



### Background

- Results are based on questionnaire of the Eurogeographics' Expert Group on Quality
- Eurogeographics represents 46 European National Mapping and Cadastral Organizations from 41 countries
- Investigation is part of Eurospec programme that is developing common specification for reference datasets

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### Methods

- Questionnaire to the NMCAs in 2003 and update in 2004.
- used INSPIRE definitions for reference data themes and FACC data dictionary for definition of feature types

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### Coverage of the investigation

- 33 countries (89 % countries replied)
- 82 organizations
- Coverage 73 % of European countries
- nearly all EU countries (except Luxemburg)

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### Reference datasets

- a series of data sets that everyone involved with geographic information uses to reference his/her own data as part of their work
- provides a common link between applications and thereby provides a mechanism for the sharing of knowledge and information amongst people
- 236 datasets were identified
- Object orientation is typically the goal for vector datasets
- Interoperability between countries regarding technical aspects, content and updating policy was not available
- Specifications were based on national standards
- Harmonisation process is not yet initiated

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### Topographic datasets (TDBs)

- TDB in 23 countries (all had topographic data)
- Object-based in 10 countries

Coverage of topographic datasets

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