

# Package ‘rgugik’

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**Title** Search and Retrieve Spatial Data from 'GUGiK'

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**Description** Automatic open data acquisition from resources of Polish Head Office of Geodesy and Cartography ('Główny Urząd Geodezji i Kartografii')

(<<https://www.gov.pl/web/gugik>>).

Available datasets include various types of numeric, raster and vector data, such as orthophotomaps, digital elevation models (digital terrain models, digital surface model, point clouds), state register of borders, spatial databases, geometries of cadastral parcels, 3D models of buildings, and more. It is also possible to geocode addresses or objects using the `geocodePL_get()` function.

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borders_download	<i>Download State Register of Borders</i>
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## Description

Download State Register of Borders

## Usage

```
borders_download(type, outdir = ".", unzip = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

type	"administrative units", "special units" or "addresses"
outdir	(optional) name of the output directory; by default, files are saved in the working directory

```

unzip      TRUE (default) or FALSE, when TRUE the downloaded archive will be ex-
          tracted and removed
...        additional argument for utils::download.file\(\)

```

**Value**

a selected data type in SHP format

**Examples**

```

## Not run:
borders_download("administrative units") # 366 MB

## End(Not run)

```

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borders_get	<i>Get the boundaries of administrative units</i>
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**Description**

Get the boundaries of administrative units

**Usage**

```
borders_get(voivodeship = NULL, county = NULL, commune = NULL, TERYT = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

```

voivodeship  selected voivodeships in Polish. Check voivodeship\_names\(\) function
county       county names in Polish. Check county\_names\(\) function
commune      commune names in Polish. Check commune\_names\(\) function
TERYT       voivodeships, counties or communes (2, 4 or 7 characters)

```

**Details**

If all arguments are NULL (default), the boundary of Poland will be returned.

**Value**

a sf data.frame (EPSG: 2180)

**Examples**

```

## Not run:
voivodeship_geom = borders_get(voivodeship = "lubuskie") # 494 KB
county_geom = borders_get(county = "Sopot") # 18 KB
commune_geom = borders_get(commune = c("Hel", "Krynica Morska")) # 11 KB
poland_geom = borders_get() # 1124.3 KB

## End(Not run)

```

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`commune_names`*Communes in Poland*

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**Description**

The data frame contains names of communes, and their identifiers (TERC, 7 characters).

**Usage**`commune_names`**Format**

An object of class `data.frame` with 2479 rows and 2 columns.

**Details**

Last update: 6 January 2025

**Examples**`commune_names`

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`county_names`*Counties in Poland*

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**Description**

The data frame contains the names of counties, their identifiers (TERYT, 4 characters) and the availability of building models in the LOD2 standard (logical value).

**Usage**`county_names`**Format**

An object of class `data.frame` with 380 rows and 3 columns.

**Examples**`county_names`

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`DEM_request`*Get metadata and links to available digital elevation models*

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### Description

Get metadata and links to available digital elevation models

### Usage

```
DEM_request(x)
```

### Arguments

`x` an sf, sfc or SpatVector object with one or more features (requests are based on the bounding boxes of the provided features)

### Details

The server can return a maximum of 1000 records in a single query. If your area of interest exceeds this limit, you can generate a grid of smaller polygons ([sf::st\\_make\\_grid\(\)](#)) or a regular grid of points ([sf::st\\_sample\(\)](#)).

### Value

a data frame with metadata and links to the digital elevation models (different formats of digital terrain model, digital surface model and point clouds)

### See Also

[tile\\_download\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
library(sf)
polygon_path = system.file("datasets/search_area.gpkg", package = "rgugik")
polygon = read_sf(polygon_path)
req_df = DEM_request(polygon)

# simple filtering by attributes
req_df = req_df[req_df$year > 2018, ]
req_df = req_df[req_df$product == "PointCloud" & req_df$format == "LAS", ]

## End(Not run)
```

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`egib_download`*Download Land and Building Register (EGiB) layers*

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## Description

Download Land and Building Register (EGiB) layers

## Usage

```
egib_download(  
  county = NULL,  
  TERYT = NULL,  
  layer = "parcels",  
  outdir = ".",  
  ...  
)
```

## Arguments

<code>county</code>	County name in Polish. Check <code>county_names()</code> function.
<code>TERYT</code>	County ID (4 characters).
<code>layer</code>	Requested layer, parcels default. Other common layer is buildings. You can check available layers by <code>egib_layers()</code> dataset.
<code>outdir</code>	name of the output directory where the data has to be stored, current directory by default. If you don't want to download data, pass a NULL value.
<code>...</code>	any other parameter passed to <code>sf::read_sf()</code> function.

## Value

If the `outdir` argument is specified, the data will be downloaded to disk in geopackage format. If the `outdir` argument is NULL, simple feature data frame is returned, but only for the first object.

## References

The EGiB data (*Ewidencja Gruntów i Budynków*) consist of 2 primary layers: cadastral data (parcels) and buildings footprints. The data is maintained on county level, which results in 380 units (different sources of data). It may contain additional layers like points of detailed horizontal and vertical geodetic control network ("*osnowa\_poziona*" and "*osnowa\_pionowa*" respectively).

<https://www.geoportal.gov.pl/en/data/land-and-building-register-egib/>

<https://www.geoportal.gov.pl/en/data/detailed-control-network-database-bdsog/>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
egib_download(TERYT = c("2476", "2264"), layer = "buildings", outdir = ".") # 2.2 + 2.6 MB
parcels = egib_download(county = "Świętochłowice", layer = "parcels", outdir = NULL) # 3.9 MB

## End(Not run)
```

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egib\_layers

*Available URLs and layers of Land and Building Register (EGiB)*


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**Description**

The data frame contains the names of counties, their identifiers (TERYT, 4 characters), the URL to the EGiB data (as Web Feature Service) and the names of available layers.

**Usage**

```
egib_layers
```

**Format**

An object of class `data.frame` with 380 rows and 4 columns.

**Examples**

```
egib_layers
```

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emuia\_download

*Download Register of Towns, Streets and Addresses for communes*


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**Description**

Download Register of Towns, Streets and Addresses for communes

**Usage**

```
emuia_download(commune = NULL, TERYT = NULL, outdir = ".", unzip = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

commune	commune name in Polish. Check <code>commune_names()</code> function.
TERYT	county ID (7 characters)
outdir	(optional) name of the output directory; by default, files are saved in the working directory
unzip	TRUE (default) or FALSE, when TRUE the downloaded archive will be extracted and removed
...	additional argument for <code>utils::download.file()</code>

**Value**

a register in SHP format

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
emuia_download(commune = "Kotla") # 38 KB  
emuia_download(TERYT = c("0203042", "2412032")) # 75 KB  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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geocodePL\_get

*Convert addresses and objects to geographic coordinates*

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**Description**

Convert addresses and objects to geographic coordinates

**Usage**

```
geocodePL_get(  
  address = NULL,  
  road = NULL,  
  rail_crossing = NULL,  
  geoname = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

address	place with or without street and house number
road	road number with or without mileage
rail_crossing	rail crossing identifier (11 characters including 2 spaces, format: "XXX XXX XXX")
geoname	name of the geographical object from State Register of Geographical Names (function <a href="#">geonames_download()</a> )

**Value**

a sf data.frame (EPSG: 2180) with metadata

## Examples

```
## Not run:
geocodePL_get(address = "Marki") # place
geocodePL_get(address = "Marki, Andersa") # place and street
geocodePL_get(address = "Marki, Andersa 1") # place, street and house number
geocodePL_get(address = "Królewskie Brzeziny 13") # place and house number

geocodePL_get(road = "632") # road number
geocodePL_get(road = "632 55") # road number and mileage

geocodePL_get(rail_crossing = "001 018 478")

geocodePL_get(geoname = "Las Mierzei") # physiographic object

## End(Not run)
```

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geodb\_download

*Download General Geographic Databases for entire voivodeships*

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## Description

Download General Geographic Databases for entire voivodeships

## Usage

```
geodb_download(voivodeships, outdir = ".", unzip = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

voivodeships	selected voivodeships in Polish or English, or TERC (object <a href="#">voivodeship_names</a> can be helpful)
outdir	(optional) name of the output directory; by default, files are saved in the working directory
unzip	TRUE (default) or FALSE, when TRUE the downloaded archive will be extracted and removed
...	additional argument for <a href="#">utils::download.file()</a>

## Value

a database in Geography Markup Language format (.GML), the content and detail level corresponds to the general geographic map in the scale of 1:250000

## References

description of topographical and general geographical databases, and technical standards for making maps (in Polish): <https://isap.sejm.gov.pl/isap.nsf/download.xsp/WDU20210001412/O/D20211412.pdf>

brief description of categories and layer names (in English and Polish): [https://kadyb.github.io/rgugik/articles/articles/spatialdb\\_description.html](https://kadyb.github.io/rgugik/articles/articles/spatialdb_description.html)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
geodb_download(c("opolskie", "lubuskie")) # 12.7 MB
geodb_download(c("Opole", "Lubusz")) # 12.7 MB
geodb_download(c("16", "08")) # 12.7 MB

## End(Not run)
```

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geonames\_download      *Download State Register of Geographical Names*

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## Description

Download State Register of Geographical Names

## Usage

```
geonames_download(type, format = "SHP", outdir = ".", unzip = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

type	names of places ("place") and/or physiographic objects ("object")
format	data format ("GML", "SHP" (default) and/or "XLSX")
outdir	(optional) name of the output directory; by default, files are saved in the working directory
unzip	TRUE (default) or FALSE, when TRUE the downloaded archive will be extracted and removed
...	additional argument for <code>utils::download.file()</code>

## Value

a selected data type in the specified format

## References

<https://isap.sejm.gov.pl/isap.nsf/download.xsp/WDU20150000219/0/D20150219.pdf>

## Examples

```
## Not run:
geonames_download(type = "place", format = "SHP") # 18.2 MB

## End(Not run)
```

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minmaxDTM_get	<i>Get minimum and maximum elevation for a given polygon</i>
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**Description**

Get minimum and maximum elevation for a given polygon

**Usage**

```
minmaxDTM_get(polygon)
```

**Arguments**

polygon	the polygon layer with only one object (area less than 10 ha), the larger the polygon area, the lower DTM resolution, the input coordinate system must be EPSG:2180
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**Value**

a data frame with vector points and min/max terrain elevation (EPSG:2180)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
library(sf)  
polygon_path = system.file("datasets/search_area.gpkg", package = "rgugik")  
polygon = read_sf(polygon_path)  
minmax = minmaxDTM_get(polygon)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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models3D_download	<i>Download 3D models of buildings for counties</i>
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**Description**

Download 3D models of buildings for counties

**Usage**

```
models3D_download(  
  county = NULL,  
  TERYT = NULL,  
  LOD = "LOD1",  
  outdir = ".",  
  unzip = TRUE,  
  ...  
)
```

**Arguments**

county	county name in Polish. Check <code>county_names()</code> function.
TERYT	county ID (4 characters)
LOD	level of detail for building models ("LOD1" or "LOD2"). "LOD1" is default. "LOD2" is only available for ten voivodeships (TERC: "04", "06", "12", "14", "16", "18", "20", "24", "26", "28"). Check <code>voivodeship_names()</code> function.
outdir	(optional) name of the output directory; by default, files are saved in the working directory
unzip	TRUE (default) or FALSE, when TRUE the downloaded archive will be extracted and removed
...	additional argument for <code>utils::download.file()</code>

**Value**

models of buildings in Geography Markup Language format (.GML)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
models3D_download(TERYT = c("2476", "2264")) # 3.6 MB
models3D_download(county = "sejneński", LOD = "LOD2") # 7.0 MB

## End(Not run)
```

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ortho\_request      *Get metadata and links to available orthoimages*

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**Description**

Get metadata and links to available orthoimages

**Usage**

```
ortho_request(x)
```

```
orto_request(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	an sf, sfc or SpatVector object with one or more features (requests are based on the bounding boxes of the provided features)
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**Details**

The server can return a maximum of 1000 records in a single query. If your area of interest exceeds this limit, you can generate a grid of smaller polygons (`sf::st_make_grid()`) or a regular grid of points (`sf::st_sample()`).

**Value**

a data frame with metadata and links to the orthoimages

**See Also**

[tile\\_download\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(sf)
polygon_path = system.file("datasets/search_area.gpkg", package = "rgugik")
polygon = read_sf(polygon_path)
req_df = ortho_request(polygon)

# simple filtering by attributes
req_df = req_df[req_df$composition == "CIR", ]
req_df = req_df[req_df$resolution <= 0.25 & req_df$year >= 2016, ]

## End(Not run)
```

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parcel\_get

*Get the geometry of cadastral parcels*

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**Description**

Get the geometry of cadastral parcels

**Usage**

```
parcel_get(TERYT = NULL, X = NULL, Y = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

TERYT	parcel ID (18 characters, e.g. "141201_1.0001.6509")
X	longitude (EPSG: 2180)
Y	latitude (EPSG: 2180)

**Value**

a simple feature geometry (in case of TERYT) or data frame with simple feature geometry and TERYT (in case of coordinates)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
parcel = parcel_get(TERYT = "141201_1.0001.6509")
parcel = parcel_get(X = 313380.5, Y = 460166.4)

## End(Not run)
```

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pointDTM100\_download    *Download digital terrain models for voivodeships (100 m resolution)*

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### Description

Download digital terrain models for voivodeships (100 m resolution)

### Usage

```
pointDTM100_download(voivodeships, outdir = ".", unzip = TRUE, ...)
```

### Arguments

voivodeships	selected voivodeships in Polish or English, or TERC (function <a href="#">voivodeship_names()</a> can be helpful)
outdir	(optional) name of the output directory; by default, files are saved in the working directory
unzip	TRUE (default) or FALSE, when TRUE the downloaded archive will be extracted and removed
...	additional argument for <a href="#">utils::download.file()</a>

### Value

text files with X, Y, Z columns (EPSG:2180)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
pointDTM100_download(c("opolskie", "świętokrzyskie")) # 8.5 MB
pointDTM100_download(c("Opole", "Swietokrzyskie")) # 8.5 MB
pointDTM100_download(c("16", "26")) # 8.5 MB

## End(Not run)
```

---

pointDTM\_get            *Get terrain elevation for a given polygon*

---

### Description

Get terrain elevation for a given polygon

### Usage

```
pointDTM_get(polygon, distance = 1, print_iter = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

polygon	the polygon layer with only one object (its area is limited to the 20 ha * distance parameter), the input coordinate system must be EPSG:2180
distance	distance between points in meters (must be integer and greater than 1)
print_iter	print the current iteration of all (logical, TRUE default)

**Value**

a data frame with vector points and terrain elevation (EPSG:2180, Vertical Reference System:PL-KRON86-NH)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(sf)
polygon_path = system.file("datasets/search_area.gpkg", package = "rgugik")
polygon = read_sf(polygon_path)
DTM = pointDTM_get(polygon, distance = 2)

## End(Not run)
```

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tile_download	<i>Download requested tiles</i>
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**Description**

Download requested tiles

**Usage**

```
tile_download(df_req, outdir = ".", unzip = TRUE, print_iter = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

df_req	a data frame obtained using the <a href="#">ortho_request()</a> and <a href="#">DEM_request()</a> functions
outdir	(optional) name of the output directory; by default, files are saved in the working directory
unzip	TRUE (default) or FALSE, when TRUE the downloaded archive will be extracted and removed; only suitable for certain elevation data
print_iter	print the current iteration of all (logical, TRUE default)
...	additional argument for <a href="#">utils::download.file()</a>

**Value**

georeferenced tiles with properties (resolution, year, etc.) as specified in the input data frame

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(sf)
options(timeout = 600)
polygon_path = system.file("datasets/search_area.gpkg", package = "rgugik")
polygon = read_sf(polygon_path)

req_df = ortho_request(polygon)
tile_download(req_df[1, ]) # download the first image only

req_df = DEM_request(polygon)
tile_download(req_df[1, ]) # download the first DEM only

## End(Not run)
```

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topodb_download	<i>Download Topographic Databases for counties</i>
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**Description**

Download Topographic Databases for counties

**Usage**

```
topodb_download(county = NULL, TERYT = NULL, outdir = ".", unzip = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

county	county name in Polish. Check <a href="#">county_names()</a> function.
TERYT	county ID (4 characters)
outdir	(optional) name of the output directory; by default, files are saved in the working directory
unzip	TRUE (default) or FALSE, when TRUE the downloaded archive will be extracted and removed
...	additional argument for <a href="#">utils::download.file()</a>

**Value**

a database in Geography Markup Language format (.GML), the content and detail level corresponds to the topographic map in the scale of 1:10000

**References**

description of topographical and general geographical databases, and technical standards for making maps (in Polish): <https://isap.sejm.gov.pl/isap.nsf/download.xsp/WDU20210001412/O/D20211412.pdf>

brief description of categories and layer names (in English and Polish): [https://kadyb.github.io/rgugik/articles/articles/spatialdb\\_description.html](https://kadyb.github.io/rgugik/articles/articles/spatialdb_description.html)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
topodb_download(county = "Świętochłowice") # 2.4 MB  
topodb_download(TERYT = c("2476", "2264")) # 4.8 MB  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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voivodeship_names	<i>Voivodeships in Poland</i>
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**Description**

The data frame contains Polish and English names of voivodeships, and their identifiers (TERC, 2 characters).

**Usage**

```
voivodeship_names
```

**Format**

An object of class `data.frame` with 16 rows and 3 columns.

**Examples**

```
voivodeship_names
```

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