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Agreement to help INSPIRE implementation and ELF Project

EuroGeographics' members to benefit from software and support thanks to Esri grant offer

EuroGeographics has agreed a grant offer with Esri to help its 59 members implement INSPIRE compliant web services and develop the European Location Framework (ELF).

The package of software and 12 month's technical support includes one copy of the ArcGIS system. It includes an ArcGIS Online level 1 subscription which will enable members to share data within the ELF project and experiment with cloud GIS. The grant also offers free virtual training for one person and one entrance pass for the 2014 Esri International User Conference in San Diego, California.

National Mapping, Land Registry and Cadastral Authorities who are partners in the ELF Project, or are contributing data or services to it, will receive technical support and upgrades until its completion.

"The European Location Framework is key to the delivery of interoperable, cross-border, INSPIRE-compliant public sector information provided by our members," says EuroGeographics' Secretary General and Executive Director, Dave Lovell.

"National Mapping, Land Registry and Cadastral Authorities have made significant progress in implementing INSPIRE and grants, such as this generous offer from Esri, are a welcome addition in helping them to meet the requirements and continue to deliver social, economic and environmental benefits.

"We are particularly pleased that training is part of the package, which means the grant benefits the geospatial experts of today and those of the future."

"Esri is delighted to support and work in partnership with this important geospatial community, helping to make their authoritative data more widely accessible to underpin a wide range of social, environmental and economic applications," says Nick Land, Esri's Business Development Manager for National Mapping and Cadastral Authorities.

"As a partner in the ELF project we are particularly excited that ArcGIS Online will be used as the cloud platform for sharing ELF and INSPIRE compliant data and services. Through this grant, it will also open up opportunities for all EuroGeographics members to embrace cloud GIS"

The ELF project is co-funded by the European Commission's Competitive and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP).