The project GI-N2K (Geographic Information : Need to Know)

ISPRS is represented on the Advisory Committee for the EU project by Ian Dowman. The project web page is http://www.gi-n2k.eu/ and the following is an abstract from that:

GI-N2K aims to answer the question on how the education and vocational training in the domain of GI S&T can match with the actual job requirements in the job market.

GI-N2K builds upon the existing Geographic Information Science and Technology Body of Knowledge (GI S&T BoK) that was developed by the American University Consortium for Geographic Information Science, published in 2006 by the Association of American Geographers. The ‘BoK’ will be updated and brought into line with the new technological developments and the European perspective (e.g. importance of INSPIRE in Europe).

The renewed BoK will apply an ontological approach and will take the form of a dynamic e-platform (wiki-based format) including tools to use, explore the BoK, to define curricula, training opportunities and courses and to define job profiles.

Two surveys have been launched and are available on the website: http://www.gi-n2k.eu/surveys. These surveys are looking to inform the project on which competences are needed for GI-jobs and about the main competences being taught. Any individual or organisation is able to complete the surveys with a deadline of 19 February 2014.