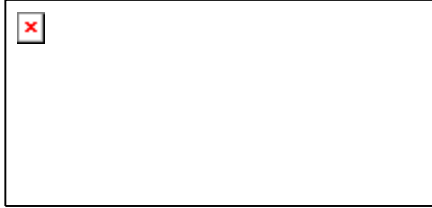




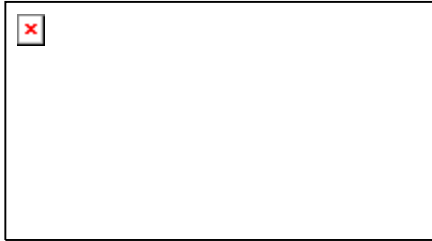
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a renewed start, an invitation to all

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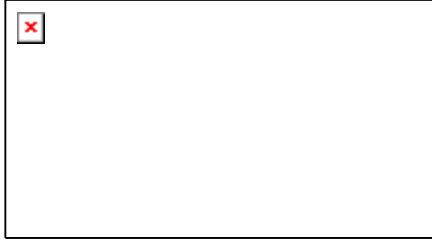
## DEVELOPMENTS

- Many developments in our community
- Enormous progress is made, but there are still major obstacles e.g.
  - interoperability, gaps in spatial data,
  - Lack of coordination and leadership
  - Isolation of the GI communities
  - underestimation of the cultural and organisational issues that influence the speed with which progress can be made,
  - crucial need for capacity building (education, training) and
  - targeted research throughout the wider Europe for the successful deployment of SDIs and the delivery of the wider benefits
  - Etc.



## DEVELOPMENTS

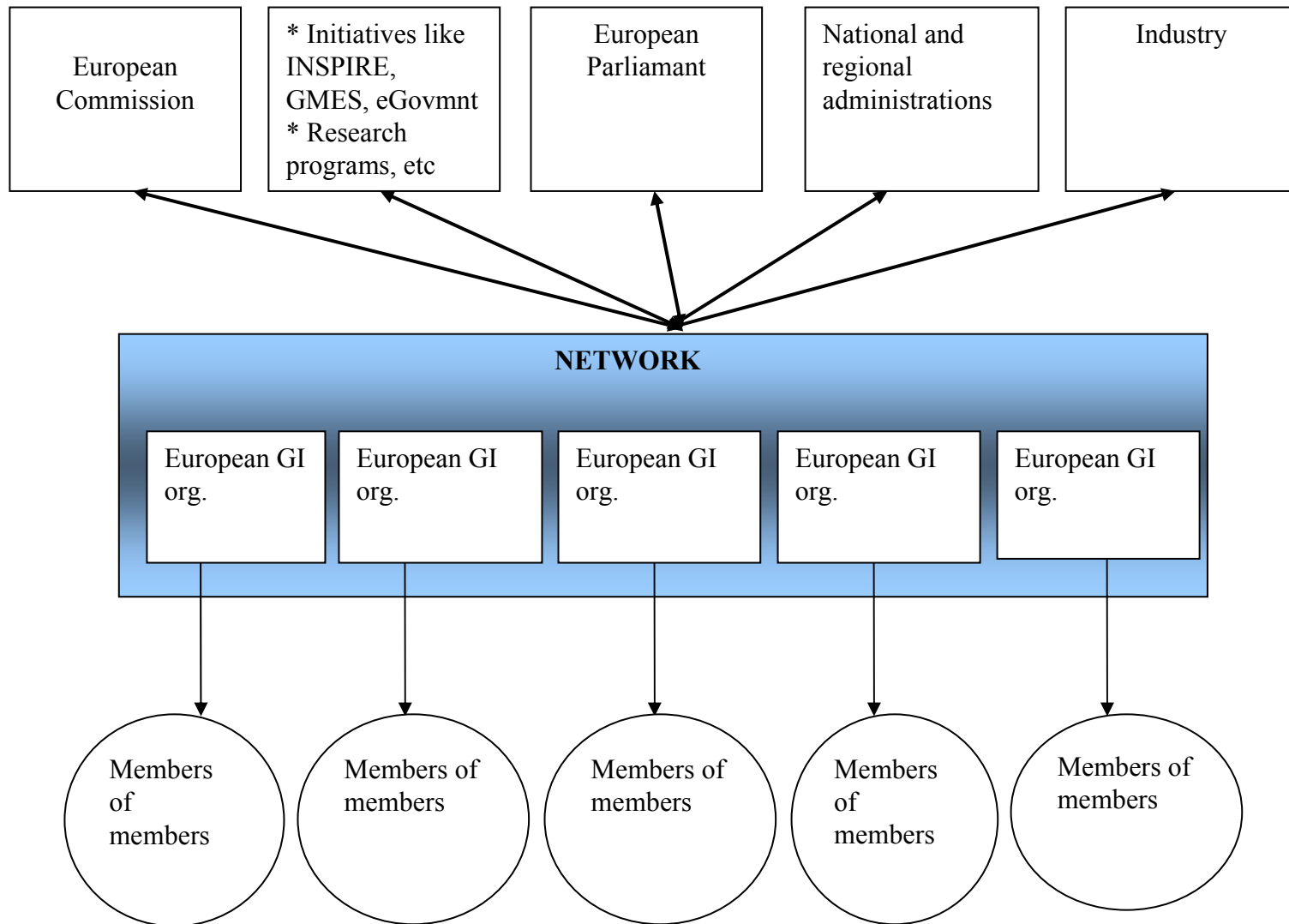
- Issues now amongst others: INSPIRE, Galileo, GMES, PSI, e-Gouvernement, etc.
- Data barriers addressed by Inspire, GMES, Galileo
- We all contribute from our own organisations
- Co-operation in various ways exist: MoU's, informal, PEAFF, ...
- Need for focussing on **policy, co-ordination and people**, in order to underpin GI matters: **Network of equals** is needed

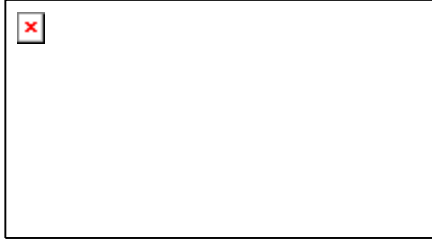


## NETWORK: TASK AND POSITION

- network to improve co-operation in the field of the European Geographic Information and influence high level decision makers in European and national governments and industry on major European initiatives as well as research and development programmes
- It has strong links to national, European, and international initiatives and programmes.

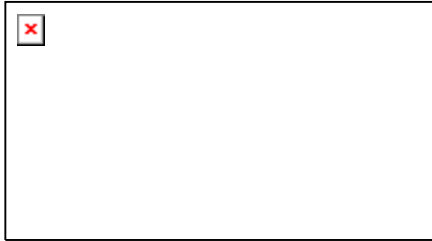
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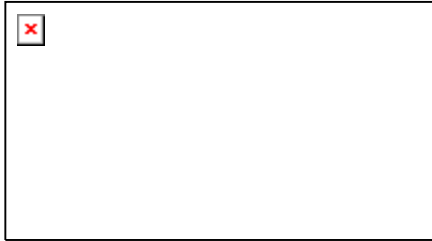
## NETWORK

- Aim: Improve co-operation in the European GI and influence high level strategic decisions
- The network is an informal mechanism through which the pan-European representative organisations can co-operate by sharing information more effectively and, where appropriate, developing common positions on policy issues (particularly to decision-makers within the EC)



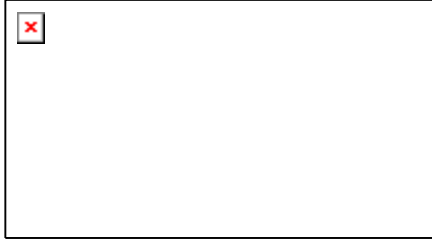
## MEMBERSHIP

- open to all pan European representative organisations with an interest in GI that wish to contribute to it
- Members contribute in kind, no financial payment to belong to the network, to encourage as wider participation as possible in the network. Network will be broad and inclusive.
- in the longer-term possibly 'formalise' the membership through signed agreements



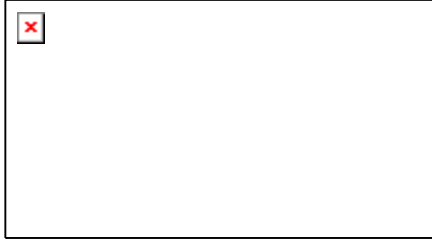
## ORGANISATION

- the members define, agree and monitor the delivery of the Network's activities. It meets every six months.
- no formal President or Leader. Host organisation for formal meetings of the network is a neutral chair for that meeting
- mode of operation of the Network mainly via e-mail and tele-conferences with the option to hold meetings as and when required. For example brainstorming and reaching convergence and or consensus



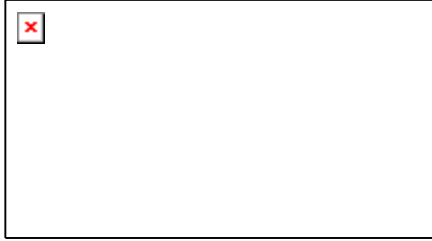
## TOOLS

1. Information exchange: main in first instance
2. E-mail, also for discussion
3. Calendar of events
4. Website (later)
5. (Joint) presentations, have workshops



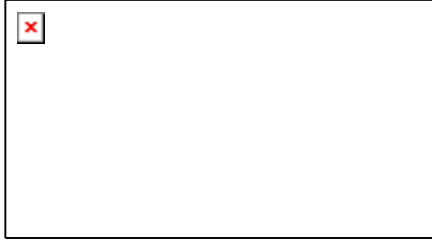
## TOOLS

6. Case-studies (Webcastle)
7. Lobbying, common positions where possible
8. Promotional leaflet
9. Articles

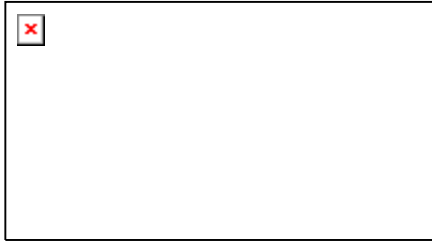


Next meetings are on 27 September and  
29 November, 10.30 hrs., Brussels

➤ **We invite other Pan European Org's to join**



**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE THIS WORK**



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