

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

Between

**EUROGEOGRAPHICS**

and

**PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON CADASTRE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION  
(PCC)**

within the areas of

**promotion of the role of cadastre**

and

**the exchange of best practices in cadastre**

**A: EuroGeographics**, the umbrella organization of European National Cadastral, Land Registry and Mapping agencies (NMCAs), with its headquarters at 6-8, Avenue Blaise Pascal, Cité Descartes, Champs-sur-Marne, Marne-La-Vallee, France, represented by its President Magnús Guðmundsson <http://www.eurogeographics.org>

**B: Permanent Committee on Cadastre in the European Union**, the European Union Umbrella Organization of national cadastral agencies with its presidency run by the actual European Union Council Presidency, represented by its President, Ales Seliskar <http://www.eurocadastre.org>

Hereinafter also referred as "Participant" or "Participants".

### THE PARTICIPANTS

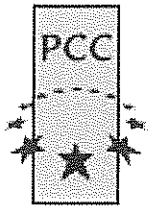
**EuroGeographics** is an association which connects the work of its members, NMCAs, for the benefit of its members, partners, customers and the European Commission.

The **EuroGeographics vision** is - to achieve 'interoperability' of the Members' national land and geographic information assets.

The **EuroGeographics mission** is - to further the development of the European Spatial Data Infrastructure through collaboration in the area of geographical information, including topographic information, cadastre and land information.

MC

22



To achieve this EuroGeographics undertakes three main roles:

- Engagement (lobbying and representation) in which it provides the official and united voice of NMCAs,
- Exchange of best practice, through for example projects, working groups and workshops; and,
- Building the interoperable infrastructure to facilitate the creation of pan-European products and services which will underpin the European Spatial Data Infrastructure.

**The Permanent Committee on Cadastre in the European Union** was established and formally constituted on 14 October 2002 in Ispra (Italy) by the representatives of the institutions responsible for cadastre in Member States of the European Union.

**The Permanent Committee on Cadastre in the European Union mission** is to create an adequate space in which to promote the full awareness of the activities developed by the European Union and the Member States related with Cadastre and, by means of this information, to develop strategies and propose common initiatives with the aim of achieving greater co-ordination among the different European cadastral systems and their users.

### **Preamble**

The participants consider themselves as complementary organizations in the field of cadastre and cadastral systems and are playing leading roles in the field of cadastral implementation and development in Europe.

The participants have agreed a vision for the future orientation of cadastral work in national cadastre organizations, in the EuroGeographics' document '**Cadastre and Land Registration in Europe 2012**'.

During several years the Participants have worked together on issues of common interest. The Participants hereby state their intention to work even closer together in order to strengthen communication of cadastral issues, raise awareness of the role of cadastres and, at the same time, avoid duplication of work between the Participants and their member organizations.

### **ARTICLE I. SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES**

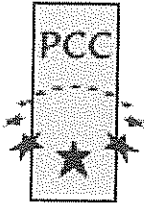
1.1 The overall general objective of this MoU is to establish the basis for further development of a close partnership between PCC and EuroGeographics and to initiate actions to foster the achievement of the participants' respective objectives in the area of European cadastre.

1.2 The MOU has the following specific objectives:

- a. To strengthen the relationship between the Participants in the field of communication of cadastral issues;
- b. To coordinate Participants work plans;

AS

MB



- c. To jointly promote the role of cadastre and raise awareness particularly within the European Union;
- d. To identify areas for cooperation and when appropriate implement joint projects, working groups and workshops to support the development of the cadastral profession and activities;
- e. To share best practices within and between the Participants' members.

## **ARTICLE II. CO-OPERATIVE ACTIVITIES**

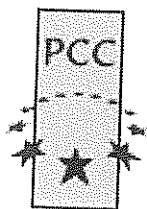
- 2.1 The participants agree to develop a focused co-operation starting from joint activities in the following areas:
- Tracking and evaluation of policy developments which have an impact on cadastres,
  - Joint arrangement of workshops and seminars of common interest,
  - Joint sharing of professional knowledge and work in working groups of common interest,
  - Joint development of project proposals and participation in projects,
  - Joint communication and engagement with the European Commission,
  - Sharing of best practice within and between the Participants' members.

## **ARTICLE III. RESPONSIBILITIES AND REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

- 3.1 The Participants will track, evaluate and exchange knowledge about developments of European policy.
- 3.2 The Participants will exchange proposals and harmonize their work plans in the second half of each calendar year.
- 3.3 The Participants will cooperate in identifying projects, research and actions of joint interest for their members.
- 3.5 The Participants will arrange joint workshops, seminars, and project teams on issues of common interest for its members, but also for a wider audience, such as European Commission officials. The distribution of work and costs for such activities will be agreed between the Participants.
- 3.6 The results of joint activities will be communicated, as effectively as possible, to both EuroGeographics and PCC members.
- 3.7 The Participants representatives will meet at least once a year and as often as necessary to achieve the objectives set out in this MoU,

## **ARTICLE IV. SOURCE OF FUNDING**

EuroGeographics is funded by its members for core activities, PCC has no funds from that source. In addition, different kinds of projects are financed by additional contributions from some of their members or from external sources (mainly European Commission funded projects).



- 4.1 Co-operative activities under this MoU shall be subject to the availability of appropriate 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.
- 4.2 The Participants will cooperate in identifying and where appropriate exploiting 'external' sources of funding.

#### ARTICLE V. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- 5.1 If intellectual property could be generated by activities undertaken in pursuit of this MoU an agreement will be established between the Participants.

#### ARTICLE VI. NATURE OF THE MoU

- 6.1 No statement in this MoU should be deemed to create any legal relationship between the Participants.
- 6.2 Each of the Participants remains free to undertake activities within the scope of this MoU.

#### ARTICLE VII. DURATION AND TERMINATION

- 7.1 This MoU will be effective upon signature by both Participants and remain valid until terminated.
- 7.2 If necessary, this MoU may be amended by mutual agreement on the basis of an exchange of letters. Such amendment will come into force on the date when signed by both Partners. Either Partner may terminate this MoU at any time with a ninety (90) day written notice to the other Partner.

Signed:

For Permanent Committee on Cadastre in the European Union

For EuroGeographics

Ales Seliskar  
President

Magnús Guðmundsson  
President

Bled. 27 June 2008