

# 9.b. EUVN-DA status and final report

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# **EUVN-DA Objectives**



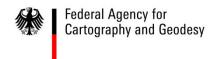
- provide better information on the national height datum differences
- help identifying the gravimetric geoid, GPS and/or leveling errors
- serve datum information to the European geoid determination
- support the future realization(s) of the continental height reference surface gravimetric/GPS/levelling geoid.



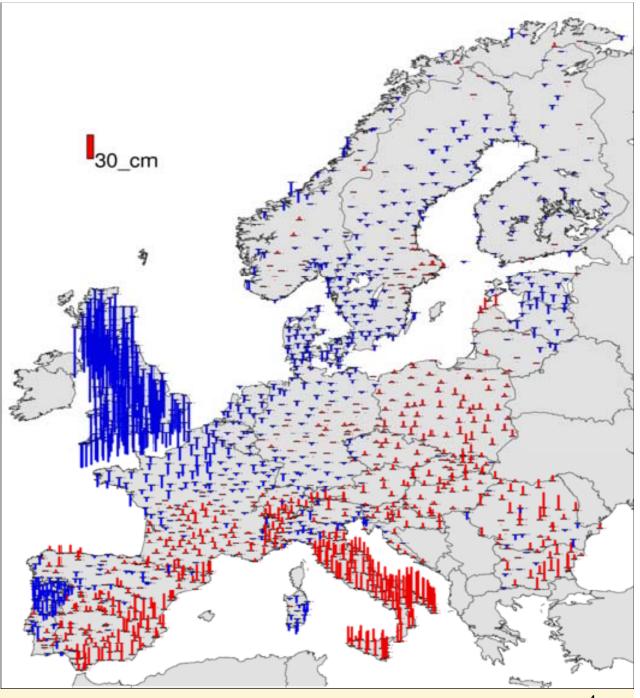
 Distribution of the EUVN and EUVN\_DA benchmarks (blue and black dots, respectively) as of March 2009



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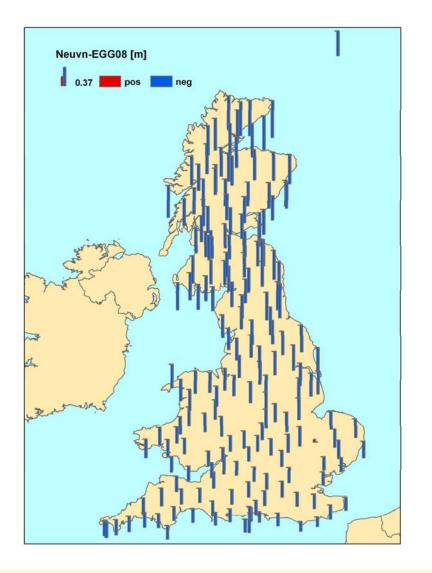
 Height anomaly differences of EUVN\_DA and EGG08



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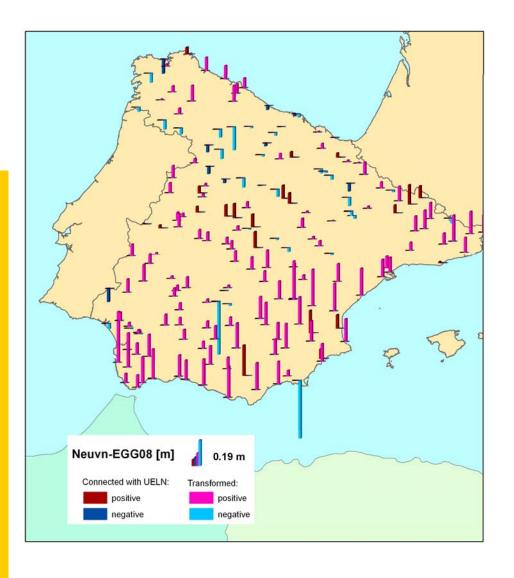
#### **EUVN\_DA** weak points - UK



- EUVN\_DA stations not directly connected with UELN
- height transformation from national system to EVRF2007
- computation of transformation parameters: maximum residuals between -5 and + 8 cm
- height connection to the mainland in the EVRF2007 only by hydrodynamic leveling – possibly datum offset?
- publication by Edge (1959) suspects a tilt in the UK leveling network



### **EUVN\_DA** weak points - Spain



- 30 stations directly connected to UELN,
- for 142 stations only height transformation from national heights to EVRF2007

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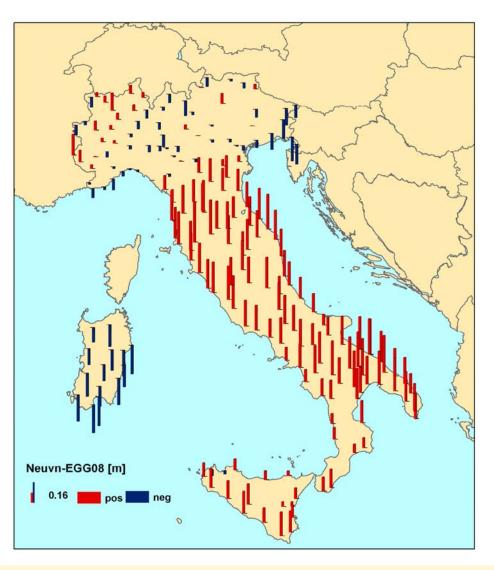




- differences between orthometric heights (Spain) and normal heights (EVRF2007) depends on the height -> transformation errors in the mountains
- better possibility: transformation of geopotential values (was used in Portugal)
- this needs:
  - knowledge of applied formula for orthometric correction
  - gravity values of the EUVN\_DA stations not available
- EUVN\_DA stations of Spain are connected to the new national leveling network
- measurements not available yet at the UELN data and computation center



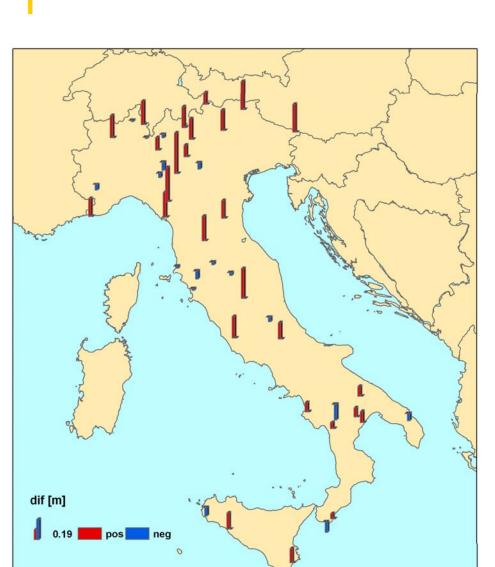
#### **EUVN\_DA** weak points - Italy



- EUVN\_DA stations not directly connected with UELN
- height transformation from national system to EVRF2007
- computation of transformation parameters: maximum residuals between
   -9 and + 7 cm
- different transformation parameters derived from different sets of identical points were used – all without satisfactory results



# Unexplainable differences in leveling data in Italy

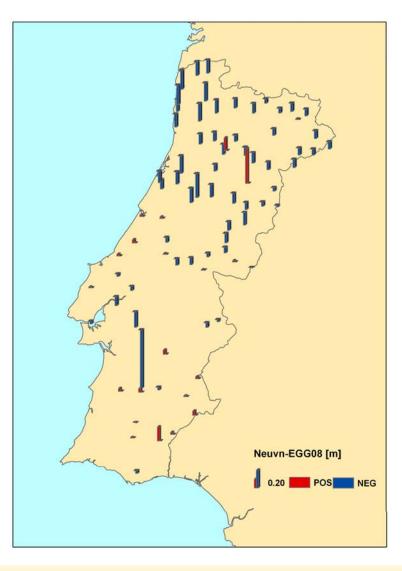


- for all 195 leveling points
   "Height a.m.s.l. Genova (IGM95)" is given
- for 44 leveling points additionally gepotential values and gravity are available
- graphic shows differences between national heights provided by Italy and heights computed from geopotential values (no fundamental difference between comparing normal or orthometric heights)
- it looks like a mix of different height reference systems

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#### **EUVN\_DA** weak points - Portugal



- EUVN\_DA stations not directly connected with UELN
- transformation of geopotential values from national system to EVRF2007, afterwards computation of normal heights
- computation of transformation parameters: maximum residuals between -1 and +1 kgal-cm



## Statement

- **EUVN-DA** initiated a special development for our **European reference systems**
- we have find new aspects which we have to consider and to investigate, the investigations are not finished
- The final report for the EUVN-DA project was postponed again and again.
- It is my opinion to close the EUVN-DA project. Therefore I propose to prepare the EUVN-DA final report to the agenda of the next TWG meeting. In the final report the open questions have to be mentioned.
- The improvement of the GNSS/levelling data in Europe is a permanent process. I propose to continue the improvement of the EUVN-DA aspects in the frame of the European levelling network.

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