



EUROGI VISION

Geographic Information with all its aspects should become a fully integrated component of the European knowledge-based society

EUROGI MISSION

In order to ensure good governance, economic and social development, environmental protection and sustainability, and informed public participation, the mission is to contribute to maximise the availability, effective use and exploitation of GI throughout Europe. This requires EUROGI to stimulate, encourage and support the development and effective use of GI and relevant technologies and policies, and to act as channel of the voice for the European GI community, private and public sectors alike.

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In August 2010, EUROGI, the European Umbrella Organisation for Geographic Information, took over the legacy of the eSDI-Net*plus* project, a thematic Network confounded by the eContent*plus* programme. The main public activity of the eSDI-Net*plus* Project was the international Conference “European SDI Best Practice Awards 2009. Learning from Best Practices” in Turin, Italy, November 2009, where twelve outstanding SDIs were awarded. The Conference was the provisional conclusion of a process that started in 2008 with the identification of promising SDIs in more than 20 European countries and the definition of a methodology to analyse SDIs: more than 200 sub-national or thematic SDIs were evaluated.

eSDI-Net*plus* project legacy

EUROGI supports the sustainability of the eSDI-Net*plus* network and ensures the continuation of the initiative and efforts of the project::

- The *SDI best practices database*. Data are updated to 2010. Currently (May 2011) the DB includes 124 SDIs from 21 countries http://www.esdinetplus.eu/best_practice/database.html. 33 indicators are published. The DB is open: it is possible for SDIs that have not participated in the previous phases, to register and publish their information. New SDIs, which were not included in the 2009 DB, are now registered. The DB has started to take on a “live of its own.”
- The *SDI self-assessment framework (SDI-SAF)*. This is the result of the overall assessment process (see http://www.esdinetplus.eu/download/eSDI-Net+_SDI_Self-Assessment_Framework.pdf): the main objective is to help SDIs to characterize and describe themselves. A clear understanding of its own strengths and weaknesses is needed to identify and follow a successfully implementation path. Comparisons with other SDIs is a useful exercise: SDI-SAF is intended for this. It provides a checklist useful to better focus on key issues in developing a SDI. The SDI-SAF serves also to facilitate communication from within the SDI community. The standardised descriptions of SDIs can easily be published. The idea of a framework such as SDI-SAF for the description, comparison and evaluation of SDIs has been presented in various international contexts and has been received with interest.

Sub-national SDIs Best Practices Awards 2011

Two years after the previous Awards ceremony held in 2009 in Turin, EUROGI organises the second sub-national SDIs Best Practices Awards Conference and Ceremony, to be held in October 12th 2011 in Brussels.



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Call for participants

Who should participate?

EUROGI invites all type of stakeholders in charge of sub-national (at any level, regional, local) or thematic SDIs, of any size and from any region of Europe, to participate. The application should be submitted by organisations facilitating access to geographic contents or providing geo-information services to end-users.

SDIs must meet the following criteria:

- they must have been operating for at least 12 months
- they must be web-based

Assessment process

SDI self-assessment framework (SDI-SAF) is the tool for collecting information needed in the assessment process. All information collected will be published in the *SDI best practices data base* after October 12th, 2011.

In some way, the idea is to retrace the same route taken for the 2009 Awards. The evaluation process will be based on the SDI-SAF indicators. A Jury is established to build new evaluation indexes and take account of the evolution of sub-national SDIs in the intervening two years. The Jury includes members with various SDI experiences and backgrounds: two of the members are from SDIs awarded in 2009. The underlying principle is: the SDI community assesses itself.

Assessment criteria

- quality of datasets and services
- datasets and services rising rate
- networking and partnerships
- sustainability
- users
- technology

How to participate?

Fill in the *SDI self-assessment framework* (SDI-SAF) by August 16th. The on-line SDI-SAF tool is available from June 21st (see: www.eurogi.org)

Sustainable results

A not insignificant result of this evaluation process will be an update of the *SDI best practices data base*. The Jury discussions on “what is better”, as happened in 2009 Awards, will result in the refinement and update of SDI-SAF itself.

Further and updated information about the EUROGI/eSDI-Net sub-national SDIs Best Practices Awards 2011 is available on the EUROGI web site (www.eurogi.org).

TIME SCHEDULE

- June 21st - August 16th
Sub-national SDIs can submit their application by filling in the SDI-SAF on-line tool available at the EUROGI website: www.eurogi.org
- June 27th - July 1st
Presentation of EUROGI/eSDI-Net Awards 2011 at the INSPIRE Conference in Edinburgh
- August 17th - September 20th
The Jury at work
- September 21st
The Jury contacts the awarded SDIs
- October 12th, Brussels
Awards Conference and Ceremony