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Title: Open European Location Services – what is possible?

Summary:

The Open European Location Services project is an example of cooperation of National Mapping and Cadastral Authorities in development and delivery on European open geospatial data services from official sources. It aims at maximizing the Use of authoritative geospatial information by providing certainty about what is free, what is charged for and under what terms and conditions.

But what is the current position for Open services across Europe and is a harmonised policy and licence for open data possible?

This presentation will share recent research carried out by EuroGeographics to answer this question – and describe progress of the development of Open Data Policy for OpenELS and associated licence. It will also reveal the extent of existing open INSPIRE services (based on research by EuroGeographics and the Joint Research Centre) and explain why bringing these together in a harmonised way will benefit both stakeholders and users alike.

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