

GEOIDEA.RO

Newsletter

Editorial

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the second issue of the GEOIDEA.RO newsletter.

The project started in January 2013 and its name stands for GEodata Openness Initiative for Development and Economic Advancement in ROmania and it represents a collaboration between the 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 2014, the GEOIDEA.RO team has successfully accomplished important steps that will lead to fulfilling the project's goals in a timely manner.



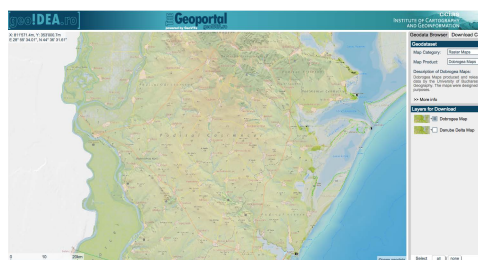
GEOIDEA.RO Workshop December 2014

GEOIDEA.RO is very close to completing its second year of activities. Given the successful development of the project and the open data actions and initiatives that took place in Romania in the last two years, the GEOIDEA.RO team has organized a workshop that brought together representatives of public administration, academia, private companies and activists. The presentations focused on significant aspects such as: implementation of INSPIRE Directive in Romania, the new aspects of the PSI Directive, the work of the Romanian Government in implementing OGP and the initiative of the civil society, the Coalition for Open Data.

For the presentations and more details, please check our webpage.

GEOIDEA.ro geoportal datasets gathering, processing and publishing

Among the main activities of the GEOIDEA.ro team was gathering, processing and publishing open geodatasets for the Romanian territory. **By the end of 2014**, we have published



Online resources

GEOIDEA.RO website

The website has been active since the beginning of 2013. We are keen in disseminating all related GEOIDEA news, reports and updates on the GEOIDEA geoportal. 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. At this time, the users have the possibility to view, query, select and download vector and raster open geodata. The geoportal can be accessed free of charge at <http://bit.ly/1i75C3L>.

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>)

data related to multiple fields and from various sources, such as governmental sources, academia or community open geodata. By December 2014, the GEOIDEA.ro geoportal offer access to **159 datasets** belonging to **26 layers**.



Collaboration Agreement with the Romanian Government

In 2013, the GEOIDEA.ro team signed an agreement with the Government Department of Online Services and Design, the Romanian institution that implements the Open Government Partnership commitments. With respect to the agreement, the members of the GEOIDEA.ro team have taken part to the activities and meetings organized by DSOD for raising awareness and offering trainings to public administration.

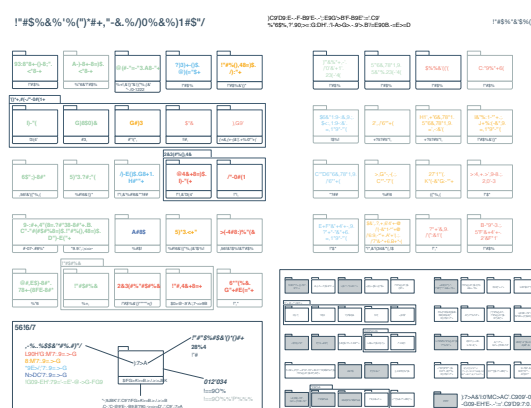
Furthermore, the GEOIDEA.ro team has been actively involved in drafting the second National Action Plan 2014 - 2016 for the Open Government Partnership.

Coalition for Open Data - Romania

In 2014, in the Romanian civil society a coalition of multiple organizations and foundations created the Coalition for Open Data. Its main purpose is to strengthen collaboration between organizations that promote open data in Romania, to increase the impact of their advocacy and maintain open data subject the media agenda and the public agenda, which supports and promotes the use of open government data. GEOIDEA.ro is an active member of the Coalition for Open Data.

GEOIDEA.ro events and meetings

Following the development of the GEOIDEA.ro project, in 2014 the Swiss researchers have worked at the Groundwater Engineering Center for further development of the geoportal and for datasets processing and publishing. Together with the Romanian researchers, the geodatabase data conceptual model has been developed.



GEOIDEA.ro has reached its middle of the road milestone. With this occasion, the Swiss-Romanian team has presented the intermediary results at the mid-term Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme meeting organized by the Swiss Scientific National Fund and the Romanian UEFSCDL.

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