GREATER REGION

20 years of cross-border cooperation
Introduction

- PCC meeting in Luxemburg, just in my backyard
- PCC and CLGE
  - CY General Assembly
  - LT GA - “Common vision paper”
  - Continuity
- IGN - Belgium
- Greater Region
- Europe
Overview of the Presentation

- Introduction to the « Greater Region »
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  - Convention about the Exchange GI
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The Greater Region: a crossroad at the heart of Europe

- 65 401 km²
- 11,4 million inhabitants
- 3 languages

4 states, 5 regions

- Saarland and Rhineland-Palatinate in Germany
- Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
- Lorraine in France
- Wallonia (including the German-speaking Community) of Belgium
The Greater Region: a place of interaction and daily flows

- GDP: 353.2 billion euro (2013)
  2.6% of the GDP of the EU
- A urban, industrial and rural network with rich economic and cultural relations
- First Euroregion in terms of **cross-border mobility**
  213,400 cross-border workers per day

⇒ **Cross-border cooperation is the cornerstone for the development of civil society, economy and institutions in this area.**
20 years of institutionalised cooperation

In 1995 the Executives of all the territorial entities of the Greater Region met for the first time in order to institutionalise their cross-border cooperation.

⇒ Summit of the Greater Region
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Version 15/14 (16/15 will be presented on Monday 16)
Themes of previous editions, work for the future
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Übersichtskarte der Großregion 1 : 500.000

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Solemn Signing of the Convention, in Mons (BE), 2014
Mutual Exchange of Cross-Border Geographical Data

- **Aim**
  - Efficient exchange Geographical data in the border regions for public use

- **Principles**
  - No property transfer, exclusion of open data

- **Use**
  - Enrichment of own geographical databases
  - Background in geoportals and related services
  - Use by third parties under given conditions
  - 50km zone for small scales, official map grid for >50K
Mutual Exchange of Cross-Border Geographical Data

- Information and practical arrangements
  - Products described in an Annex that can be updated independently
  - Update information at least once a year
  - Exchange on demand, grouped demands are preferred
  - Once a year the use of the convention is evaluated
  - Persons of Contact are appointed to ensure good communication
  - Liability rules are stated per Partner
  - Applicable law, official language

- Duration
  - 2014 - 2019 for the Greater Region, tacitly prolonged
  - Nordrhein-Westfalen 2015
  - Baden-Württemberg, the Netherlands talks ongoing
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- Interreg V
  - Needed funding

- ELF
  - Knowledge Exchange
  - Support in writing our project proposal
  - Cooperation with other players (EuroGeographics, BKG, ...)
  - Use of the ELF-Platform to run our project
  - Use of the data (license!)
  - Use the tools developed by ELF (edge-matching, generalization, ...)

- In exchange we apply ELF in a Region, we humbly build Europe