new statutes at a *Special General Board Meeting (SGBM)* held on November 29, 2008 in Gothenburg, Sweden. The new statutes entered into force on January 9, 2009 after the legal notarial deed was signed at *Schaap & Partners*, The Netherlands.

The new membership structure is now based on three categories:

#### A. NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REPRESENTATIVES

From each European country one organisation is accepted to act as the National representative at EUROGI.

#### B. CORPORATE ORGANISATIONS

The private sector is represented by commercial organisations having GI activities in Europe.

#### C. OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND NETWORKS

The membership is open to national, regional and local bodies or authorities, SDI initiatives, cross border cooperation networks, Pan European organisations, universities and other not for profit stakeholders in the broadest sense.

In brief, EUROGI now welcomes members originating from any administrative level in Europe, other *Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs)* acting in the European GI field and private companies having activities in the European GI market. The Corporate Members and Other Organisations or Networks will however be required to be members of the National organisations, thus retaining the strong and diverse national character of EUROGI.

It is also relevant to mention that the representatives of the private sector are from now on welcomed to serve in the Executive Committee of EUROGI, which is intended to be composed of members from all of the three membership categories.

EUROGI President Mauro Salvemini stated *"The new structure is a crucial step towards enabling EUROGI to more fully play its role as an umbrella organisation for GI and SDI stakeholders in Europe, building it as a network of networks, strengthening its profile at the European Commission level and meeting the expectations from its Members."*

The next steps of the re-engineering process will take place in 2009 and will include a new set of operational rules through amendments on the By-laws, adjustments to the internal organisation, rearranged prioritisation of activities within a mid term strategic framework, and identification and development of tools for increasing its networking effectiveness.

EUROGI ([www.eurogi.org](http://www.eurogi.org)) is a *Stichting (Foundation)* under Dutch Law founded in 1994 after a recommendation of the European Commission (EC). It acts as an umbrella network representing the 6 500 organisations that collectively create, disseminate and use Geographical Information (GI) across Europe. EUROGI is recognised as the professional voice for GI in Europe and is frequently consulted by the EC and others for advice and information.



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