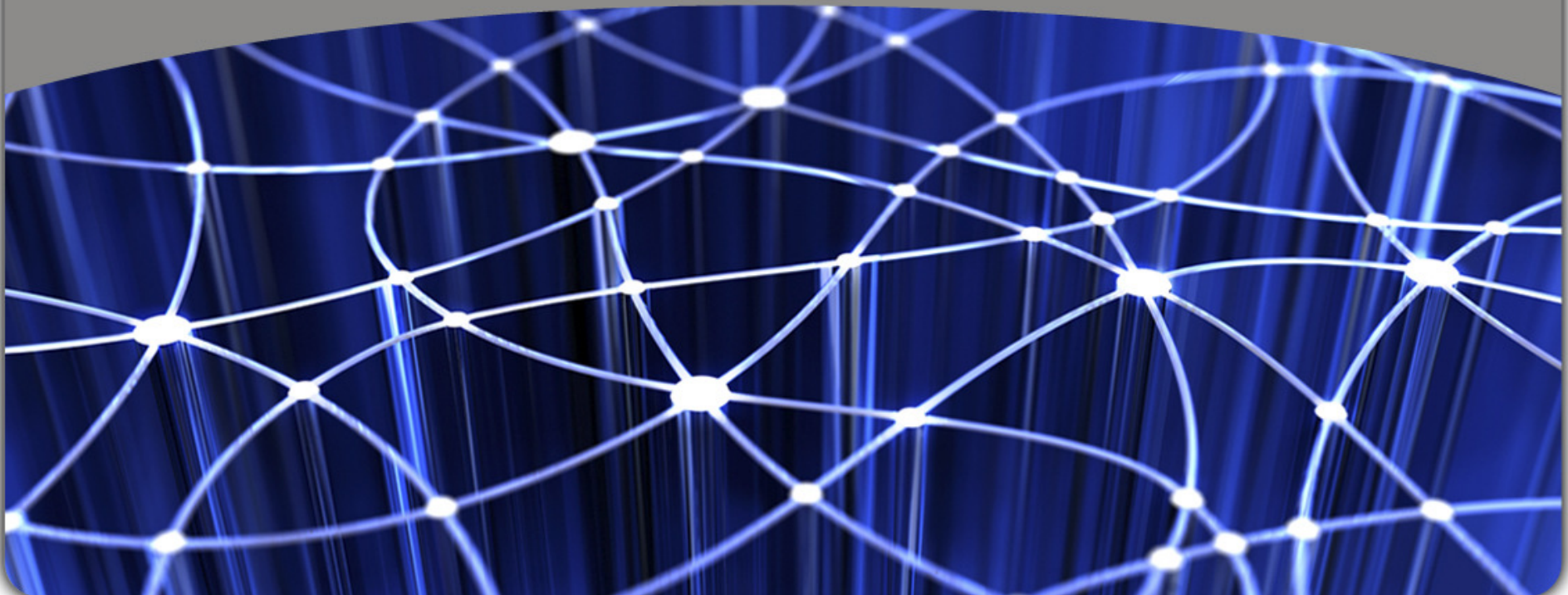




PCC & EuroGeographics working as one – more than a marriage of convenience.

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What is a Marriage?



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- **Marriage** is a social union or legal contract in which parties (people) agree to live or work together;
- This is a marriage of convenience;
- This is an arranged marriage – the proposal is made by the ‘Parents’ of both organisations i.e. the President of EuroGeographics and the Presidents of the PCC (Hungary, Poland and Denmark)

Background – The Courting Phase



- In 2005 the members of EuroGeographics, including 23 members of the PCC, asked for *'increased investment in cadastre and land registry activities'*
- In 2006 23 members of the PCC and the other EuroGeographics members approved the EuroGeographics Strategy which included this statement:
 - successful delivery of this plan will support our members' ambition to operate at the heart of their National SDI, ensure they have a leadership role in Europe's SDI and **unite the National Mapping & Cadastre Agencies**;
 - The first strategic goal in the plan is to: **Provide the main platform for cadastre and land registry organisations to exchange and share information in Europe.**

The proposal made this year for the two to operate as one has been made because members have asked for it.

Background – The Engagement Phase



- In January 2005 the President of the PCC instigated a meeting with EuroGeographics to discuss increased collaboration between the PCC and EuroGeographics;
- In December 2007 the Management Board of EuroGeographics instructed the Ex Director to report on what kept the two organisations separated;
- On 27 June 2008 the first concrete steps were taken to bring the two together by signing an MOU. The overall objective of the MoU is to establish the basis for further development of a close partnership between PCC and EuroGeographics;

The proposal made this year for the two to operate as one has been made because it is believed that the members have a long term objective to achieve it.

The Benefits of a marriage (1)



- A strong legal basis for the PCC
- A single voice for cadastre in Europe;
- Strong and active representation in EU policy circles (Commission and Parliament)
- Clearer representation of cadastral issues;
- A physical presence in Brussels;
- A permanent 'secretariat' and continuity of administrative issues;
- Tangible projects advancing Cadastre nationally and at European level e.g. the European Cadastral Parcel Index;
- Financial support for PCC activities;
- Enhanced profile for cadastral issues.

The Proposal



- The PCC retains its name and work plan;
- The PCC retains its operating principles;
 - The mission remains unchanged: *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.*
 - A President with 6 month's office normally aligned to the EU Presidency;
 - Only EU countries have decision making powers;
 - Non EU countries can participate;
 - A workshop and Plenary meeting held in the country of the Presidency
 - A close link to the national political infrastructure.
- The PCC President attends meetings of EuroGeographics Board
- No subscription fee to be paid for membership of PCC.

The Marriage



- Would be sealed by a vote of PCC members at the Plenary meeting of the Polish Presidency

The Honeymoon

- The Honeymoon would start during the Danish Presidency of the PCC

Some misunderstandings



It is suggested that:

EuroGeographics is biased towards mapping

The PCC will lose its identity, independence and characteristics

The facts is:

- We have a vision for Cadastre, we don't have one for mapping;
- We have a C&LR KEN we don't have one for mapping;
- More than 50% of the MB are from Cadastres;
- ESDIN dealt with Cadastral interoperability as well as mapping;
- SBE is lead by Belgium Cadastre;
- We've started a Cadastral Index project;
- This isn't a feature of the proposal

And finally



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Thank you,
Together we are stronger

