

# MAIN ACTIVITIES AND NEW INITIATIVES OF THE EUREF TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

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# **EUREF TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)**

- ✖ Technical Working Group = EUREF steering committee
- ✖ The EUREF TWG was created at the EUREF symposium in Berne, 1992
- ✖ Meets two to three times a year to manage current activities
- ✖ Minutes of the meetings are published together with the symposia proceedings : <http://www.euref.eu/>
- ✖ Members elected by the plenary (4 year term, renewable once), ex-officio members, members in charge of special tasks

# CURRENT MEMBER LIST

- ✖ Zuheir Altamimi, France
- ✖ Elmar Brockmann, Switzerland
- ✖ Carine Bruyninx, Belgium (TWG chair)
- ✖ Alessandro Caporali, Italy
- ✖ Jan Dousa, Czech Republic
- ✖ Rui Fernandes, Portugal
- ✖ Heinz Habrich, Germany
- ✖ Helmut Hornik, Germany (EUREF secretary)
- ✖ Johannes Ihde, Germany (EUREF chair)
- ✖ Ambrus Kenyeres, Hungary
- ✖ Martin Lidberg, Sweden
- ✖ Jaakko Mäkinen, Finland
- ✖ Markku Poutanen, Finland
- ✖ Wolfgang Söhne, Germany
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- ✖ João Torres, Portugal

## Honorary members:

- ✖ Claude Boucher, France
- ✖ Erich Gubler, Switzerland
- ✖ Herman Seeger, Germany
- ✖ Werner Gurtner†, Switzerland
- ✖ Herman Seeger, Germany
- ✖ Knud Poder, Denmark

# EUREF GOALS

Define, realise, maintain, provide access and promote  
the adoption of

- ✖ ETRS89
  - European Terrestrial Reference System
- ✖ EVRS
  - European Vertical Reference System

# ETRS89 – DEFINITION & REALISATION

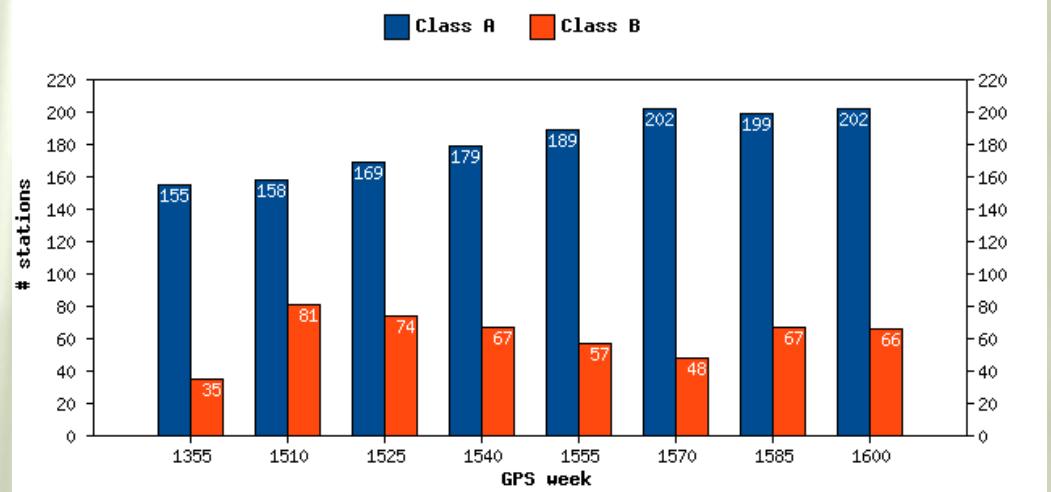
- ✖ Linked to the stable part of the Eurasian plate
- ✖ « Stable coordinates »
  - + Coordinate jumps
    - ✖ Reference frame changes → adopt ETRF2000 as the conventional frame for the ETRS89 (no new ETRF frame association with ITRF2008, **Altamimi, Session 1**)
  - + Local geodynamics → TWG studied the « Lifetime of ETRS89 Coordinates”, **Caporali et al., Session 1**

# ETRS89 – PROVIDE ACCESS

- ✖ EUREF Permanent Network (EPN), (Bruyninx, Habrich, Session 1)

EPN coordinates and velocities updated each 15 weeks

- + Class A → to be used for densifications of ETRS89 (*Guidelines for EUREF densifications, Bruyninx et al 2009*)
- + Class B (mostly young sites)
- + Last update: GPS week 1600 (Oct. 2010). No new updates done at present (next: fall 2011)



# ETRS89 – PROVIDE ACCESS

- × EPN re-processing : first results available (**Völksen, Habrich, Kenyeres, Session1**)
- × EPN Local Analysis Centers Workshop, Warsaw, 17-18.11.2010
- × Real-time analysis pilot project:(**Söhne, session 2**)
  - + 49% of EPN : real-time data streams
  - + ETRS89 orbits/clock correction → provide direct access to ETRS89 in the field at few dm-level

# ETRS89 – PROMOTE ADOPTION

- ✖ Guidelines for ETRS89 densifications
  - + ITRF2008/IGS08: Update necessary (ITRF2005)
  - + Contact TWG !
- ✖ Validation of EUREF campaigns (Serbia, Faroe Islands, FYROM, **session 6**)
- ✖ ITRS ↔ ETRS89 on-line transformation programs  
on-line: [http://www.epncb.oma.be/\\_dataprodcts/coord\\_trans/](http://www.epncb.oma.be/_dataprodcts/coord_trans/)
  - + Update to include transformations to and from ITRF2008

# ETRS89 – PROMOTE ADOPTION

- ✖ Overview of first answers to new questionnaire about adoption of ETRS89 and usage of EUREF products (Ihde, **session1**)
  
- ✖ Monitoring of the official ETRS89 coordinates used by the NMCA continued (E. Brockmann)

# Number of EPN sites with official national ETRF coordinates

No information (EPN sites)

Ok: (xx CRD delivered / EPN sites)

No EPN sites used: (xx CRD delivered / EPN sites)

Coordinates delivered, but no publication on EPN (xx CRD delivered /EPN sites)

Out of geographical scope of ETRS89 (EPN sites)

Greenland:4

Israel: 2

Jordan: 1

Morocco: 2

Armenia: 1

Official ETRF coordinates:

**26** countries

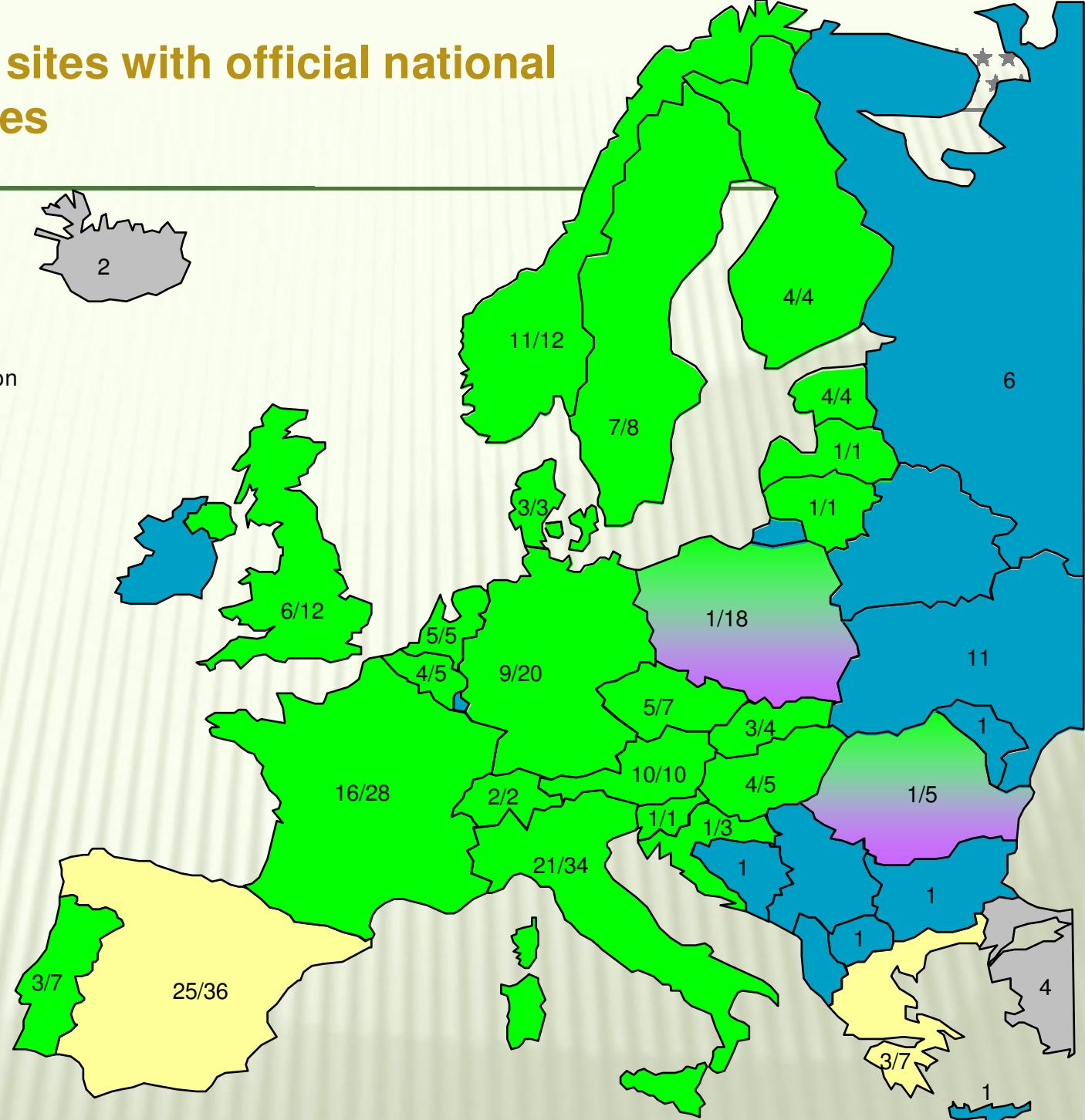
**157** sites

EPN: **40** countries

**287** active sites

Status National: 17.5.2011

EPN: 17.5.2011



# COORDINATE WEB PAGE



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## EUREF Permanent Network



EPN CB HOME

### ORGANISATION

Creation, Management, Structure, Relation to IGS, Projects, Guidelines, FAQ

### TRACKING NETWORK

Maps, Stations, Equipment & calibration, Station coordinates, Site log validation & submission

### DATA & PRODUCTS

Data access, Analysis centres, Products, Time series, ETRS89/ITRS transformation, Formats

### NEWS & MAIls

News, Mails, Calendar, Papers, Workshops, Web site history

### FTP & WEB ACCESS

Anonymous FTP, Web site index, Related links

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### MAR6\_10405M002

#### Site Description

##### LOCATION



##### LOG FILE

mar6\_20080508.log (current) [View](#)

##### PICTURES



##### OPERATIONAL CENTRE

LMV

##### OTHER NETWORKS

IGS, TOS, ECGN

##### EPN INCLUSION

Since 308/1996 (GPSweek No 0878).

##### INACTIVITY PERIODS

None

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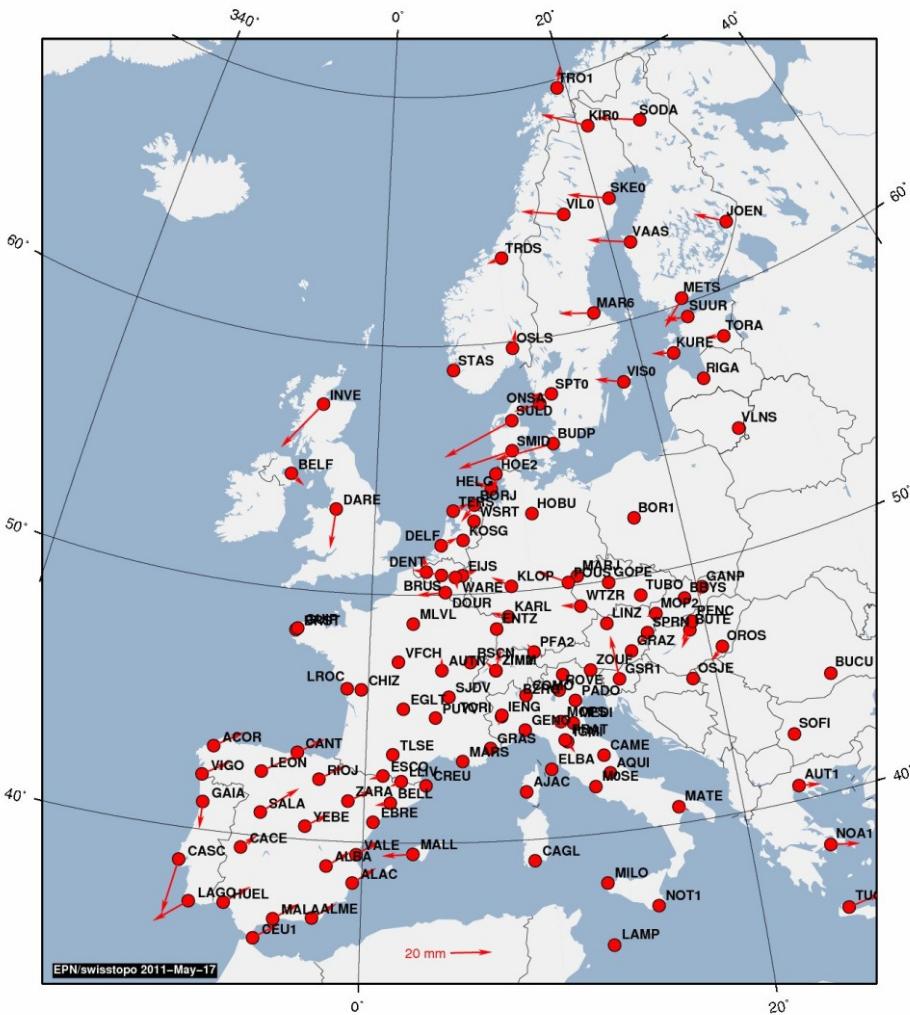
# REMARKS

- ✖ Updates 2010 – today:
  - + New: Bulgaria, Romania, Lithuania
  - + Updates: Netherlands, Sweden
- ✖ Last EPN densification solution for week 1600 published Oct. 23, 2010
- ✖ All national ETRF coordinates are consistent with an actual, scientific European reference frame on a level of 1-3 cm!

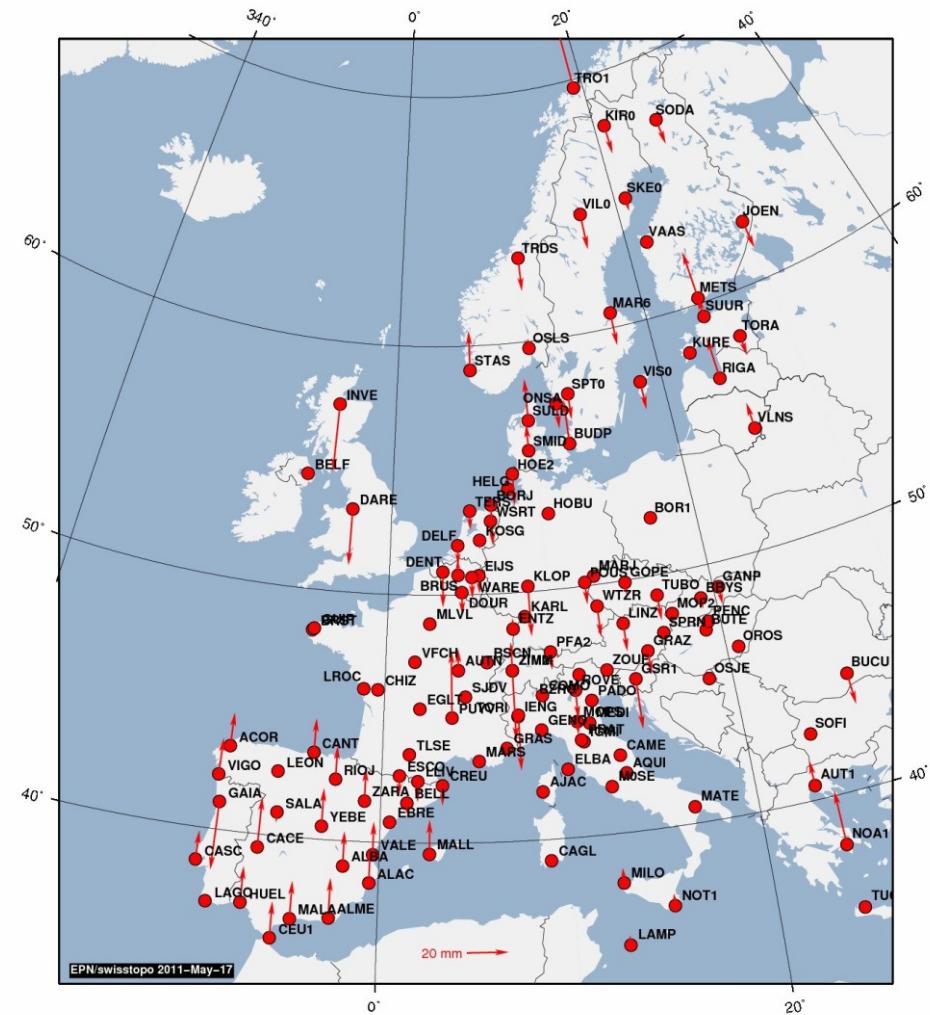
# COMPARISON WITH EPN REFERENCE SOLUTION

157 stations, 26 countries  
at country specified epoch

horizontally

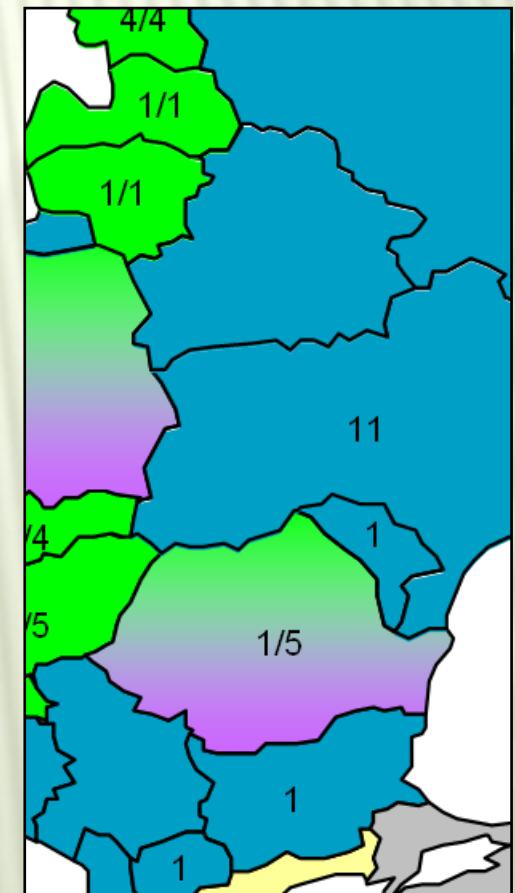


vertically



## REMARKS (2)

- ✖ Countries responsible for correctness of information!
  - + Please send information, if you change national ETRF coordinates!
  - + Please send information, if you do not yet contribute!



# EVRS

- ✖ UELN continuous development
  - + inclusion of new countries, update of existing input,  
**(Session 5, Ihde & Sacher)**
- ✖ EVRF2007 released and distributed to the countries
  - + EUREF computed transformations from  
EVRF2007 to national height systems
  - + Countries have been asked to check  
transformation and inform EUREF if  
transformation can be put on-line

# PARTNERS



## EuroGeographics

- MOU signed August 2007
- Mutual projects, e.g. INSPIRE



## EUMETNET

- MOU signed June 2007
- Mutual exchange of data



## CERGOP, Central European GPS Geodynamic Network Consortium

facilitate the densification of the European GNSS network for reference frame definition and geokinematical applications

MoU signed May 2011

**NEW**

# NEW EUREF WEB SITE <http://www.euref.eu/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the new EUREF website. At the top left is the EUREF logo, and at the top right is the IAG logo. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Site Map, Data Protection, Legal & Privacy, and Contacts. To the right of the navigation is the text "Reference Frame Sub Commission for Europe". The main content area features a sidebar on the left with links for About EUREF, Technical Working Group, European Geodetic Reference Systems, EUREF Permanent Network, Products & Services, Symposia, Documentation & Guidelines, Links, and News. The main content area has a large background image of a map of Europe. It includes a "Welcome to EUREF!" section with a list of work focuses, a statement about providing products free of charge, and an update date. At the bottom is a Google search bar and footer links for hosting and contact information.

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Welcome to EUREF !

Our work is focused on:

- Definition, realization and maintenance of the European Geodetic Reference Systems;
- Promotion and assistance of the adoption and use of European Terrestrial Reference System (ETRS89) and European Vertical Reference System (EVRS) in our partner countries;
- Development and maintenance of the EUREF GNSS Permanent Network (EPN) which is the ground based GNSS infrastructure for scientific and practical applications in positioning and navigation (GGOS, IGS-RT);
- Development of strategies and technologies for the realization of geodetic reference systems.

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  - ✖ <http://www.bkg.bund.de/geodIS/EVRS/>
- ✖ CRS (Information system for European Coordinate Reference Systems)
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