

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between the
INTERNATIONAL CARTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION
and
EuroSDR

NOTING that ICA is the world authoritative body for cartography and Geographic Information (GI) Science, that ICA works with national and international governmental and commercial bodies and with other international scientific societies to contribute to the understanding and solution of world-wide problems through the use of cartography and GIScience in decision-making processes, fostering the international dissemination of environmental, economic, social and spatial information through mapping; and that it provides a global forum for discussion of the role and status of cartography and GIScience facilitating the transfer of new cartographic and GI technology and knowledge between nations, especially to the developing nations; to carry out or to promote multi-national cartographic and GIScience research in order to solve scientific and applied problems; and also enhances cartographic and GIScience education in the broadest sense through publications, seminars and conferences and promotes the use of professional and technical standards in cartography and GIScience; and

NOTING that EuroSDR is the European spatial data research platform for National Mapping and Cadastre Agencies (NMCA's), embracing Academic Institutes, the Private Sector, Industry and User Groups, on issues strongly related to the implementation of technology developments with respect to optimising the provision (collection, processing, storage, maintenance, visualisation, dissemination and use) of reference information (data serving as a spatial framework for organisations involved in monitoring, management and development) in a Geo-information Infrastructure (GI) context, and that EUROSDR manages collaborative research projects and organises international workshops and courses, in collaboration with related (inter)national organisations and/or (scientific) societies/associations, addressing the key issues mentioned in a timely and focused manner; thus

CONCLUDING that ICA and EuroSDR share a common interest in addressing issues relating to the development of technology, standards and applications for a range of geospatial data handling purposes, notably in production, visualisation, analysis and dissemination;

this MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is presented to provide a framework for a continuing liaison between the two organisations. This will be achieved by maintaining and increasing the opportunities of scientific, technical and professional as well as academic and educational exchange between their members, through a continuing programme of co-operation leading to mutual sharing of knowledge and expertise to the advantage of both organisations.

Both organisations HEREBY AGREE to endeavour to intensify their co-operation for mutual benefit. The following steps will be taken, among others:

1. The relevant academic, scientific or operationally established groupings such as commissions, committees or working groups that each organisation has established will liaise closely with each other and invite representation from each other where it is agreed that it would be appropriate.

2. Each organisation will inform the other of its programme of proposed scientific, academic or professional activities such as conferences, seminars and workshops to enable joint participation should it be of mutual benefit, and publicise and inform its members of these events as appropriate.
3. Both organisations will identify opportunities to organise specialised seminars or workshops under joint sponsorship, and may also seek to promote joint publications.
4. The Research Agenda of ICA and the EuroSDR Research Plan will be scrutinised to determine specific areas of common interest. Collaborative research in areas such as map production and economics, geospatial core databases, Spatial Data Infrastructures, standards and open software, cartographic and GI modelling, cartographic generalisation, and data quality, are addressed by a number of ICA Commissions and Working Groups, and EuroSDR Commissions, and collaboration will be sought especially within these areas.
5. This Memorandum will not of itself give rise to any financial implications for ICA or for EuroSDR;
6. This Memorandum may be modified or amended by written agreement between ICA and EuroSDR;
7. This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature by the authorized representatives of ICA and EuroSDR and may be terminated by either ICA or EuroSDR by written notification to the other party six months in advance of the date of termination.

IN WITNESS WHITHIN, the parties hereto have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on the 26th day of August 2013.

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Georg GARTNER
President
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Thorben Brigsted HANSEN
President
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