GA2027 Agenda

General Assembly
Yerevan, Armenia
21-23rd March 2027



Introduction

The 2027 EuroGeographics General Assembly is kindly organised and hosted by the Cadastre Committee of the Republic of Armenia.

The Association is governed by the Management Board and by the General Assembly of the Members. The Ordinary General Assembly meets once each year and shall vote on the coming year's annual budget, elect the members of the Management Board as well as the President, and conduct other items of formal business as required by the Articles of Association. The General Assembly is also the Director Generals' Knowledge Exchange and the theme for this year's event is **Bridging borders, building data: Connecting Geospatial Europe.**

Agenda

1. GA2027 Agenda *(Paper 1.)*

Papers for Formal Business of the Association – members only

2. Management Board Report to the 2027 General Assembly *(Paper 2.)*
3. EuroGeographics AISBL 2026 Accounts *(Paper 3.)*
4. 2027 Operating Plan, Budget and Subscriptions *(Paper 4.)*
5. Candidates for Management Board Members and President *(Paper 5.)*

Sunday 21st March Opening of the Registration desk 16.00 – 19.00

16.30 – 17.30	**Management Board meeting**
17.45 – 18.45	**Introduction of New Heads to the President of EuroGeographics**
19.00	**The General Assembly commences with a Welcome reception at the Marriott Hotel Armenia (Dress code: Smart Casual)**

Mon 22nd March	Item	Chair/Speakers
08.45 – 09.25	**Welcome & Opening of the General Assembly** Welcome by the Host of the GA2027 Presentations from the host organisations	**Chair: Tomaz Petek, President EuroGeographics** **Suren Tovmasyan, General Director, Cadastre Committee of the Republic of Armenia** **Mr Mher Grigoryan, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia**
09.25– 09.45	Outline of Agenda and setting the scene • Welcome to new Member Heads • Introduction of Management Board Candidates • General Assembly Agenda	**Sallie Payne Snell, Secretary General & Executive Director**
09.45 – 09:50	Host's notices and announcements	
09:50 – 10.25	**Coffee (including conference photograph)**	
10.25 – 11:25	**Session 1 – Keynote Presentation** Bridging borders, building data: Connecting Geospatial Europe	**Opening Remarks: Mr Gevorg Papoyan, Minister of Economy of the Republic of Armenia** **Keynote:** Mr Albert Hayrapetyan, Associate Professor and Head of the Economic Research Department at the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia **Presentation:** Mr. Gohar Abajyan, Chief Executive Officer of Enterprise Armenia
11:25 – 12:40	**Session 2 – Cementing Success through Sustainable Financing** **This session will be formatted as a panel session addressing potential sources of funding and business models for long term sustainability.**	**Facilitator: Mr Vardan Karapetyan, Asian Development Bank (ADB)** **Panel:** • Fredrik Holmberg, Lantmäteriet Sweden • Cora Smelik, Kadaster Netherlands • Nick Bolton, Ordnance Survey • Constantin Osoianu, Agency for Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre, Moldova • Paolo Manunta, Asian Development Bank

12.40 – 12.45	Host's notices and announcements
12.45– 13.45	**Lunch**

Director Generals' Knowledge Exchange – Expert Exchange		
13.45 – 14.30	**Session 3 – Gaining Ground: Geospatial Representation in a Fragmented Landscape** This session will provide an update on representation activities focused on the Multi Financial Framework (MFF), sustainable funding for geospatial through the EU and geospatial policy ownership at both the European and Global levels.	**Chair:** Carol Agius, EuroGeographics • Greg Scott, Public Foundation
14.30 – 16.30	**Session 4: Stream 1 – Towards a common EU framework for geospatial data: Knowledge exchange workshop** **Chair: Andy Coote, ConsultingWhere** DG DEFIS has commissioned an 18-month study to assist in developing a comprehensive policy framework for improving access to core geospatial data across all Member States. This interactive session will provide an update on the current state of study and invite input to support formulating recommendations.	**Session 4: Stream 2 – Global Policy Ownership** UN-GGIM: Europe **Chair:** Carol Agius, EuroGeographics • James Norris, Ordnance Survey • Darko Vucetic, Republic Geodetic Authority
	Coffee break to be incorporated into the parallel sessions	
16.30 – 17.00	**Opportunity for bilateral meetings**	
16.30	**Close**	
17.30	**Leave the Marriott Hotel on Buses for the cultural evening**	**Dress code: Relaxed and Casual**

Tue 23rd March	Item	Chair/Speakers
09.00 – 09.05	Welcome to Day 2 – Round up of Day 1	**Sallie Payne-Snell, Secretary General & Executive Director**
09.05 – 09.35	**Session 5 – Keynote Presentation** Innovation for a connected Europe	**Chair: Eydís Líndal Finnbogadóttir, Natural Science Institute of Iceland** **Opening remarks:** Mr Davit Tadevosyan, Minister of High-Tech Industry of the Republic of Armenia **Presentation:** Representative from the Ministry of High-Tech Industry (TBC)
09.35 – 10.35	**Session 6 – Digital Natives – 2nd Edition** This session builds on the success of last year, we will again hear from a new generation of innovators and potential leaders as they give us a different perspective based on their knowledge and experience of always having technology at their fingertips.	**Chair: Nicholas Paparoditis, IGN France** Mariam Petrosyan, National University of Architecture and Construction of Armenia
10.35 – 11.05	**Coffee break**	
11.05 – 12.25	**Session 7 - From Data to Decisions** This will be an interactive panel session with our stakeholders to explore how decisions are improved through the provision of trusted, harmonised, pan-European geospatial data that meets their requirements.	**Facilitator: Angela Baker, EuroGeographics** **Panel:** • Marta Nagy-Rothengass, Eurostat, European Commissio • Prof. Steffen Schön, President of BKG Germany • Mrs. Apolonija Oblak-Flander, Statistical Office of Slovenia
12.25 – 13.15	**Session 8 - Connected by data** This session will focus on the EuroGeographics data strategy and the delivery of EuroCoreReferenceMap (ECRM).	**Chair: Pier Giorgio Zaccheddu, BKG** Speakers TBC
13.15 – 13.20	Host's notices and announcements	
13.20 – 14.30	**Lunch**	

CLOSED MEMBERS SESSION		
Formal Business of EuroGeographics AISBL		
14.30 – 14.45	Management Board Report to the General Assembly *(Paper 2.)*	**EuroGeographics Management Board** **Martins Liberts, Latvian Geospatial Information Agency**
14.45 – 15.45	**Formal Business** **EuroGeographics AISBL 2026 Accounts** *(Paper 3.)* Vote to approve the EuroGeographics AISBL 2026 accounts and discharge of the administrators **The 2027 Operating Plan, Budget & Subscriptions** *(Paper 4.)* Vote to approve EuroGeographics 2027 Operating Plan Vote to approve the 2027 Budget **Election of Management Board members** *(Paper 5.)* Vote to elect Management Board members	**Chair: Tomaz Petek, President EuroGeographics** EuroGeographics Treasurer Sallie Payne Snell, Secretary General & Executive Director, EuroGeographics EuroGeographics Treasurer Sallie Payne Snell, Secretary General & Executive Director, EuroGeographics
15.45 – 16.10	**Coffee**	
16.10 – 16.15	**Results of the votes of Management Board and Election of President** Vote to elect the President	Sallie Payne Snell, Secretary General & Executive Director, EuroGeographics
16.20 – 16.30	**Looking forward to the 2028 General Assembly**	Attila Hulber, Director General Lechner Institute, Hungary
16.30 – 16.55	**Outcomes of the Election of the President** **Conclusions of the 2027 General Assembly** **Close of the 2027 General Assembly**	Sallie Payne Snell, Secretary General & Executive Director New President EuroGeographics
16.55 – 17.00	Host's Notices and announcements	
17.00	**Close**	
17.05 – 17.30	**Management Board Meeting**	
18.15 – Leave the hotel to go for the formal dinner - Florence Restaurant and Complex		**Dress code: Formal**