

European Commission
DGXIII
To the attention of Mr. R.F. de Bruïne
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Dear Mr de Bruïne,

Herewith the Centro Nacional de Informação Geográfica (CNIG) of Portugal and Ravi, Netherlands Council for Geographic Information, like to give their joined response on the Green Paper 'Public Sector Information: a key resource for Europe' released in 1998 by DGXIII'.

Both the CNIG and Ravi hold to opinion that with the release of this green paper the European Commission puts forward the discussion on the accessibility of public geographic information (GI).

Nevertheless the CNIG and Ravi still think that additional research should be undertaken on the subject 'Access on GI'. The outcome of this research will be of major importance for the European GI community.

To come to this research CNIG and Ravi emphasis the necessity to establish a High Level Working Party, in which both CNIG and Ravi would like to take place based on their many years of experience in this field.

Unfortunately CNIG and Ravi hold the opinion that the preliminary results of the GI2000 document are a bit disappointing. CNIG and Ravi regret very much that the actions, that should be undertaken, seem to slow down, in a field where proper results are of evident importance.

Yours sincerely,
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