

# GEOIDEA.RO

## Newsletter

### Editorial

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the third and last issue of the GEOIDEA.RO newsletter.

The project started in January 2013 and will be completed in December 2015. The name stands for GEodata Openness Initiative for Development and Economic Advancement in ROmania and it represents a productive collaboration between ETH Zurich and the Technical University of Civil Engineering Bucharest.

The main objective of the project is to improve the scientific basis for open geodata model adoption in Romania. It is our belief that publishing governmental geodata in Romania over the Internet, under an open license and in a reusable format can strengthen citizen engagement and yield new innovative businesses, bringing substantial social and economic gains.

During 2015, the GEOIDEA.RO team has steadily and surely completed important steps leading to the achievement of the project's goals.

### GEOIDEA.RO beyond the project

The *open geodata* movement can not be contained within the boundaries of a project. It is an initiative and the GEOIDEA.RO team has assumed significant roles as national as well as regional leader within this initiative. Within all activities, the team has drawn from the experience obtained through the studies, development and implementation of the project.

### Share PSI 2.0

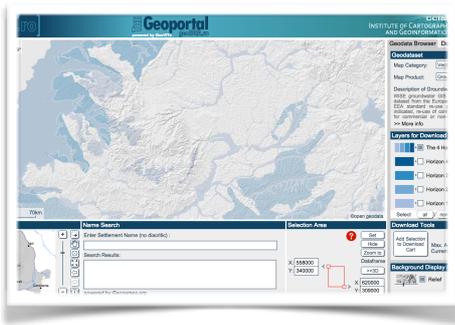


Part of GEOIDEA.RO team proposed, prepared and facilitated the open geodata *Free our maps* session within Share PSI 2.0 workshop in Timișoara, Romania.

Daniel Pop (for Valentina Dimulescu), Peter Winstanley and Vasile Crăciunescu prepare to give their 1 minute "Come To My Session" pitches, a feature of Share-PSI workshops. W3C's Phil Archer controls the stopwatch.

Share PSI 2.0 is the European network for the exchange of experience and ideas around implementing open data in the public sector. It brings together government departments, standards bodies, academic institutions, commercial organisations, trade associations and interest groups to identify what does and doesn't work, what is and isn't practical, what can and can't be expected of different stakeholders.

The *Free our maps* session had the purpose of disseminating and raising awareness of the special case of *open geodata* within a broader theme: Open Data Priorities and Engagement — Identifying data sets for publication. The results of the dedicated session had been crystallised in a best practice



## Online resources

### GEOIDEA.RO website

The website is the gateway to all information related to our project, from announcements of new implemented functionalities in our geoportal to news on our events, from comprehensive studies to complete geodata metadata files. Our website address is <http://www.geoidea.ro>.

### GEOIDEA.RO geoportal

The geoportal has been launched as a testing prototype and research tool for the project. Answering users requests, the team has implemented new functionalities. Thus starting with 2015, the geoportal offers the possibility of bulk download for all available datasets. The geoportal can be accessed free of charge at <https://geodata.ethz.ch/geoidea.ro>.

We are keen in receiving your comments and suggestions.

### Social media

You can follow the developments of the project on your favourite social media network:

- LinkedIn (<http://goo.gl/dBJK6K>)
- Facebook (<http://goo.gl/0AfeKA>)
- Twitter (<http://goo.gl/uJagdE>)

guidelines for open geospatial data build and maintained by the W3C in collaboration with the Open Geospatial Consortium in the Spatial Data on the Web Working Group.

We kindly invite you to read the *Free our Maps* memorandum and results of the session here:

<https://www.w3.org/2013/share-psi/workshop/Timisoara/agenda>

## Free and Open Source for Geospatial Europe, Como 2015

GEOIDEA.RO members have actively contributed to shaped and implemente the Open Data track within the FOSS4G Europe 2015 conference and acted as Committee Chair. The scope of the Open Data Track was to provide insights on success stories, best practices and guidelines in releasing public geodata, fostering community driven geodata and developing and maintaining products, services and apps based on open geodata. Our project has been represented within the Open Data track by the Swiss and Romanian teams highlighting the open data roadmap in Romania.

More information related to the Open Data track within FOSS4G Europe 2015 can be found here

[http://europe.foss4g.org/2015/Call\\_opendata-track](http://europe.foss4g.org/2015/Call_opendata-track)

## Copernicus conference - big data benefiting environment and society

GEOIDEA.RO was invited to be part of the round table discussion on The impact of Big Data on the sustainable management of the Danube. The role within the discussion was to introduce, describe and highlight potential advantages and disadvantages of open data within the current challenges in the implementation of EU Danube Region.

Copernicus conference is an annual event co-organized by the Romanian Space Agency, the European Space Agency, the European Commission and EURISY. The conference takes place under the auspices of the Romanian Ministry of Education and Scientific Research and is hosted by the Romanian Parliament, Chamber of Deputies.

## GEOIDEA.RO geoportal new implementations and perspectives

Significant attention of the GEOIDEA.RO team was directed towards building an user friendly, interactive, intuitive geoportal. In this respect, the team has constantly worked with feedback from the users and, as a

consequence, important additional functionalities have been added to the GEOIDEA.RO geoportal. An integrated, standardised view on the metadata for all available datasets on the geoportal has also been made available in 2015.

GEOIDEA.RO is more than a project. Thus we consider that it should be maintained and developed beyond the life of the project itself. Therefore, the team has started the migration of the GEOIDEA.RO server to the Romanian partner, the Technical University of Civil Engineering Bucharest.

Visit, use and comment on the GEOIDEA.RO geoportal at:

<http://geoidea.ethz.ch/portal.jsp?welcome=Guest>



## Do You Want to Know More?

During 2013 - 2015, the GEOIDEA.RO team wrote several reports and analysis regarding the open (geo)data initiative in the world and in Romania together with reports related to technical development of the geoportal. We invite you to read more at the [http://geoidea.ro/en/en\\_results.html](http://geoidea.ro/en/en_results.html).

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