

# European Association of Geographers

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# 2015 - A Year To Remember



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What role should a European, not-for-profit, geographical association play?

If you had asked me this before 2015, I would replied, that:

I EUROGEO supports its members and member associations,

II we provide help for geographical societies and professional bodies and, above all

III we fight for a strong future for geography and geographers.

This response represents the early roots of our association and the initial development of EUROGEO and an international non-for-profit organisation (NGO). However I believe this is no longer the case today.

The rise of NGOs in Europe is principally a modern phenomenon, resulting from an extension of citizenship rights. People founded increasing numbers of these organizations from the 19th century onwards. They were devised as instruments to meet community needs, defend interests or promote new policies. In 1979, when the European Commission established EUROGEO, the purpose was to break down borders across Europe by encouraging academics and educators to meet and work together on themes of common interest.

The early EUROGEO conferences were hosted by the EC in the main European seats of government; Brussels, Strasbourg and Luxembourg. They brought together association Presidents and their nominated representatives from the plethora of geographical societies in Europe.

The significant role played by geographical research in decision making was never on the agenda. The focus was on the survival of the discipline in schools and universities. Common problems were discussed, but little activity or action was possible at that time, largely due to the lack of finance but also the absence of continuity. A news bulletin was established, sharing maps and data on specific themes. As Europe expanded, the importance of gathering common geographic information data sets was recognised and the INSPIRE Directive was established to enable this. With the drive to delivering open data to citizens in Europe, geographical skills has become a high priority. Our innovative projects have demonstrated this and provided some responses, for example the GeoSkills Plus project in vocation education and the I-Use, Spatial Citizenship and other geo-ICT project activities in helping to raise the profile of geographical skills and increase the use of geo-media in schools and colleges.

The possibility for international NGO activity has grown steadily, such that today EUROGEO has the potential to contribute its geographical expertise to many different issues. The association has moved from mainly providing services to its members, to campaigning for broad ideals and maintaining a presence in international institutions and at important international meetings.



### A shift in activity, becoming a global player

In 2015, EUROGEO became a global player as an active stakeholder organisation in four major activities, the UNEP initiative Eye on Earth, "Geo for All", the IGU International Year of Global Understanding and the UN General Assembly for Habitat III.

Eye on Earth (<http://www.eoesummit.org/about-eye-on-earth/>) raises awareness of the crucial importance of geographic information and networking to environmental decision-making. It convenes thought and action leaders from the worldwide community, with the purpose to establish innovative actions and converge consensus on key areas of mutual importance, like access to data, education, biodiversity and ocean environments. The goal is to formulate programmes that influence policy makers around the world. Members of the association participated in the Eye on Earth summit in Abu Dhabi, organising round tables and thematic workshops.

Habitat III (<https://www.habitat3.org/>) is a special initiative of the World Urban Campaign. The aim is to coordinate stakeholders' engagement and contribution to the Habitat III Conference and in particular to its expected outcome, the New Urban Agenda. Habitat III is the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development which will take place in Quito, Ecuador, from 17–20 October 2016. The purpose is to reinvigorate the global commitment to sustainable urbanization, to focus on the implementation of a New Urban Agenda

Geo for All (<http://www.geoforall.org/>) is a grassroots development organised by the Open Source Geospatial Foundation's Open Educational outreach and with the mission for making geospatial education and opportunities accessible to all. Central to the „Geo for All“ mission is the belief that knowledge is a public good and Open Principles in Education will provide great opportunities for everyone. EUROGEO members are encouraged to join this initiative and support these goals.

The International Year of Global Understanding (<http://www.global-understanding.info/>) works to connect local actions and global challenges, focusing on the global sustainability of local action, while recognising that there are culturally different paths to global sustainability. The year says we need to understand what our daily actions mean for the world as a whole in order to overcome global challenges. We hope our activities lead to the launch, late in 2016, of a Global Understanding story competition together with the support of the Education Commission of the IGU and with the support of ESRI Inc. During 2015, significant global activities surrounding climate change, sustainable development, migration and terrorism have transformed the role of our geographical association and provided us with

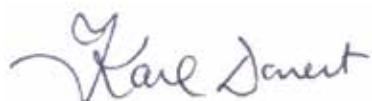
a clear mandate to make an impact in advising decision makers as well as promoting strong geographical education. Our position in the Council of Europe and with the UN meant that our views, as experts, have been counselled on these and other issues. We became actively involved in the climate change negotiations and facilitated significant debates in the UN, the Council of Europe, French National Assembly and also in Paris at COP21.

This activity has been extremely challenging. Engaging with the world of politics and policy requires a completely different skill set to that generated in being a subject specialist in higher education or in school. Our advocacy has involved awareness-raising, mobilisation of public opinion, providing expert advice, networking and lobbying. Creating a dialogue between the organisation (EUROGEO) and the authorities takes time. 2015 has demonstrated how far we have already come.

### Join us in this endeavour

We now invite you to participate in this with us, as international NGOs, like EUROGEO, have increasingly gained recognition from official institutions. We have already taken part in major social and political debates, geographical research is considered important and governments and think tanks are listening to us.

We need your support by becoming members of our association and then to share your research in our journal, the European Journal of Geography (<http://www.eurogeographyjournal.eu>). Also you can cite our journal to raise its status, so we can increasingly engage, in an informed way, with policy makers and attempt to influence public policy via active engagement in current debates.



Karl Donert | President EUROGEO

# European Journal Of Geography



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Scopus Team evaluation: “A fine journal with excellent and widely cited papers on European geography”

Summary by Month											
Month	Daily Average					Monthly Totals					
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits	
May 2016	1223	804	438	106	2361	4046457	2022	8331	15276	23255	
Apr 2016	1275	895	491	112	3651	7563887	3371	14746	26868	38260	
Mar 2016	1231	783	381	108	3934	7764425	3367	11817	24291	38183	
Feb 2016	1314	868	440	127	3266	8194997	3705	12765	25187	38123	
Jan 2016	1350	950	470	132	3850	9010872	4115	14595	29469	41862	
Dec 2015	1881	642	420	118	3113	4306357	3667	13034	19924	58335	
Nov 2015	1133	786	491	129	3460	4003703	3888	14752	23595	34015	
Oct 2015	978	621	348	112	3013	3064454	3473	10799	19273	30326	
Sep 2015	1080	687	410	138	3216	3033466	4186	12321	20626	32405	
Aug 2015	944	612	340	118	3007	2932470	3661	10567	18996	29283	
Jul 2015	1158	723	404	114	3135	3119655	3564	12538	22427	35905	
Jun 2015	985	555	327	98	3125	2912585	2968	9818	16677	29575	
Totals						59953328	41969	146083	262609	429527	

As I was reading the material produced during a meeting celebrating the 350th anniversary of “Philosophical Transactions”, the world’s first science journal, which introduced the fundamental concepts and processes that continue to be utilized by the 30,000 journals published today, it got me thinking about what kind of future lies ahead for electronic journals in general and the European Journal of Geography in particular.

There are many research efforts, reports and policy proposals put forth by individuals as well as by private and public institutions which all show that: on the one hand the traditional journal (including those in electronic form) should and will continue to operate because they provide formal, public, and orderly communication among scientists. On the other hand it is argued that there is a need for alternative scholarly scientific publishing, because of issues such as: corrupted peer review, the use of a Journals’ impact factor as the means to charge for publishing, illegal reproducibility, serious issues with ethics and misconduct, questionable mechanisms by which scientific knowledge is disseminated and assessed and mainly a practically business run scientific communication environment where companies are profiting from publishing the work of individual scientists.

My position on this debate lies somewhere in the middle. More specifically, I believe that the e-journals including EJG, must and will continue to operate in the future, but with increasing difficulty as result of the unfair competition of journals that do not rely on the voluntary work of the editorial team, but instead charge to publish and are operated by big publishing companies, which I also believe will continue to exist. In addition, however, I strongly believe that If EJG is going to make any significant progress, it is important that the editor and the EUROGEO Presidium should avoid quixotic forays against publishers running paid journals with high impact factors, resulting from a mechanism that I am not willing to characterize publicly and concentrate our energies on achievable objectives.

Given that the publication of the European Journal of Geography (EJG) serves the main goal of the European Association of Geographers to make European Geography a worldwide reference and standard, the EJG should concentrate on the following objectives:

- Communicate Geographic information to the widest possible audience,
- Continue validating the quality of Geographic research, which is the isthmus test of all journals ,
- Build a valid collective Geographic knowledge base,
- Promote the work of the Geographic community.

Therefore, it should be clear that the real issue is not in substituting journal publication with something else, which is a fairly simple technical matter, but in substituting for the prestige arising from journal publication, which is something else and should be based on these objectives.

The EJG in the last seven years has constantly produced more issues and more articles, with better quality papers, in all geographic subjects, from authors located in practically every country of Europe, the USA and from around the world.

YEAR	ISSUES	ARTICLES	AVERAGE
2010	1	5	5.0
2011	2	11	5.5
2012	3	14	4.7
2013	4	24	6.0
2014	4	26	6.5
2015	4	25	6.3
2016	4	28	7.0
Total	18	105	5.8



In general, EJG not only has been steadily improving in all areas of publishing, but the scientific community has been increasingly accepting it as a major forum to communicate the work of Geographers. All these are due to the dedication of the editorial staff that are proud to keep the flag of EUROGEO proudly flight in the international scientific environment.

I would like to close this brief report on EJG by reassuring all our Geography colleagues who have or plan to publish in our journal, we religiously follow at EJG, Hagstrom’s principle that “scientists produce publications as gifts to the community in exchange for the rewards of recognition and acknowledgment”, which are materialized when their papers appears in the EJG.

Professor Kostis Koutsopoulos  
Vice President, Editor-in Chief



# EUROGEO Conference 2015



## Communicating Geography: Serving Our World

The 2015 annual conference of the European Association of Geographers (EUROGEO) was held in Ankara (Turkey) from 21st to the 22nd of May 2015. The Turkish Association of Geographers hosted the conference at the Başkent Teacher's House, a venue for visiting professionals and academics. The general coordinator of the congress Dr Salih Şahin, from Gazi Üniversitesi, worked with the members of the association including Professor Yılmaz Arı (Balıkesir Üniversitesi, Türkiye), Professor İlhan Kaya (Dicle Üniversitesi, Türkiye), Dr Nuri Yavan (Ankara Üniversitesi, Türkiye), Dr Ali Demirci (Fatih Üniversitesi, Türkiye), Professor Servet Karabağ (Gazi Üniversitesi, Türkiye), Murat Karabulut (Kahramanmaraş Sütçü İmam Üniversitesi, Türkiye) and Dr Alper Uzun (Balıkesir Üniversitesi, Türkiye) among others.

Two keynote speakers provided a wide vision of territorial and social aspects relevant to geography. They were Dr Oğuz şık (ODTÜ/METU, Ankara) who spoke about Social Sciences, Geography and Inequalities in the 21st Century and Professor Johann-Bernhard Haversath (Giessen University, Germany) whose presentation was about issues associated with Eastern and Central Europe: from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

One of the innovations at the event was the flash session conducted by Luc Zwartjes, which allowed the sharing of work, ideas and projects in flash (short 5 minute) presentations. Delegates interaction and networking was maximised and reinforced by the informality of the session. The ESRI team lead by Michael Gould, Education Outreach, ran an interesting workshop on Communicating Geography using Esri StoryMaps, demonstrating the capabilities and possibilities of communicating Geography via the Esri StoryMaps templates. Mapita, the Finnish spin-off company from Aalto University's Land Use Planning and Urban Studies research group presented a workshop showing how to create public participation practices based on mapping

methods (PPGIS, SoftGIS, VGI).

A useful session called "Writing for publication: question and answer", explaining how to present quality articles to the European Journal of Geography, was useful for attendants interested in sending an article to the SCOPUS indexed journal.

Nearly two hundred and fifty papers were presented as oral presentations at parallel sessions together with 20 posters. Academics and researchers from many European universities attended, with high school teachers, companies, NGOs, students and EGEA, the student geographical association.

All aspects of Geography were mentioned in the intensive parallel sessions of the conference, particularly those dealing with urban areas, transport, environment, GIS, tourism, geopolitics and education under the umbrella of the main conference theme, "Communicating Geography: serving our world".

As usual, the annual meeting of EUROGEO took place at the annual conference and the Annual Report of the previous year was presented and Presidium elections took place.

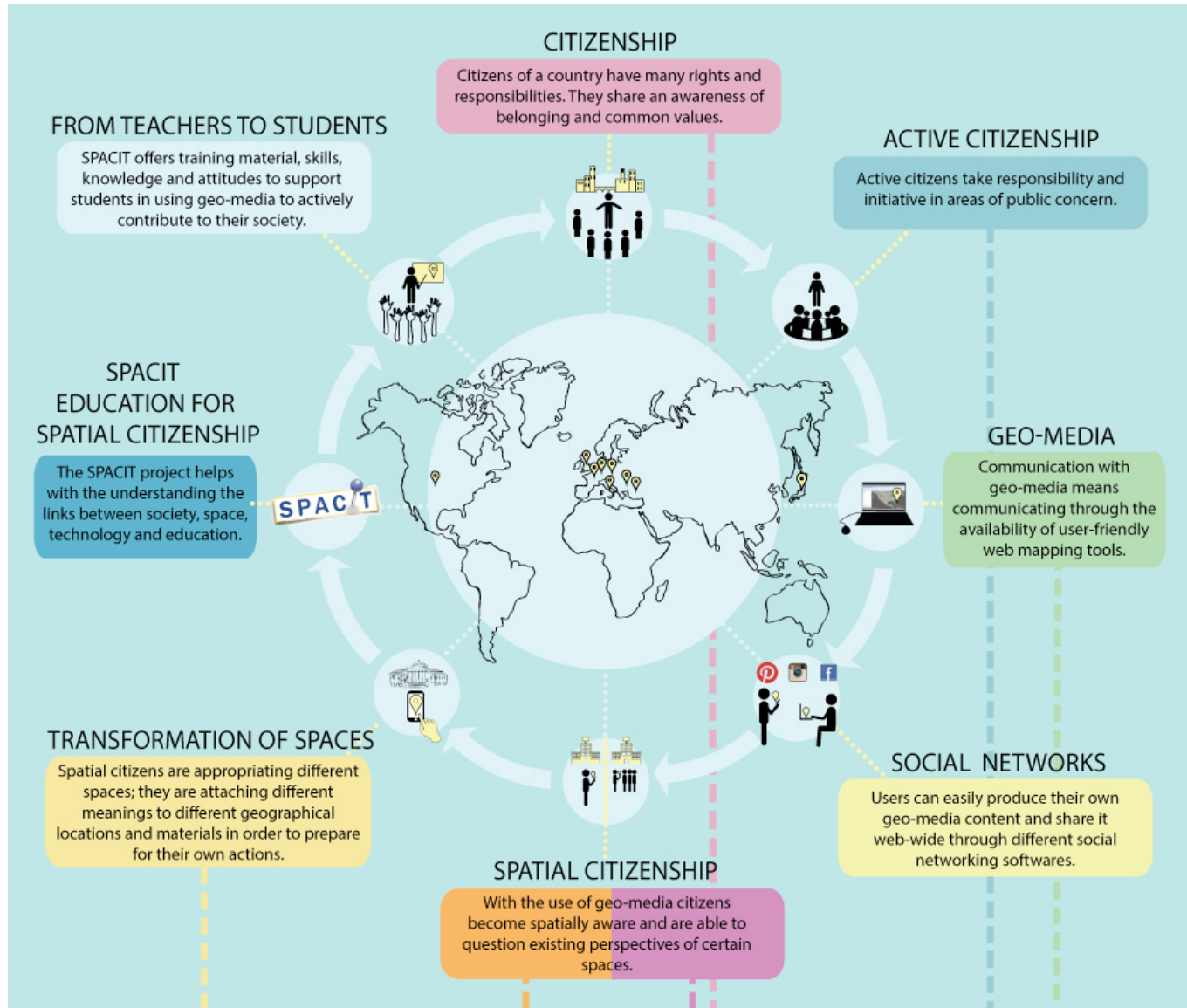
An excellent field trip to Capadoccia took place on May 23rd. This demonstrated the wonderful landscape full of history and fulfilled the traditional Turkish hospitality.

*Dr María Luisa de Lázaro* | Vice President

The 2016 EUROGEO Conference "Geographic Information: for a better world" will be held in conjunction with the Real Sociedad Geográfica, the Spanish Geographers Association and the University of Malaga (Spain), from 29th to the 30th of September 2016.

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# Spatial Citizenship: A Project Transforming Spatial Thinking In Teacher Education



EUROGEO has been a core member of the innovative and highly ambitious Spatial Citizenship project. This examined the use of geo-media (geographic media) in education. The aim was to successfully take advantage of new tools and technologies and encourage classroom learning that would encourage the participation of youngsters as responsible “spatial citizens”.

In order to achieve this, SPACIT defined and developed materials reflecting on the new capabilities that geospatial technologies bring. The project raised awareness of both the opportunities as well as impacts and challenges of using geo-media in society.

The main outcome has been a freely available teacher training course (<http://www.spatialcitizenship.org>) providing teachers with the potential to create inspiring learning for spatial citizens. A spatial citizen should be able to interpret and critically reflect on spatial information, communicate with the assistance of maps and other spatial representations, and express location-specific opinions using geo-media.

Download the SPACIT teacher training course at <http://www.spatialcitizenship.org>

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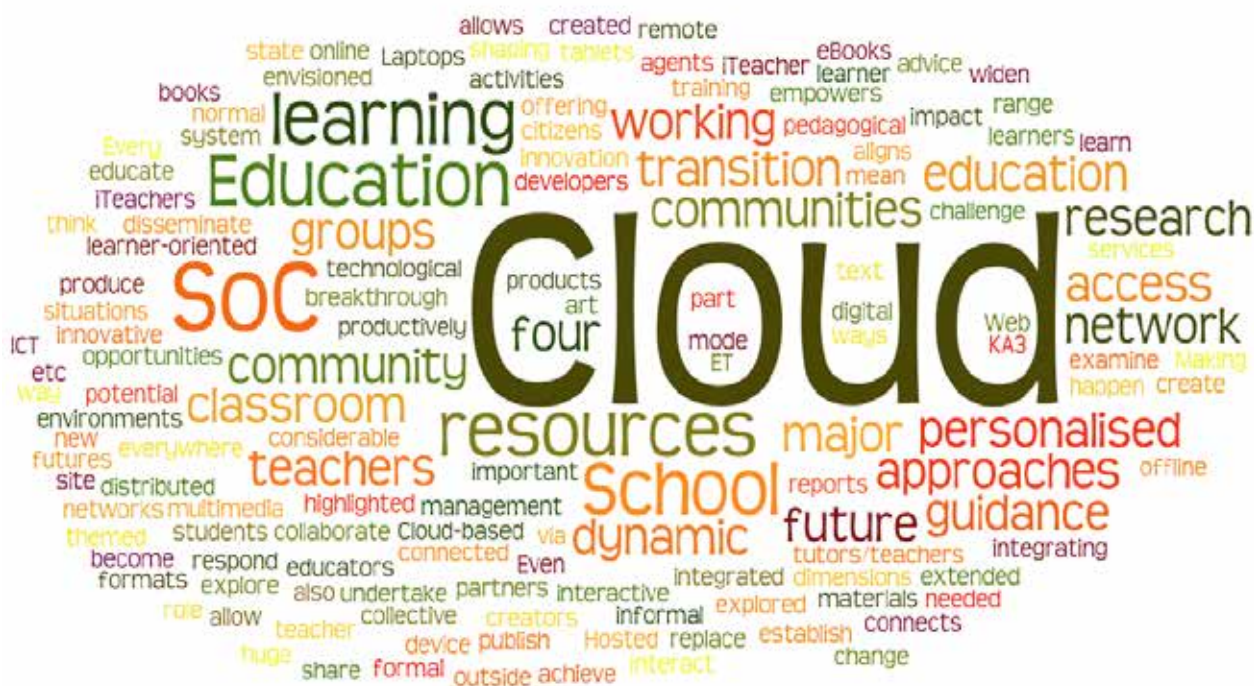


# School on Cloud: A Project Connecting Education To The Cloud For Digital Citizenship

WG4: i-Future, after exploring the cloud for education, it is a key point when it comes to future scenarios of the project and situations resulting from emerging cloud tools on learning, teaching and managing. This is the main aim of this WG.

It is possible to contact SoC on social media:  
twitter: @schooloncloud; facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SchoolOnTheCloud> and Linkedin group  
schooloncloud-7426807

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Vice President



# Financial Report 2015

## positive balance

In 2015 EUROGEO had a positive balance of 25,031.32 EUR.

Our main incomes is:

- projects EUROGEO is involved in as partner, such as GI Learner, School On the Cloud, I Use Statistics in Education
- our annual congress, which was jointly held with the Turkish Geography Association in Ankara

Our main expenses are:

- services, including payment of people doing the project work and board expenses (incl. board meeting and lobbying)
- goods, including payment of the web sites for EUROGEO and the European Journal of Geography, costs for our accountant and auditor, and web hosting as well as our web platform Moodle and other online service platforms

In this balance, extra income to the association of 119,746,80 EUR has not been included as this was received as the first payment from the European Commission for the project YouthMetre which EUROGEO is the lead partner. These funds will be distributed to project partners in 2016 for their work on this exciting new venture.

As this demonstrates our increasing involvement in all kinds of projects is not only good for the image and status of the association and the advancement of geography and geographical awareness, but it also gives the association financial benefit within which its activities can be supported.

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EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	INCOME	AMOUNT
Services	88,255.42 €	Membership	720.00 €
Financial costs	25.56 €	Subsidies	0.00 €
Other costs	0.00 €	Congresses and courses	15,627.75 €
		Projects	96,947.30 €
		Trainings	0.00 €
		Financial profits	17.25 €
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>88,280.98 €</b>	<b>Total income</b>	<b>113,312.30 €</b>
<b>Balance 2015</b>			<b>+25,031.32 €</b>





# EUROGEO In HABITAT III Towards A New Urban Agenda

EUROGEO has joined the General Assembly of Partners (GAP), which will carry out its work until the end of the Habitat III (United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development) that will take place in October 2016 in Quito (Ecuador). GAP, is a special initiative of the World Urban Campaign to serve as a broad-based deliberative platform for non-governmental partners in order to develop a consensus for two joined outcome documents, The City We Need and Partnership for the New Urban Agenda.

GAP aims to support stakeholders' engagement and contributions to the Third Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat III) that will have as a main outcome the approbation of the New Urban Agenda. This document will serve as a global framework and international commitment for urban development for the twenty next years (2016-2036). The New Urban Agenda requires collaborative approaches based on strong partnerships that foster innovative ways of thinking, new levels of understanding and knowledge. UN-Habitat commits GAP to work together in the creation of planning frameworks for a sustainable, equitable urban future.

GAP consists of 14 Partner Constituent Groups (PCG) with members from the United Nations' major groups and other relevant stakeholders. EUROGEO has been included into Professionals PGC, in representation of geographers from Europe and all over the world, working with other urban professionals associations (planners, architects, civil engineers, housing managers, builders, etc.) The work of this group is focused in proposing a set of actionable recommendations supported by evidence and knowledge, exemplary urban solutions and experiences related to sustainable urbanization generated by practitioners from diverse backgrounds.

GAP (Plenary and PGC's) meeting was held in New York in October 2015, where the New York Declaration was adopted (<http://tinyurl.com/gg8t9n4>), a statement also supported by EUROGEO Vice President Rafael de Miguel, in an effort to establish linkages between the New Urban Agenda and other global processes – mainly the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and the 21st Conference of Parties on Climate Change (COP21).

The next meetings in which EUROGEO will participate are in Prague (regional, March 2016) and Barcelona (thematic, April, 2016) to go ahead with the work of the GAP as developing common positions on key principles and thematic areas to be articulated in the New Urban Agenda as presented in October 2016 during Habitat III.

*Dr. Rafael de Miguel González*  
Vice President



# Making A Difference: Activities at Council of Europe

education  
for living  
together

About 300 non-government organisations have participatory status at the Council of Europe. Since 1979 EUROGEO has been one of them, with a representative attending every NGO meeting there since this time. The NGOs work together in the Council on aspects concerning human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

The Council of Europe is located in Strasbourg as an international organization focused on promoting these aspects through economic development and integration of certain regulatory functions via the European Courts of Justice. The European Parliamentary Assembly meets at the Council of Europe at least four times a year, when European politicians debate and decide on major issues.

In 2015 EUROGEO was involved in meetings with parliamentarians focusing on terrorism, following the "Charly Hebdo" and "kosher grocery store" massacre in Paris. In this respect, actions involving the launching of a No Hate Speech campaign by the NGO Human Rights Committee and specific initiatives which aim to transform Education for Living Together, by the NGO Education Committee. EUROGEO holds the chairmanship of the NGO Working Group on Climate Change and Human Rights (CCHR). The group held 4 meetings during 2015 as well as a joint climate change event organized with members of the Parliamentary Assembly, within the Council of Europe and two side-events with speakers at the COP21 negotiations in Paris. The purpose of these activities has been to lobby politicians to include human rights as a core component of the climate change agreement.

Migration was another major issue addressed by NGOs, as more and more refugees crossed into Europe throughout 2015 and governments struggled to find answers. In this respect Professor Karl Donert, President of EUROGEO, gave presentations on the complexity of the migration process and the issues being raised as well as the threats to human rights and trafficking.

An extremely busy year for EUROGEO and our work in raising awareness of the importance of geographical perspectives in decision making at national and European level.

Towards the end of the year the association received the news that its Forward Looking proposal "YouthMetre: empowering youth to become engaged & have an impact on EU youth policy" had been selected for funding by the European Commission.

*Karl Donert*  
President



# EUROGEO Online

EUROGEO is an organization leading the promotion of geography and disseminating the work of geographers, putting great effort into connect all geo-enthusiasts from Europe and beyond. Due to the wide incorporation of a "geo" component into everyday life and the work of different groups of professionals, and society in general, EUROGEO fulfils its mission by communicating geography to many non geographers.

Today, social media connects people to all forms of geography and major events such as migration, environmental pollution, demographics and climate change. This in turn changes the way people and places are connected, formed and viewed as part of globalisation. This produces new forms of public geographies and great potential to engage people in geographical perspectives.

The Association uses many channels to spread out its online activity. It has been widely present in social media (Facebook, Twitter and the LinkedIn networks) since 2011. EUROGEO online connects more than 8000 users, sharing their experience in use of geography for building more sustainable future.

Many thousands of associated members and enthusiasts of the Association receive monthly newsletters. They are also published on the EUROGEO

website, available under the link: [www.eurogeography.eu](http://www.eurogeography.eu). The newly refreshed website was launched in 2014 attracting more than 50,000 visitors a year. Specific activities undertaken in the projects led by or supported by EUROGEO are presented through dedicated newsletters as well as on Facebook/Twitter and LinkedIn networks.

Find EUROGEO online at: [www.eurogeography.eu](http://www.eurogeography.eu) and the European Journal of Geography at [www.eurogeographyjournal.eu](http://www.eurogeographyjournal.eu)



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## about

The principal aims of EUROGEO are to advance the status of geography by: organising events and activities for members producing publications for members supporting geographers in their jobs and careers identifying and promoting good practise lobbying at European and national level giving advice on geography making recommendations to decision makers EUROGEO promotes the European dimension in geographical education as a contribution towards the development of...

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# GeoSkills Plus - Declaration For Europe



EUROGEO has been a partner in the GeoSkills Plus Transfer of Innovation Project, coordinated by the Dutch KADASTER agency. GeoSkills Plus developed an approach to identify and analyse key factors responsible for the mismatches in GeoSkills education, training and employment in Belgium, Bulgaria, Lithuania and The Netherlands. Understanding and raising awareness of the paradigms and challenges influencing the geospatial labour market was the main goal, achieved by organising meetings with decision-makers from several countries and in different regions of Europe. The GeoSkills Plus Project has developed a platform that can be used to improve skills for geospatial vocational education and training in Europe and encourage cooperation between stakeholders from the geospatial academic domain and the world of work. An approach was developed to identify and analyse key factors responsible for the mismatches in education, training and employment.

The final meeting of GeoSkills Plus on September 17th, 2015 demonstrated the methodology developed to define the gap between key players in the geospatial sector within a country and produced an overview of the opportunities for awareness raising activities that countries might use in their efforts to raise awareness about the importance of 'geoskills'.

Based on the Project outcomes and in order to help establish a spatially enabled society and meet growing needs for 'geoskills' at national and European level, the following future actions should be taken by the European policy makers:

- Monitoring, identifying and addressing qualitative and quantitative gaps in the geospatial labour market should become an important European priority to be developed, supported and resourced.
- awareness raising of the relevance and importance of geospatial education in Europe in order to exchange strategies and best practices between countries and stakeholders
- provision of resources to encourage joint cooperation between education, government, the labour market and professional associations so that harmonised actions can be established for learning, teaching and training in Europe (curricula, job descriptions, labour market requirements, qualifications, government standards).

As a result of this EUROGEO has applied, as coordinating institution, to establish a Sector Skills Alliance project called Geo-ICT.

<http://www.geoskillsplus.eu>





# Geography At Work - 70 Geography Professionals Meet In The Netherlands



In 2015 EUROGEO co-organized the first EGEA-alumni conference. This conference brought together more than 70 European geographers to present and discuss the work that they do. Most participants were alumni members of EGEA, the European Geography Association for Students and Young Geographers. The conference location was the same as EGEA's Annual Congress in 2004 so for many participants it was also a reunion with their friends at the same castle as 11 years earlier.

The aim of the conference was to find out and discuss what kind of jobs geographers are doing. From the presentations it became clear that the broad education that geographers enjoyed, leads to very diverse career paths. The presentations were ordered in sessions by work discipline. There were presentations from academics, people working at research institutes, the energy sector, GIS, project development, government, traffic policy, entrepreneurs, tourism and education. There was one training session, a forum discussion and two field trips (by bike). EUROGEO President Karl Donert held a key-note speech about leadership and Lauren Guy, founder of Utilis, presented his company and what it means to be an entrepreneur.

A second aim of the conference was to relaunch the EGEA Alumni organization. EGEA alumni used to be an organization of former members of EGEA who met irregularly at informal meetings. The challenge of the alumni organization is to attract members from different generations of EGEAns, from recent graduates to the members from the very beginning in 1987. At the conference there were EGEA members from three different decades and the enthusiasm of the participants promises a flourishing future for the alumni

organization. EUROGEO is helping EGEA in setting up this Alumni organization. There is already an official foundation based in the Netherlands, a board and a Facebook group with over 1000 members.

The Geography at Work conference was supported by HERE, EduGIS, EFTAS and Utilis. The next EGEA alumni conference is expected to be held in 2017 (when EGEA celebrates its 30 year birthday) in conjunction with the EGEA Annual Congress.

*Gert Ruepert*  
Vice President

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career  
paths



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