

## National Report of Northern Ireland

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As an Executive Agency, the Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland (OSNI) is the official mapping organisation of Northern Ireland. The Agency employs 170+ staff and forms part of the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure, one of four new Departments established as part of the Good Friday Agreement in 1998.

In terms of geodetic development, OSNI has continued to build upon the IRENET95 campaign (accepted by EUREF in 1996-7) and is currently in the process of establishing three permanently recording GPS stations at separate

locations in Northern Ireland using Leica CRS1 000 receivers and choke ring antennas. It is anticipated that these stations will be networked to a central server at OSNI's headquarters and recording data by the end of 2000.

As part of the ongoing co-operation between the Ordnance Surveys<sup>1</sup>, it has been agreed in principle, to proceed with the procurement of a new precise geoid model to cover the United Kingdom and Ireland by the end of 2001.

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