



Changes from EBM v2024 to EBM v2025

Version	Author	Date	Comments
v1.0	Tim Trautmann / BKG	20.01.2025	

Contents

- 1 Introduction 2**
- 2 General changes in the EBM database 2**
 - 2.1 Data model 2
 - 2.2 Coverage extension 2
 - 2.3 International boundaries..... 2
 - 2.4 LAU/NUTS matching..... 2
- 3 Changes in national contributions..... 2**
 - 3.1 Unchanged countries 2
 - 3.2 Countries with minor changes..... 3
 - 3.3 Countries with major changes..... 3

1 Introduction

EBM 2025 is a completely new update of the EuroBoundaryMap product, based on the new NUTS 2024 regulation. The basis for the update was the previous release EBM 2024.

This document summarises all changes made from EBM 2024 to EBM 2025. Please refer also to the national metadata for additional information concerning changes in national data contributions.

2 General changes in the EBM database

2.1 Data model

The EBM data model has been kept stable. Regarding the issues between different country codes, EBM includes an additional table with country code matching. This table holds the relation between the country codes of ISO, EU and EuroGeographics.

Please refer to the document: [EBM 2025 Specification.pdf](#) for more details.

2.2 Coverage extension

From EBM 2024 to EBM 2025 the coverage has been kept stable. EBM 2025 covers all EU27, all EFTA, five current candidate countries and other European countries. EBM contains also placeholders for all missing countries.

2.3 International boundaries

The international boundaries have been kept stable. They are identical with the previous version and also with EuroRegionalMap.

As for previous versions, EBM contains also areas which are claimed by neighbouring countries, where it is necessary to display the polygons as in dispute areas. In all cases, it is not possible to solve or avoid in dispute areas in the EBM full Europe dataset. This applies for the following countries:

- Germany – The Netherlands: There is one unsolved issue on the seaward boundary between both countries. The German legal position is that the German territory includes the whole estuary of river Ems/Eems, and that the international border is situated at the western shoreline of this estuary. This is in conflict with the Dutch legal position, which defines the border in the middle of the estuary. This status quo will stay unsolved.
- Croatia – Slovenia: In the north-eastern edge of the Adriatic Sea the territorial waters claimed by both countries overlap. There is also a number of in dispute areas along the land boundary. This is a major political issue which will not be solved in near future.
- Croatia – Serbia: The border between both countries is not fixed, especially along river Danube. An agreement will not be in place in the near future.
- France – Italy: There are four small in dispute areas on glaciers.

2.4 LAU/NUTS matching

EBM 2025 contains the matching with the NUTS regulations No 2023/674 (NUTS 2024).

From EBM 2024 to EBM 2025 minor issues were resolved to improve LAU/NUTS matching between validation data and provided administrative unit data. Please refer to the document: [EBM 2025 LAU-NUTS-Matching.pdf](#) for more details.

3 Changes in national contributions

3.1 Unchanged countries

For the following countries there were no changes from EBM 2024 to EBM 2025:

- Belgium

- Hungary
- Latvia
- The Netherlands

For the following countries there was improvement in data quality (e.g. geometrical improvements) from EBM 2024 to EBM 2025 for more information see also the separate table [EBM 2025 ChangesDetails.xls](#) and the differential datasets:

- Austria
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Estonia
- Finland
- Greece
- Ireland
- Iceland
- Lithuania
- Malta
- Moldova
- Northern Ireland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Sweden
- Slovenia
- Slovakia

The following countries did not provide updates for EBM 2025. Nevertheless, these national datasets are assumed as valid for EBM 2025:

- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Denmark
- Croatia
- Kosovo
- Poland
- Ukraine

3.2 Countries with minor changes

The following national contributions contain only a small number of changes:

- Switzerland
- Italy
- Luxembourg
- North Macedonia
- Serbia

The changes are listed in detail in the separate table [EBM 2025 ChangesDetails.xls](#) and the corresponding differential datasets.

3.3 Countries with major changes

The following national contributions contain a major number of changes:

- Germany
- Spain
- France
- Great Britain

- Norway

The changes are listed in detail in the separate table [EBM 2025 ChangesDetails.xls](#) and the corresponding differential datasets.