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Subject: Invitation to contribute to the Open Cadastral Map

Dear Fridolin,

As you may know, EuroGeographics and five (5) of its member organisations, have been awarded a grant from the European Commission to continue the operation of the Open Maps for Europe platform¹ and expand its data and functionalities². The new project, “**Open Maps for Europe 2**” (OME2), has a 3-year time span. It is 50% co-financed by EC “Digital Europe” Programme, while the rest of the cost is covered by EuroGeographics and the five member participants.

The Open Cadastral Map (OCM) is one of the services that will be expanded and improved within the scope of OME2. It will provide users with a simplified and harmonised web service of the INSPIRE themes Cadastral Parcels (CP), Buildings (BU), Addresses (AD) and Administrative Units (AU). All these themes are part of the High Value Datasets and are of great interest to the European Commission and its Services, as well as, to private sector companies and citizens.

Harmonising this data and making it available at pan-European level via a single access point greatly facilitates its use in applications. Europe’s NCMA’s are in a unique position to provide such authoritative data in a harmonised service via the EuroGeographics OME portal.

Currently, the OME service incorporates cadastral map data for six (6) EU countries (Czech Republic, Denmark, The Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia and Spain). Within the scope of the new project, however, we envisage to incorporate data from nine (9) additional countries. We would therefore like to invite you to participate in this activity.

¹ <https://www.mapsforeurope.org/>

² <https://eurogeographics.org/open-maps-for-europe/ome2-progress/>

What do we need from you?

Members contributing to the Open Cadastral Map need to provide access to their cadastral map data in an INSPIRE compliant format. Our colleagues from the Hellenic Cadastre and the Spanish Cadastre, who have undertaken the task to expand the Open Cadastral Map, are happy to guide you through the rest of the process.

If we succeed, we will have made a major step towards our final goal – the establishment of a unified pan-European cadastral map. Moreover, we will have made a concrete case for cadastral map data constituting a fundamental layer of authoritative data in Europe that has rightfully been included in the EU High Value Datasets (HVD). This, does not only satisfy the everyday needs of a wide spectrum of users, it increases our prominence as key authoritative data providers in Europe for the years to come, as well.

Consequently, I strongly encourage you to participate in this initiative.

Please note that, in order to inform as many of our members as possible, we plan to make a presentation in the next joint PCC - EuroGeographics CLRKEN conference in Gävle, Sweden, this June. In that presentation, we will introduce the vision and objectives for the Open Cadastral Map. In addition, we will be holding an informational webinar on June 21st in order to provide more information about the technical and procedural aspects of the project.

If you need more information, please feel free to contact us either at EuroGeographics Head Office (Ms. Victoria Persson, e-mail: victoria.persson@eurogeographics.org) or our colleagues at the Hellenic Cadastre (Ms. Hara Papadakis, e-mail: hpapadak@ktimatologio.gr) or Spanish Cadastre (Ms. Amalia Velasco, e-mail: amalia.velasco@catastro.hacienda.gob.es). We would be more than happy to help you.

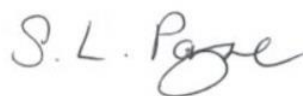
I look forward for your response and support.

Kind regards,



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