

10 Years of
NEMOFORUM
1999 - 2009



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Introduction

We find very useful to summarize Nemoforum activities at the occasion of 10th anniversary of its foundation for many reasons. Following chapters show up the circumstances and reasons for foundation of the association and bring the comprehensive overview of Nemoforum activities, which provides a unique possibility for discussion and cooperation of public administration and professional bodies in the area of land- and real estate information or more generally geoinformation in the Czech Republic. Comprehensive presentation of the themes Nemoforum dealt with in the past or is dealing at present based on its members' initiatives introduces in a general digest past evolution of the association so as its mission for the future. Both Czech and English texts can serve not only as an information source for readers outside the Nemoforum, but also for internal purposes enabling self-reflection, discussion, identification and directing of interest and forms of future activities.

Last but not least the issue of this little brochure is a form of thank-you to everybody having been involved and still being involved in the preparation, foundation and ten-year history of Nemoforum platform for discussion, without whose professional erudition, enthusiasm, support and willingness for cooperation and seeking for consensus the Nemoforum activities would not exist – not to mention the compilation of this brochure...

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Congratulations to Nemoforum on its 10th Anniversary

I am very pleased to give a contribution to the Nemoforum's ten years anniversary brochure.

I am also proud of this accomplishment as I remember very well the period of Nemoforum preparation and installation, being involved in the team who worked actively together with the Czech partners in the nineties. The Netherlands had established a high level council and authority, called the RAVI, which used vision and commitment to define how a Spatial Data Infrastructure should be set up, implemented and realized.

At that time we arranged several meetings with the Czech delegation to show how The Netherlands uses a collaborative approach towards efficient data sharing among the main data producers and to share how this enables the Dutch government to perform effectively.

Several meetings also took place in Prague where a Dutch delegation was invited to show the Czech community firsthand the benefits to working with a platform such as RAVI, and how this model could be applied in the Czech Republic.

Several meetings were organized in cooperation with Jan Polman of the Dutch Cadastre and other Dutch representatives, for Czech executive officers on how a vision for a Spatial Data Infrastructure could be created and to show the benefits in working together to realize this vision.

I remember many successful meetings about spatial data infrastructure principles and standardization approaches in eGovernment programs. Many experts from RAVI and executives from the Dutch Cadastre, the Dutch Department of Spatial Planning, Housing Building and Environment, and the Dutch Department of Interior as well as the National Land Survey of Finland gave presentations during these meetings.

The Dutch Cadastre played an important role in the foundation process of Nemoforum and especially its manager Jan Polman. He arranged many meetings in Prague and stayed for longer time in the Czech Republic to organize and support this process.

In the year 2004 I was a keynote speaker during Nemoforum's fifth year celebration event in Prague. I was extremely impressed by the high quality program, the discussions and the large participation. It showed Nemoforum's catalyzing role in strategic decision making around the registration of the taxation of real estate and the registration of other real estate information related issues. It also showed that Nemoforum was increasingly acting as an important international player in the European Spatial Data Infrastructure and as an active partner for the European Commission.

Nemoforum's members made all of these activities successful. The Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadastre deserves a special mention in this regard. This organization is an important driving force behind Nemoforum's establishment and performances.

My special wishes for the ten years anniversary go out to its Chairman, Mrs. Veronika Nedvěďová and Secretary General, Mrs. Růžena Zimová. They both actively worked from the mid nineties on an approach for Nemoforum and are strong believers in its benefits to the Czech community. They were also part of the first delegation that visited the Netherlands in the mid nineties. During the last fifteen years we have built up an excellent relationship with each other.

I will also commemorate the intensive work of Jan Polman of the Dutch Cadastre, who unfortunately recently passed away. We remember him as an excellent manager with a very pleasant personality in making Nemoforum's establishment successful.

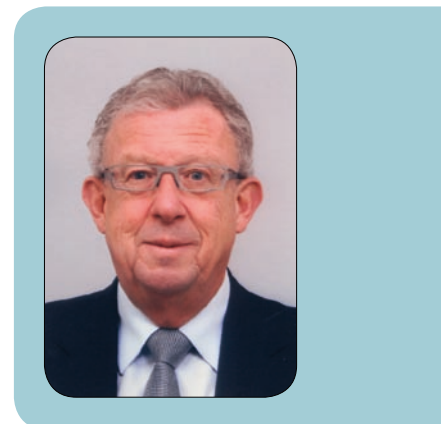
I also thank the other colleagues of the Dutch Cadastre, who also worked on Nemoforum's successful approach.

I wish Nemoforum to continue playing a useful role of discussion and cooperation platform in the Czech spatial data environment and very many successful years to come.

Best regards,

Bas Kok

*Director of International Affairs and GSDI Past President
Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency
The Netherlands*



1. Nemoforum – a National Platform for Discussion and Cooperation

Setting Up Nemoforum

In the second half of nineties, following the development of information and communication technologies so as the spatial data collection, storage, administration and distribution means, the growing effort occurred in the Czech community to find a method enabling and strengthening the communication among a huge range of geodata and geoinformation producers and users with special effort given to bridge over the gap between public and private sphere. Natural focus of interest seemed to be the area of real estate data, which are crucial for all sorts of agendas and activities. The stimulation for the fulfilment of these efforts came from abroad, presented by the experts being active in the Czech Republic at that time in the frame of EU PHARE projects.

Recommendation to foundation of the "Land Policy Forum" was formulated as one of the conclusions of the project being supported by the Kampsax Geoplan Company from Denmark for the Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadastre. One of impulses concluding in this recommendation was the fact, that the experts in the Czech Republic missed the platform for interdepartmental negotiations of the development in the area of land administration, included cadastre, land consolidation, real estate tax and evaluation, geodata etc. The main inspiration for Nemoforum foundation was the model from the Netherlands. The role of Kadaster International (consulting department of the Dutch Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency) experts and those from the coordinating RAVI platform was on one hand very inspiring, on the other hand healthy neutralizing in the Czech milieu.

The association Nemoforum was established in October 1999 in Prague with aim to support coordination of solution of the issues, objectives and tasks connected with real estates in relation to the needs in land administration and development and its necessary information back-up. By signing of the founding document, public administration bodies (state administration and self-government), professional unions, chambers, associations and universities in close relation to the field of land- and real estate information became members of this initiative.

Legal Form

Nemoforum is a purpose made association founded according to the § 829-841 of the Czech Civil Code (Act No.40/1964 Coll., as amended). Nemoforum has no legal personality and it is not legally competent to rights and duties. A membership is opened for public administration bodies, professional unions, chambers or associations and universities active in the filed of land- and real estate information, whereas each member organization appoints one representative to the Nemoforum Plenum. Individual persons or company cannot become the association member.

Mission

On the basis of cooperation of public institutions, professional (private) institutions as well as an academic sector Nemoforum wants to contribute to the development of a functional e-government in the Czech Republic with the aim to establish a quick and simple communication in the field of land- and real estate information between public administration and citizens. Nemoforum intends to promote solutions for various connected issues in line with European and other world developments in order to meet the needs of users, producers and administrators of these data.

Nemoforum Aims

Nemoforum has adopted the following aims in order to fulfil the mission:

- to provide a platform for discussion, experience exchange and co-ordination in the field of land and real estate information;
- to prepare background materials and reviews of professional and legislative documents from the viewpoint of the Nemoforum members – representatives of public and private institutions as well as academic sphere, or to formulate a special Nemoforum document with a proposal for the solution for the chosen topical problems;
- to suggest the steps to the member institutions which will support the development and improvement of the co-ordination in the process of solving crucial issues;
- to contribute to strengthening of the feedback on European and global geoinformation initiatives mediated through the member organisations.



“As a president of the Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadastre I supported intensely the foundation of Nemoforum because I saw in it the path to a closer introducing the activities of the Office to a wide range of public administration bodies and territorial authorities and also to a better mutual understanding of needs and issues of state administration and private sphere in surveying and mapping.”

Ing. Jiří Šíma

President of the COSMC in 1993-2001

Nemoforum Organizational Structure

The Nemoforum Plenum is the supreme body of the association. Each of member institutions has one representative in the Plenum. The Plenum consists of two platforms:

- **Public Platform** involves member institutions from public administration (ministries, offices) and Union of Towns and Municipalities of the CR; it is managed by the representative of the Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadastre (COSMC);
- **Professional Platform** involves member institutions from the professional sphere as professional associations, chambers, unions and universities under the leadership of the representative from the Czech Association for Geoinformation (CAGI).

The Plenum approves the business program of the association and the budget plan for the following period among others, the Plenum meetings are held usually twice or three times a year. The staffing of representatives in the Plenum is fully within competencies of corresponding member organization.

The Board consists of five members and it is the executive body of the association, elected from the Plenum members both from Public and Professional Platform and led by the chair resp. the vice-chair of Nemoforum. The Board meets up usually four times a year; it manages the Nemoforum activities and prepares professional events together with the secretariat. The position of the chair of the association can be occupied also by an independent reputable person with relation to Nemoforum topics, coming from the range out of the member institutions.

After the Nemoforum foundation the position of a chairperson was occupied by Miroslava Matoušová, a Plenum member from the Ministry of Interior – she terminated her activity in 2001 in accordance with her new job position of an inspector of the Czech Office for Personal Data Protection. Since 2002, Veronika Nedvědová has been the external chair of Nemoforum. In the years 1998-2006 she was a member of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Parliament, at present she is active at the resort of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

"(Nemoforum)... from the very beginning a synonym of many-sidedness which enriches not only the direct participants."

Miroslava Matoušová
Chairperson of Nemoforum in 1999-2001



The constitution of the Nemoforum Board for the period 2009-2011 is the following:

Chairperson: Veronika Nedvědová
Vice-chairs: Karel Štencel (Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadastre)
Petr Kubíček (Czech Association for Geoinformation)
Members: Tomáš Holenda (Ministry of Interior)
Václav Čada (University of West Bohemia in Pilsen)

The organizational and administrative support to the activities of the Board and Plenum is provided by the secretariat, from the beginning led by Růžena Zimová from the Dept. of Mapping and Cartography, CTU Prague – Faculty of Civil Engineering.

Working groups involving professionals delegated by member institutions were established after the foundation of Nemoforum to these broader thematic areas:

- **National Geoinformation Infrastructure,**
- **Spatial Identification in Basic Public Registers,**
- **Cadastre of Real Estates,**
- **Support of Real Estate Market.**

Following the initial period of working groups' activities, the portfolio of the working groups' members and other experts from the field of spatial data has recently been used especially in organizing seminars and professional discussions of Nemoforum.



"In the nineties, many misunderstandings preventing agreement and common action arose among people dealing with geoinformation. Our colleagues from the Netherlands showed us how to overcome such problems, and helped us to establish Nemoforum which has been already for 10 years contributing to understanding and co-operation of all those who are active in the field of land information. Good thing is succeeding."

Karel Večeře, President of the COSMC
Vice-chair of Nemoforum in 1999-2002

2. Nemoforum Activities

Nemoforum Events

Based on the proposals of member organizations the activities of Nemoforum are oriented particularly to organizing of seminars and professional discussions on current topics, as you can see in the following list:

- 2001** Cadastre of Real Estates
Seminar „NEMOFORUM“- National Geoinformation Infrastructure in the CR
- 2002** Spatial Identification in Basic Registers of Public Information Systems and Register of Geographic Information
Prices of Building Plots on the Internet
Register of Buildings
Land Registration in Reallotment Areas
European Activities in the Field of Geoinformation and Cadastre
- 2003** Real Estate Tax and Valuation
Floods – the Role of Geodata in Emergency Management and Protection
Round Table Discussion on Basic Funds of Geodata in the CR
Personal Data Protection
- 2004** Transport Telematics
Looking Ahead - Value Based Taxation of Real Property
Conference “Five Years of Nemoforum”
- 2005** Web Portals of Technical Maps and Communication between Administrators of Utilities and Public Administration
- 2006** Geoinformation Infrastructure in the CR and INSPIRE
Round Table Discussion on Digitizing of Cadastral Maps
- 2007** Seminar on Digitizing Cadastral Maps
Expert Meeting on the Topic of Register of Buildings
Lecture of David Smejkal: „International Valuation Standards“
- 2008** Discussion Seminar on Register of Flats
Uniform Digital Technical Maps
Seminar on Digitizing of Cadastral Maps
- 2009** Digital Map of Public Administration
Digitizing of Cadastral Maps



At the seminar Uniform Digital Technical Maps (2008)

Nemoforum events are held usually in the conference hall in the building of Surveying and Cadastral Offices in Prague 8 – Kobylisy and they enjoy substantial interest of professional public. The program and presentations from Nemoforum events are available on the website of the association. As a partner or co-organizer, Nemoforum supports also other events organised by member institutions on selected topics in accordance with the Nemoforum business plan.

In November 2004, on occasion of the 5th anniversary of the Nemoforum foundation a conference was held in Prague with participation of contemporary Minister of informatics and foreign experts connected with first steps of Nemoforum. The conference was the opportunity to present the summary of passed years activities and to discussion of program priorities for next period.

NGII in the Czech Republic and Links to INSPIRE

The first significant result of Nemoforum activities was the document "National Geoinformation Infrastructure of the Czech Republic - Programme for the years 2001 – 2005" prepared by the NGII working group under the leadership of Josef Hojdar (CAGI) and Jiří Černohorský (COSMC). In September 2001 it was accepted by the former Governmental Council for State Information Policy as a background material for updating of the Action plan of SIP realization. The text of the NGII Programme (including the Introduction of Nemoforum vice-chairs Eva Pauknerová and Karel Večeře) was published in several Czech periodicals: GEOInfo, Veřejná správa (Public Administration), Geodetický a kartografický obzor (Geodetic and Cartographic Review), informative articles appeared also in Obec a finance (Municipality and Finance) and Zeměměřič (Surveyor).

The material briefly summarizes a basic concept of NGII and specifies the set of ten key conditions necessary for the SDI development in the CR, together with proposals of particular projects and provisions:

- the existence of the NGII Programme document and its acceptance by public administration and autonomous professional unions,
- the NGII development in connection with European and global GI initiatives,
- co-ordination and cooperation of all partners active in the field of geomatics and geoinformatics,
- technical conditions for processing and distribution of geodata and geoinformation,
- organizational, legislative, financial and other conditions for access to geodata and geoinformation,
- basic data sets of geodata (core data),
- awareness about existing geodata sets, their sources and access conditions,
- standard transfer formats of geodata and their sets, standard description of data sets, terminology in geomatics and geoinformation,
- qualification of professionals in the field of geomatics and geoinformatics,
- wide public users' qualifications for exploitation of new possibilities and access to geodata and geoinformation.

"Since its beginning, the Czech Association of Geoinformation has been searching possible effective cooperation with other subjects and primarily with public administration bodies in the field of geoinformatics. CAGI have had also an overview of the situation in other European countries. The idea of Nemoforum complied significantly with the visions of CAGI and therefore the Association participated in the preparation of Nemoforum and together with the members of Professional platform took part in a number key activities of Nemoforum. I like to remember also a personal cooperation with Nemoforum representatives at that time when we all were sincerely looking for a way to each-other – and I believe we succeeded to find it. Without this personal cooperation and trust the Nemoforum intentions could not be put into life."



Josef Hojdar

Vice-chair of Nemoforum in 1999-2002

The study "Conditions of accessibility and usability of geodata provided and managed by public administration bodies and authorities of the Czech Republic" has been the next NemoForum contribution to the topic of NGII in the CR. Before its accepting as a NemoForum document in 2004 there were intensive discussions within expert meetings organized by NemoForum and the authorial team of CAGI (Josef Hojdar, Milan Martinek). Consequently, both professional and laic community have been addressed to start a creative discussion which could evoke efficient steps of responsible bodies towards setting up the conditions for further enhancing of the geodata quality managed by private and public sector.

The issues of NGII/SDI cannot be solved without relations to the international context, particularly in connection to the European initiative INSPIRE. The INSPIRE Directive has been implemented into national legislation by Amendment of the Act No. 123/1998 Coll., On the right to information on environmental issues, which was approved by the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Parliament on 9.9. 2009. The aim of INSPIRE is to connect national SDIs under development of member countries in order to maximize availability and equality of access to geodata for all users. Thus the NGII Programme has got a legislative frame and it will support the creation of NGII including



"The NemoForum installation has been a useful step. It created a transparent environment which at the time of reforming the public administration and rapid development of information technologies allowed the new joint meetings of representatives of various organizations. Each of them looked at information about real estates and land from their point of view - according to the competencies governed by the Law, to technical challenges or user requirements. Just the thematic seminars of NemoForum contributed to cross-presentation of different opinions and needs and to successive development of trust. It was not easy, but it brought few results, which would then not been possible only with the cooperation of the NemoForum members, for example: the Programme of National Geoinformation Infrastructure development (NGII), a comprehensive presentation of state-of-play the GII in the Czech Republic in international surveys at the time of the EU enlargement and preparations of the INSPIRE Directive, national source inventories of the GIS at district offices (data, people, technology) and their transfer to successor organizations. I liked to work with NemoForum even later in strengthening links with the European environment."

Eva Pauknerová

Vice-chair of NemoForum in 2002-2006

the relations to eGovernment, optimizing the execution of public administration and lowering the costs of its performance. In 2009 the members of Nemoforum agreed on the intention to contract out the project of updating of the NGII programme, the result of which should be again a brief summary of achievements in all implied fields, and identification of current issues and tasks for next period. Thanks to 10 years of experience in providing the platform for intergovernmental professional discussions Nemoforum can act as an important partner to the Co-ordinating Committee for INSPIRE implementation in the CR and also as one of the promoters of INSPIRE in the Czech environment.

Register of Flats

The possibilities of collecting, administration, updating and further use of relevant data on flats have been discussed within Nemoforum for several years and in 2007-2008 the discussions led to certain steps initiated by the Czech Statistical Office in connection with preparation of the 2011 census. The representatives of most public institutions involved supported the idea of creating a register of flats as an independent agenda register linked to the information system of spatial identification. This information system should be used for editing the data subsequently published in the basic register of spatial identification, addresses and real estates. The follow-up steps of Nemoforum were based on the presumption that for creation of such a register of flats the key issue is to find a competent body with connection to flats and related data themes. Such a body should be willing to enlist in preparation of fundamental legislative embedding. The institutions addressed by Nemoforum in 2008 (Ministry of Interior, Ministry for Regional Development and the Czech Statistical Office) have not apply for this role, nevertheless the association intends to continue discussions and together with the Czech Society of Certified Appraisers to initiate a solution of related issues dealing for example with unique definition of flat flooring and with standard methodology for its determination.

Memorandum on the Project of Digital Map of Public Administration

The important event of the Nemoforum seminar on technical maps in November 2008 was the signing of the document "Memorandum on cooperation on the project of Digital Map of Public Administration" by representatives of public administration bodies. DMPA will be composed of data layers of technical map, cadastral map and orthophoto. The map will be available to the subjects of public administration and citizens, particularly via network services, and it will also serve as a uniform source of spatial data information for the components of the Integrated Rescue System in the CR. The project team working under the leadership of Ministry of Interior involves the representatives of Ministry of Environment, Ministry for Regional Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadastre, Union of Municipalities and Association of Regions of the CR. Creation of the DMPA is co-financed by the Integrated Operation Programme.



Signing of the Memorandum on the Digital Map (November 2008). From the left: Karel Štencel (COSMC), Rut Bízková (Ministry of Environment), Zdeněk Zajíček (Ministry of Interior)

Nemoforums' Topical Interest Areas

Based on the discussions in the Nemoforum Plenum, the areas of interest have been identified in 2009 to which the association intends to pay attention in immediate future and also in longer term, in the form of internal discussions and public seminars. Each area of interest is assigned by certain member organizations (guarantors) and their representatives in Nemoforum take care of conception, proposals and execution of particular steps of the association within the area of interest..

Topical Areas of Interest

Guarantors (member of Nemoforum)

INSPIRE

Basic registers of public administration

Taxes

Valuation, standards for price maps

Digitizing and use of cadastral maps

Digital map of public administration, technical maps

Spatial planning, standards in spatial planning

Ministry of Environment

Ministry of Interior

Ministry of Finance

Czech Society of Certified Appraisers

Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadastre

Ministry of Interior,

Associations of Utility Administrators

Ministry for Regional Development,

Associations of Utility Administrators

3. Nemoforum in the International Context

Sharing Experience From the Netherlands

The foundation of Nemoforum was inspired by the experience from the Netherlands where the co-ordination body named RAVI (the Netherlands Board for Geoinformation, later transformed to Geonovum) has played an insubstitutable role in the SDI development for many years. Bas Kok, by then a representative of Ravi, later a GSDI president (2008-9), was active in the preparation of Nemoforum and took part in the conference on the 5th anniversary of Nemoforum in 2004. The origin and consequential support of Nemoforum activities are connected with the experts who worked in the CR at that time. Let us name (among others): Richard Baldwin from the UK and particularly Jan Polman and Karel Welter from Kadaster International, the consulting department of the Dutch Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency. Kadaster International substantially supported the activities of Nemoforum both by potential of its knowledge and by important financial support.



Discussion with the colleagues from the Netherlands (from the left): Oldřich Pašek (COSMC), Jan Polman, Karel Welter (Kadaster International, NL)

Nemoforum Presentation in the International Context

The representatives of member institutions contribute to the promotion of Nemoforum at professional events with international audience held in the Czech Republic or abroad.

From last years the following events can be mentioned:

- INSPIREd SDI-CEE (Prague, 2009, CAGI, EUROGI)
- Cartography and Geoinformatics for Early Warning and Emergency Management: Towards Better Solutions (Prague, 2009, Masaryk University Brno, ICA)
- 13th EC GI&GIS Workshop "INSPIRE Time: ESDI for Environment" (Porto, 2007, EC)
- FIG Working Week & General Assembly (Hong Kong, 2007, FIG)
- UNECE WPLA (Prague, 2006, Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadastre, EULIS+)
- 12th EC GI&GIS Workshop "From Inspiration to Implementation" (Innsbruck, 2006, EC)
- Property Tax in Transition (Pague, 2005, International Property Tax Institute, USA)
- EC/JRC Workshop on e-Government and INSPIRE (Prague, 2005, EC)

By its member organizations Nemoforum constitutes relationship to institutions from international level, as the umbrella organization of national geoinformation associations EUROGI (via CAGI), the association of national mapping agencies EuroGeographics (COSMC), the International Federation of Surveyors FIG (Czech Association of Certified Appraisers), the Council of European Geodetic Surveyors CLGE (Chamber of Surveyors of the CR), the International Cartographic Association ICA (Masaryk University Brno) and the EC/INSPIRE initiative (Ministry of Environment, CAGI, COSMC).

4. Promotion

Activities of Nemoforum are presented in the articles published in the Czech journals GeoBusiness (formerly GeoInformation) and Zeměměřič (Surveyor), in the past also in the periodicals Veřejná správa (Public Administration), Obec a finance (Municipality and Finance), Geodetický a kartografický obzor (Geodetic and Cartographic Review) and GeoInfo. Promotion of activities and aims of the association was supported also by interviews with Nemoforum representatives published in press and radio in 2004 on occasion of the 5th anniversary of Nemoforum installation.

Invitations to the Nemoforum seminars are sent to a broad range of interested persons both from public and professional sphere. The organized events are very popular for many attendants who have an opportunity to present their visions and solutions or to get interesting and considerable information on topical issues.

The promotion is done also by presentation of the association and its activities given by Nemoforum representatives within the professional meetings in the Czech Republic or abroad, often held with Nemoforum co-organising or partnership.

Nemoforum has published several information leaflets summarizing certain periods of its activities. These leaflets are distributed during events held or co-organized by Nemoforum, the English versions are used for promotion on international conferences. The information leaflets are for disposal of the Plenum members for their internal use as well. Nemoforum notebook lists with a calendar have already become traditional.

The Nemoforum website provides an access to information about the association, its members and activities, so as to the materials from the Nemoforum seminars and conferences. It is administrated by the Nemoforum secretariat together with the COSMC webmaster both in Czech and English versions.

5. Financial Support of Nemoforum Activities

There is no duty prescribed to pay the membership fee in the Agreement on Nemoforum establishment, which means that Nemoforum has not its own financial resources. To support Nemoforum activities the Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadastre provides the association with the seat of the Nemoforum secretariat located in the premises of the Surveying and Cadastral Offices in Prague 8 and covers the running costs of the secretariat. Another significant support from the side of the COSMC is the possibility to use the conference hall in the 6th floor of the building for Nemoforum seminars free of charge. Occasionally, the events of Nemoforum are held in the premises provided by other member organizations.

Since 2003, the financing of Nemoforum is supported by the grant provided by Kadaster International, the consulting department of the Dutch Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency. The use of these resources is controlled by general rules specified in the Agreement between the provider and the administrator of Nemoforum finances (COSMC), together with the detailed instructions approved by the Nemoforum Plenum. Nemoforum appreciates very much the support from the side of the Dutch partner. The resources are used very prudently – approx. 50 % of the total sum has been spent by half of 2009. Nevertheless, it would be necessary to find an alternative way of Nemoforum financing for upcoming years.

Overview of the use of the Dutch grant resources 2003-2008 (in CZK)

Year	Nemoforum activities	projects, studies	in total
2003	37 225	100 000	137 225
2004	142 011	250 000	392 011
2005	27 156		27 156
2006	33 262		33 262
2007	52 052		52 052
2008	6 977		6 977

In the first half of 2009 Nemoform partly used the resources of the Dutch grant to support two important international events held in the Czech Republic within the period of the Czech presidency of the European Commission: the symposium „Cartography and Geoinformatics for Early Warning and Emergency Management: Towards Better Solutions“, organized both by the Masaryk University in Brno and the International Cartographic Association ICA, and the conference „INSPIREd SDI-CEE“ organized by CAGI in cooperation with EUROGI. Both these events enabled presentation and promotion of Nemoforum.

6. Nemoforum Member Organizations

Since 1999, the number of member organizations of Nemoforum has enlarged from fourteen founding members to the present nineteen members – Public Platform associates 8 institutions, Professional Platform has 11 members. The twentieth member of the Nemoforum Plenum is an independent chairperson.

Nemoforum Member Organizations	
Public Platform	Professional Platform
Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadastre	Czech Association for Geoinformation
Ministry of Finance	Association of Real Estate Offices in the CR
Ministry for Regional Development	Czech Society of Certified Property Appraisers
Ministry of Agriculture	Masaryk University Brno
Ministry of Interior	Chamber of Notaries of the CR
Union of Towns and Municipalities of the CR	Association of Utility Administrators of East Bohemia
Czech Statistical Office	Chamber of Surveyors and Cartographers of the CR
Ministry for Environment	Union of Land Owners in the CR
	Czech Transport Telematic Association
	Association of Utility Administrators of Central Bohemia
	University of West Bohemia in Pilsen

The following list of Nemoforum members shows main professional topics of each organization within Nemoforum and the names of their representatives in the Plenum.



Representatives of member organizations in 1999

PUBLIC PLATFORM

Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadastre (*founding member*)

Main topics: basic registers – administrator of the register of territorial identification of addresses and real estates, state administration of cadastre of real estates of the Czech Republic; surveying of state boundaries, administration of geodetic control; state map series and orthophoto of the CR; administration of the ZABAGED database; Geoportal providing services according to INSPIRE.

The representatives in the Nemoforum – traditionally the vice-president of the COSMC who is also the vice-chair of Nemoforum: Karel Večeře (1999-2002), Oldřich Pašek (2002-2006), Karel Štencel (since 2007).

www.cuzk.cz

Ministry of Finance (*founding member*)

Main topics: taxes and fees – namely real estate tax; registration and valuation of real estates; price maps; state property; restitution; privatization.

The representatives in the Nemoforum Plenum is Alena Holmes (since 1999), frequent guest of meetings is Lubomír Krňávek.

www.mfcr.cz

Ministry for Regional Development (*founding member*)

Main topics: assuring topologically homogenous digital mapping base for spatial planning for the whole public administration – i.e. common issues of geographic data interoperability for public administration; spatial planning relations to real estate taxes; links between spatial planning and land evaluation.

The representatives in the Nemoforum Plenum: Martin Tunka (since 1999), who usually entrusted Jiří May to represent the Ministry in the Nemoforum meetings.

www.mmr.cz

Ministry of Agriculture (*founding member*)

Main topics: land consolidation and its results introducing into the Cadastre of real estates of the CR; cooperation in the area of digitizing of CRE; the BPEJ (estimated pedologic-ecological units) updating within the renewal of the cadastre of real estates; LPIS (Land Parcel Information System); standardization of terminology.

The representatives in the Nemoforum Plenum: always the director of the Central Land Office Stanislav Jelen (1999-2003), Jiří Hladík (2003-2007), Jaroslav Vítek (since 2008).

www.mze.cz

Ministry of Interior (*founding member*)

Main topics: digital map of public administration; creation of governmental policy in the field of spatial data; co-ordination of national geoportal development including standardization; information systems for emergency management; co-gestion of the INSPIRE directive transposition into the Czech legislation and further implementation into the national environment.

The representatives in the Nemoforum Plenum: Miroslava Matoušová (1999-2001, the chair of Nemoforum), Tomáš Holenda (since 2002, since 2007 the Board member).

In 2007, the Ministry of Interior took over some competencies of the cancelled Ministry of Informatics, member of Nemoforum in 2003-2007, continuing the membership of the Office for Public Information systems (1999-2002).

The representatives in the Nemoforum Plenum: Václav Vávra (1999-2006, the Board member), Jan Pokorný (2006-2007).

www.mvcr.cz

Union of Towns and Municipalities of the CR (*founding member*)

Main topics: digitizing of cadastral maps; creation of digital technical maps and digital map of public administration; price maps; register of buildings and flats.

The representatives in the Nemoforum Plenum: Olga Zámotná (1999-2002, the Board member), Petr Gabriel (since 2003).

www.smocr.cz

Czech Statistical Office (*member since 2003*)

Main topics: basic registers of public administration; register of buildings; register of flats; spatial statistics; national geoportal; metainformation systems; digitizing of cadastral maps; cooperation in the field of cadastre of real estates; fundamental base of geographic data; web map services.

The representative in the Nemoforum Plenum: Zdeňka Udržalová (since 2003).

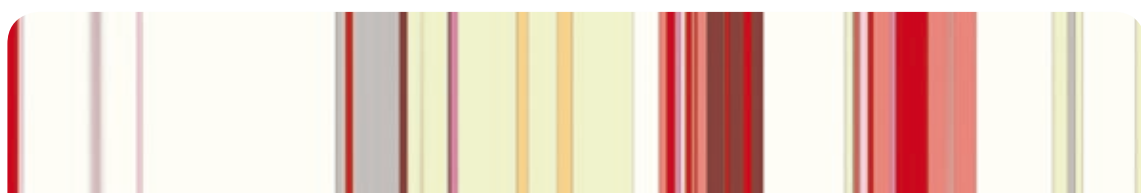
www.czso.cz

Ministry for Environment (*member since 2008*)

Main topics: transposition and implementation of the INSPIRE Directive; spatial data for modeling; overlay to statistical data and remote sensing data; operating of map services at the public administration portal; activities in the field of eGovernment services.

The representative in the Nemoforum Plenum: Jiří Hradec, director of CENIA – the Czech Environmental Information Agency (since 2008).

www.mzp.cz



PROFESSIONAL PLATFORM

Czech Association for Geoinformation (*founding member*)

Main topics: support of building and development of national geoinformation infrastructure; co-operation with professional GI organizations in Europe and in the CR; organizing of conferences and seminars on the GI topics; accredited professional training for public administration practice.

The representatives in the Nemoforum Plenum (always simultaneously the vice-chair of Nemoforum): CAGI president Josef Hojdar (1999-2002), CAGI Director Eva Pauknerová (2002-2006), CAGI board members Josef Havaš (2003-2007), Petr Kubíček (since 2007).

www.cagi.cz

Association of Real Estate Offices in the CR (*founding member*)

Main topics: access to cadastral data; creation of price maps; register of flats and its outputs; comprehensive digitizing of Cadastre of Real Estates and access to cadastral data for laic community.

The representative in the Nemoforum Plenum: Miroslav Duda, vice-president of the Association (since 1999), represented occasionally by Petr Kohout.

www.arkcr.cz

Czech Society of Certified Property Appraisers (*founding member*)

Main topics: processing of methodology for price maps creating; market valuation of land and real estates in relation to the Law No.151/1997 Coll., on the evaluation of property; regular attendance of the FIG congresses.

The representative in the Nemoforum Plenum: Zbyněk Smejkal, president of the Society (since 1999, 1999-2008 the Board member).

www.csc.com.cz

Masaryk University Brno (*founding member*)

Main topics: theoretical, methodological and application issues of SDI creation in relation to the trends both abroad and in the Czech Republic; analysis and identification of needs for "spatially enabled society" development; collecting, administration and dynamic geovisualization of geo-data; metadata; use of cartography and geoinformatics in early warning and emergency management; education in cartography and geoinformatics.

The representative in the Nemoforum Plenum: Milan Konečný (since 1999).

www.geogr.muni.cz

Chamber of Notaries of the CR (*founding member*)

Main topics: access to cadastral information in terms of real estate registry; the role of notaries in issuing proves of authentication of the CRE outputs; legislation processes; examples of solutions from abroad; viewpoints of other Nemoforum Plenum members.

The representatives in the Nemoforum Plenum: Miloslav Jindřich (1999-2002), Erik Mrzena (2002-2003), Lucie Vaňková (2003-2009), Robert Procházka (since 2009).

www.nkcr.cz

Association of Utility Administrators of East Bohemia (*founding member*)

Main topics: creation and administration of reference map base; standards and systems of digital technical maps; state, public administration and technical infrastructure data integration; optimizing the processes of spatial planning; facilitation of public access to the data of technical infrastructure; portal solution for reciprocal access to data; web map services.

The representative in the Nemoforum Plenum: Ivo Vodehnal (since 1999).

www.geostore.cz/jdtm-vc/gswweb

Chamber of Surveyors and Cartographers of the CR (*member since 2000*)

Main topics: digitizing of cadastral maps; digital technical maps of towns and municipalities; digital map of public administration; land consolidation; cooperation with the Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadastre, Ministry for Regional Development, Union of Municipalities and other members of Nemoforum; legislation in surveying and cartography.

The representatives in the Nemoforum Plenum: Ivan Kříž (2000-2007), Milan Kocáb (since 2007).

www.kgk.cz

Union of Land Owners in the CR (*member since 2000*)

Main topics: redemption of grievances to land owners from the period of forcible collectivization of countryside; fulfilling the content of ownership rights; support of land consolidation; land market development.

The representative in the Nemoforum Plenum: František Janda, president of the Union (since 2000).

www.svazvlastnikupudy.cz

Czech Transport Telematic Association (*member since 2003*)

Main topics: national geoinformation infrastructure; spatial identification in basic registers of public administration information systems in relation to transport telematics and implementation of ITS products and services.

The representative in the Nemoforum Plenum: Jiří Jindra (since 2003).

www.sdt.cz



Association of Utility Administrators of Central Bohemia (member since 2000)

Main topics: creation and administration of reference map base; standards and systems of digital technical maps; state, public administration and technical infrastructure data integration; optimizing the processes of spatial planning; facilitation of public access to the data of technical infrastructure; portal solution for reciprocal access to data; web map services.

The representatives in the Nemoforum Plenum: Jaroslav Polák (2000-2007), Jiří Lagner (since 2008).

www.geostore.cz/jdtm-stc/gswweb

University of West Bohemia in Pilsen (member since 2000)

Main topics: capture, processing and providing fundamental geodata; geodata and geoinformation availability; data modelling; updating of geodetic control on the territory of the CR; laser scanning and new hypsometry of the CR; digital orthophoto of the CR; digitizing of cadastral maps; digital map of public administration; web map services; planning analytical materials and planning documentation; training and education in IT and GIS.

The representative in the Nemoforum Plenum: Václav Čada (since 2000).

www.gis.zcu.cz



"I would like very much to use this opportunity to thank all the members, colleagues, Nemoforum supporters and fans for many years of collaborative work. I am convinced that the benefits of this unique professional association are of no doubt and that it is a good example of functional cooperation. It's nice to know that Nemoforum is well known even abroad, that I could personally verify.

I wish Nemoforum continued successful constellation, which has so far accompanied it."

Veronika Nedvědová

Chairperson of Nemoforum