

# **EuroGeographics**

**The new generation of CERCO and  
MEGRIN**

EUREF / WG VIII meeting @ Dubrovnik, May 2001

**CERCO** was the network of NMAs

**MEGRIN** was CERCO's Project &  
Product Manager

**EuroGeographics** is a combination  
of CERCO + MEGRIN with all of their  
commitments but without overlaps &  
duplications

# Merging of CERCO-MEGRIN

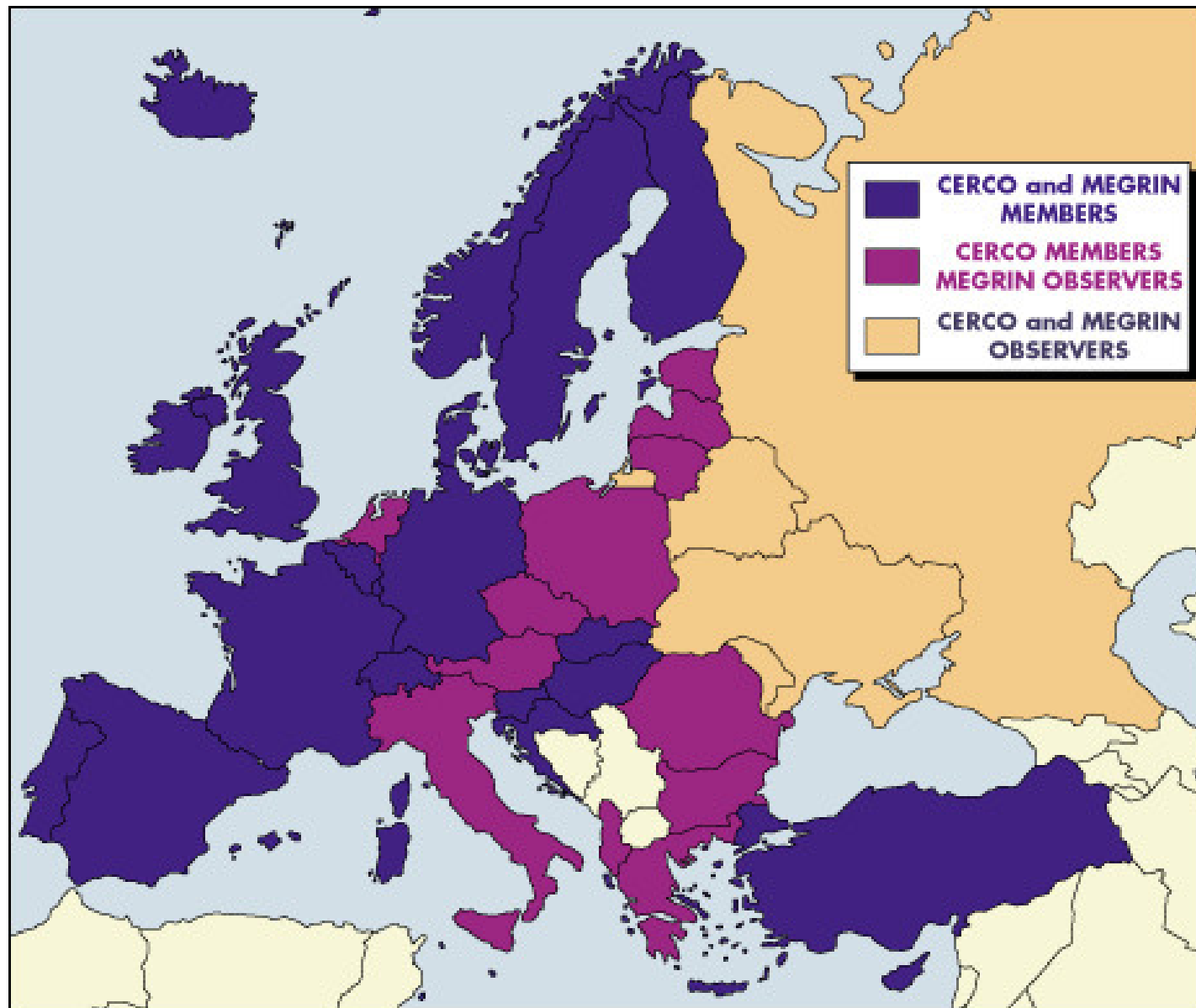
to strengthen the co-operation  
between the National Mapping  
Agencies of Europe



# creating a strong & coherent organisation

- ❖ that is
  - a unified voice of the NMAs
  - a key player in GI
  - able to anticipate and meet demand
- ❖ that helps members to convince their own governments of the need for adequate national GI policies
- ❖ that supports the development of a European Geographic Information Infrastructure (including Geodetic Reference System!!)

# CERCO and MEGRIN



# EuroGeographics Members

29 Active Members (BE, BG, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HR, HU, IE, IS, LT, LU, LV, MD, N.IE, NL, NO, PL, PT, RU, SE, SI, SK, TR.)

5 Associate Members (Austria, Albania, Belarus, Italy, & Czech Republic)

2 waiting for government approval to join (Estonia & Ukraine)

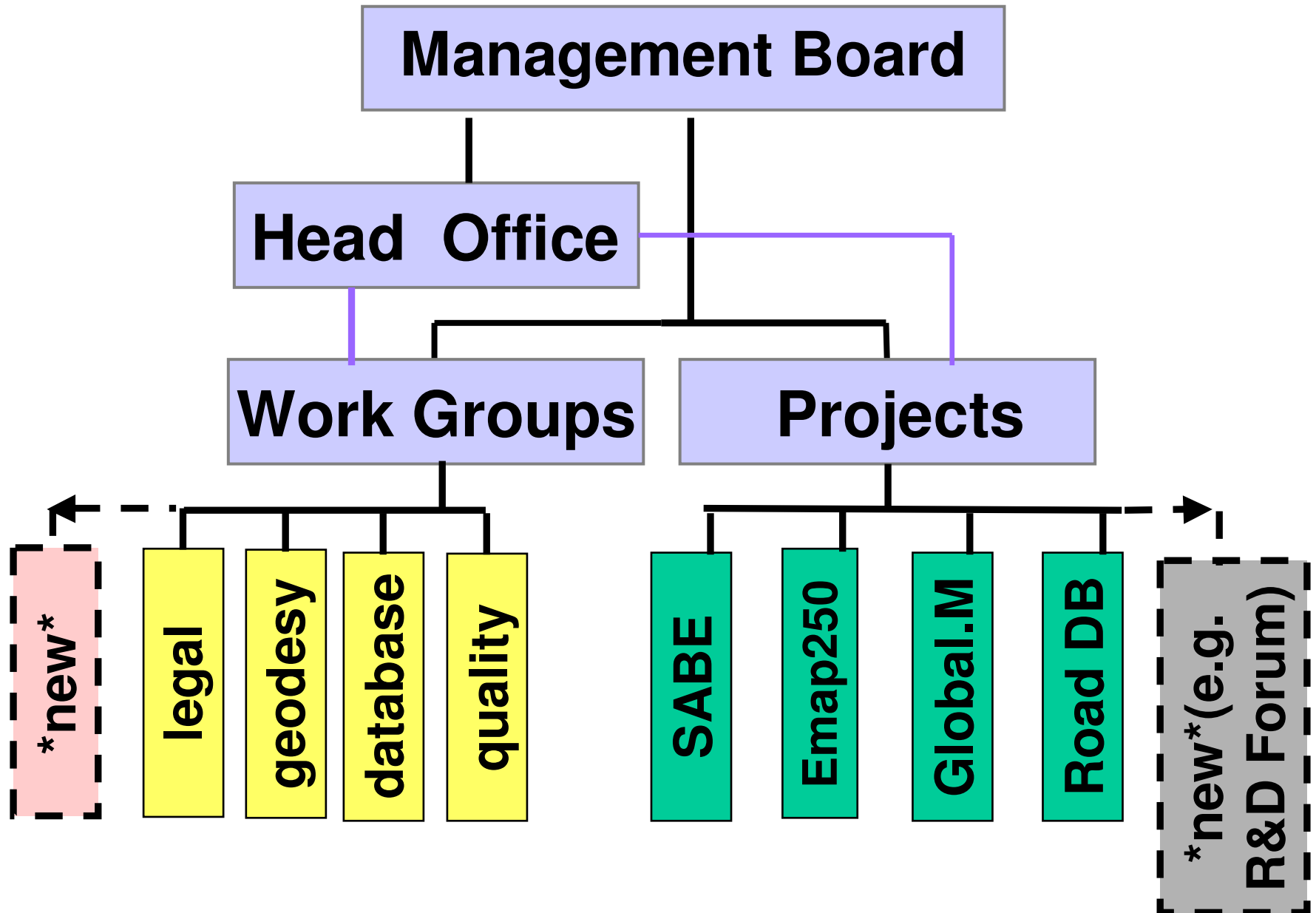
+ others asking to join (e.g. Malta, Armenia)

[2 Missing (Romania & Former Yugoslavia)]

# Management Board



# Operational structure





# EuroGeographics

## THE MISSION

“To represent Europe’s National Mapping Agencies **working for the European Geographic Information Infrastructure**”

# EuroGeographics

## OBJECTIVES

- ❖ contribute to the development of GI in Europe, primarily by working to make data bases of European NMAs interoperable, and widely available
- ❖ influence decision-making by the EC on the development of a GI policy and to lobby for the establishment and best use of GI throughout Europe

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## OBJECTIVES *(continued)*

- ❖ assist in the creation of information needed but not currently available to our customers
- ❖ promote and facilitate collaboration between Members, and between Members and their European partners including those in the private sector

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## STRATEGIES

- ❖ Develop a strong corporate identity for EuroG..
  - ❖ Raise awareness of the benefits of GI and details of its national and European availability
  - ❖ Identify the needs of customers for a GI infrastructure, products and services
  - ❖ Support best practices in the geospatial industry by helping to define standards appropriate to market needs, and by encouraging Members to adopt them
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## STRATEGIES (*continued*)

- ❖ Promote the roles of NMAs within the EU by ensuring that those who draft legislation take account of the particular characteristics of mapping and framework information, and of the constitutions of the NMAs which create it
- ❖ Foster collaboration between Members in order to increase efficiency and effectiveness & to reduce unnecessary duplication

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## STRATEGIES (*continued*)

- ❖ Jointly to study managerial and technical issues of common concern to Members, and to disseminate the findings
- ❖ encourage mutually beneficial visits and staff secondments between Members, and to EuroGeographics, and
- ❖ By getting to know one another, to learn from each other

# LaClef

- ❖ Three parts to the project:
  - metadata
  - e-commerce
  - geodetic services
- ❖ WG8 / EUREF “certifying” reference system parameters
- ❖ Project completed at end of 2000
  - Web-site: <http://sixtus.gim.be/laclef>
  - Reports: Members Only section of EG web site
    - ID 19 - Report on EMF Services

# Important points from LaClef

- ❖ Provides information on reference systems
- ❖ Transformation service is working but (obviously) depends on accuracy of parameters
  - Provides on-line transformation of coordinates
  - Currently uses information provided by “EUREF”
  - Uses FME software, for the algorithms and the calculation
  - Will be part of EuroGeographics web site in future
  - If any updates exist, these can be incorporated