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Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe

Recommendations for the 2016 Member State Report

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Preface

In the MIG-P meeting on 4 December 2015, it was agreed not to modify the reporting template as proposed by the Commission and the EEA, but to use the current reporting template¹ also for the 2016 reporting exercise.

It was further agreed that the Commission (JRC) and the EEA would prepare a short separate document with recommendations for information to provide and aspects to consider when compiling the 2016 Member State report.

This document contains these additional recommendations for several sections of the reporting template.

¹ Available on the INSPIRE web site at http://inspire.jrc.ec.europa.eu/documents/Monitoring_and_Reporting/Revised_Template_for_the_INSPIRE_Country_Report_2013.doc

Recommendations

In each chapter, include an additional sub-section called “**Progress with respect to the previous reporting period**”, which summarises any major changes made over the past 3 years related to the aspect covered by the chapter, including what went well, what was improved, addressed difficulties; what best represents the progress and success stories over the last 3 years.

In section 6.1.2 The Coordination Structure, also indicate the MIG-P and MIG-T representatives.

In the sub-section of section 6.1.2 Overview of working practices and procedures, consider to describe

- the role and responsibilities of the coordinating body
- its organisational chart
- links with national representatives related to environmental activities such as reporting, assessments etc.
- activities undertaken to ensure cross-border co-ordination activities (e.g. agreements, establishment of WGs etc.)
- relations to international organisations or bodies using, managing or producing spatial data
- how the local administration is involved
- how it is ensured that
 - public authorities are given the technical possibility to link with spatial data sets and services to the network services (Art. 12);
 - the network services can be accessed by third parties and the public (Art.14);
 - services and data can be accessed through the INSPIRE geo-portal

In section 6.1.3 Comments on the monitoring and reporting process, include comments related to the effectiveness, efficiency and coherence of the monitoring and reporting process and, when appropriated, suggestions for possible improvements.

In section 6.2.2 Analysis of quality assurance problems, consider to comment on the effectiveness and benefit of the INSPIRE Maintenance and Implementation Framework (MIF) and the MIG.

In section 7.2 INSPIRE Stakeholders, describe

- which are the sectors of stakeholders that, according to your evidence, are still missing to contribute to the implementation of INSPIRE;
- any plans to involve the missing areas and the main difficulties encountered;
- the involvement of national representatives and other relevant stakeholders related to environmental activities (monitoring, reporting, assessments);
- the involvement of the private sector in the implementation of the INSPIRE Directive in your country (e.g. as data producers, service providers, coordinating bodies, users).

In section 7.3 Role of the various stakeholders, consider to include information on the strategy and the status of the identification of data providers for each of the INSPIRE data themes.

In section 7.4 Measures taken to facilitate sharing, describe how the measures reduce the restrictions/barriers likely to create practical obstacles, occurring at the point of use, to the sharing of spatial data sets and services, and what type of barriers (legal, technical, knowledge, financial, cooperation, licencing, sharing culture, or others you find important).

If possible, provide examples where requests for sharing data were successful or unsuccessful and indicate the reasons why.

In section 7.5 Stakeholder cooperation, consider to describe

- Frameworks, processes and procedures for cooperation, in particular responsibility of data providers per each INSPIRE data theme, interaction between them and the public authorities in charge of implementation of environmental policies, implementation and reuse of network services;
- Cooperation with stakeholders in charge of implementing environmental legislation;
- Working groups (list and scope of active working groups);
- Newsletters, other publications (references);
- the National geoportal (including URL), and where relevant regional or thematic portals

In section 7.6 Access to services through the INSPIRE Geoportal, provide information on the following questions:

- Are the services accessible through the INSPIRE geoportal also available in the national SDI?
- What are the obstacles encountered?
- What measures have been taken to ensure consistency between the information provided through the INSPIRE monitoring process and the metadata/services available in the geoportal?
- What are the main reasons for restricting access (user traceability, technical, legal restriction, or economical)?

Please also describe any process or tools you have implemented to test the conformity with the Implementing Rules of metadata, data, network services, and spatial data services. Describe the licencing conditions under which the tool is available (open access, restricted, internal for organisation, for payment, etc.) and provide URL in case of a web tool.

When describing examples **in the subsections of section 8 Usage of the infrastructure for spatial information (Art.14),** consider providing information about any INSPIRE implementation examples that you consider as successful, either because they solved a particular constraint for the implementation, or improved the use of the infrastructure by the public, or by a cross-sectorial use case, representing a significant step forward in the implementation. This could be an application, a service, a transformation procedure/methodology, a training programme, creation of a feedback opportunity for users, organisational structure etc.

In section 8.2 Use of the spatial datasets, consider examples illustrating the use made for:

- the implementation of measures and programmes as laid down in various elements of the EU environmental acquis;

- the monitoring of such measures, the monitoring of pressures, the state-of-the-environment, impact assessments;
- providing spatial datasets as part of the EU and international environmental reporting obligations (specify the EU legislation).

In section 8.3 Use of the SDI by the general public, describe whether/how you collect and monitor demands for data and service sharing from general public (e.g. help desk, on-line support, feedback, complains, etc.).

In section 9.1 Data sharing arrangements between public authorities, describe also the main types of the sharing arrangements between the public authorities: framework agreements, contracts, licence agreements (e.g. Creative Commons, government licence, open data licence, etc.) and provide some examples. In the case of open data licence, provide examples of spatial data sets with relation to the INSPIRE Directive Annex I, II and III under this licence and the URL of the licence, if available.

Describe to which levels of public authorities (from national to local) the data sharing arrangements are applicable.

In section 9.3 Barriers to the sharing and the actions taken to overcome them, describe the barriers according to the following types: legal, technical, knowledge, financial, cooperation, licencing, sharing culture, or others you find important. For each of them describe the actions taken or planned to overcome them.