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**Economic and social benefits of the national and  
international standardization of geographical names****User/business requirements of a European geographical  
names infrastructure and service****Submitted by the Netherlands\*\*****Summary\*\*\***

From September 2007 to February 2009 the EuroGeoNames project intends to realize, with funding under the European Union e-Contents programme, a virtual Europe-wide geographical names database in which national geographical names databases built and kept up to date by national mapping agencies will be linked and available for queries. As not all national mapping agencies in Europe have an Internet service that can be consulted regarding their geographical names, this project is expected to have a unifying influence on the present disarray of conceptual, organizational and technical structures according to which geographical names are made available.

The present report describes the elaboration of an information model based on the user/business requirements that were identified in Workpackage 2 (User/business requirements) of the EuroGeoNames project. This information model has been defined pursuant to a shared vision of the necessary attributes and a functionality that will enable the execution of the envisaged tasks/queries. The European infrastructure and services for the exploitation of public sector geographical names data sources will be built upon this data model, which is to be based on the above-mentioned information model.

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