



INSPIRE from the JRC point of view

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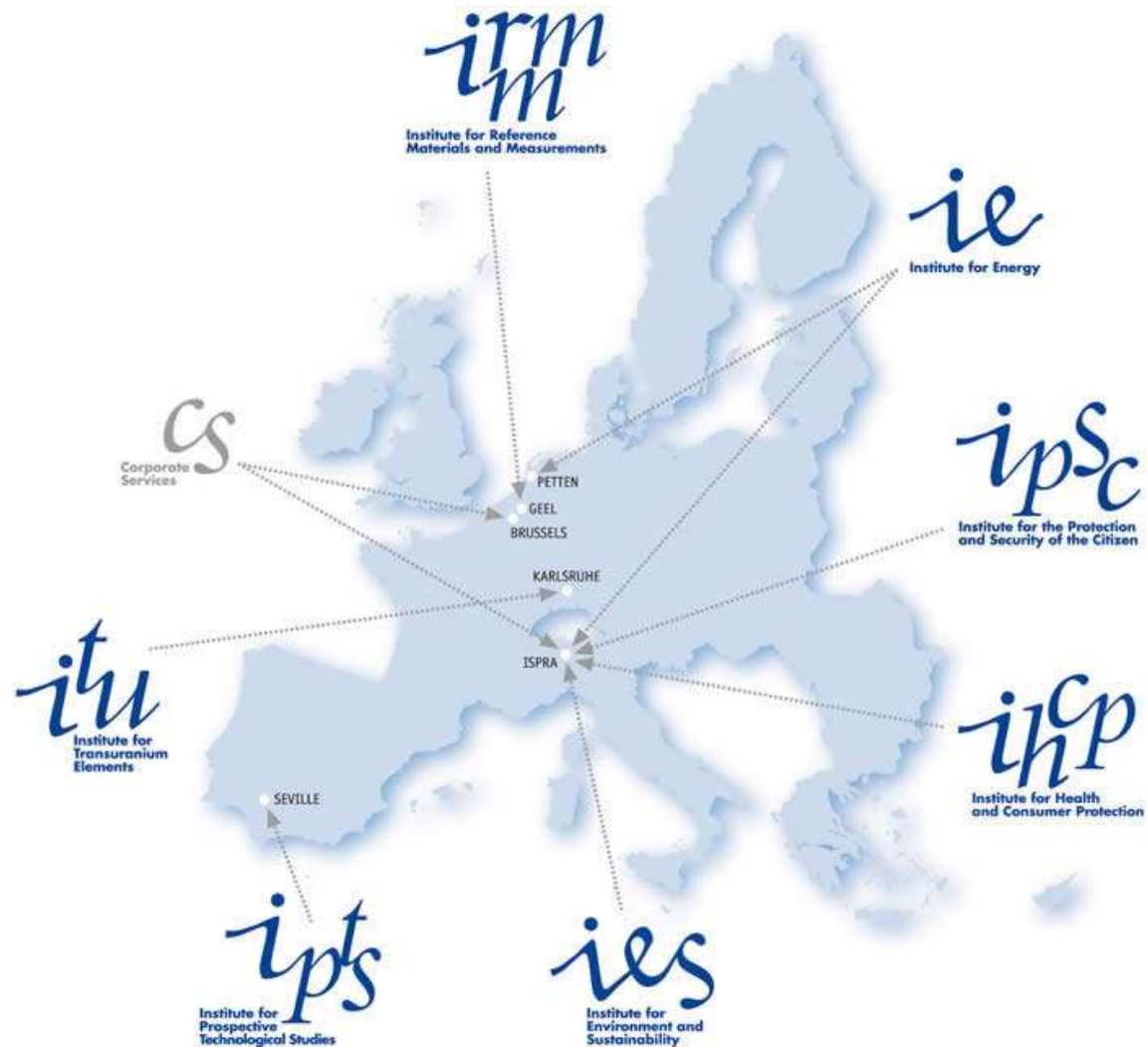


JRC overview



- Established in 1957 (Treaties of Rome).
- Is a department (Directorate-General, DG) of the EC providing independent scientific and technological support for EU policy-making
- It works closely on the development of EU legislation with the relevant Commission services, such as the Agricultural, Enterprise and Industry, Environment and Health, Connect and Consumers DGs
- Staff of around 2890
- Annual budget of around €330 million

JRC overview

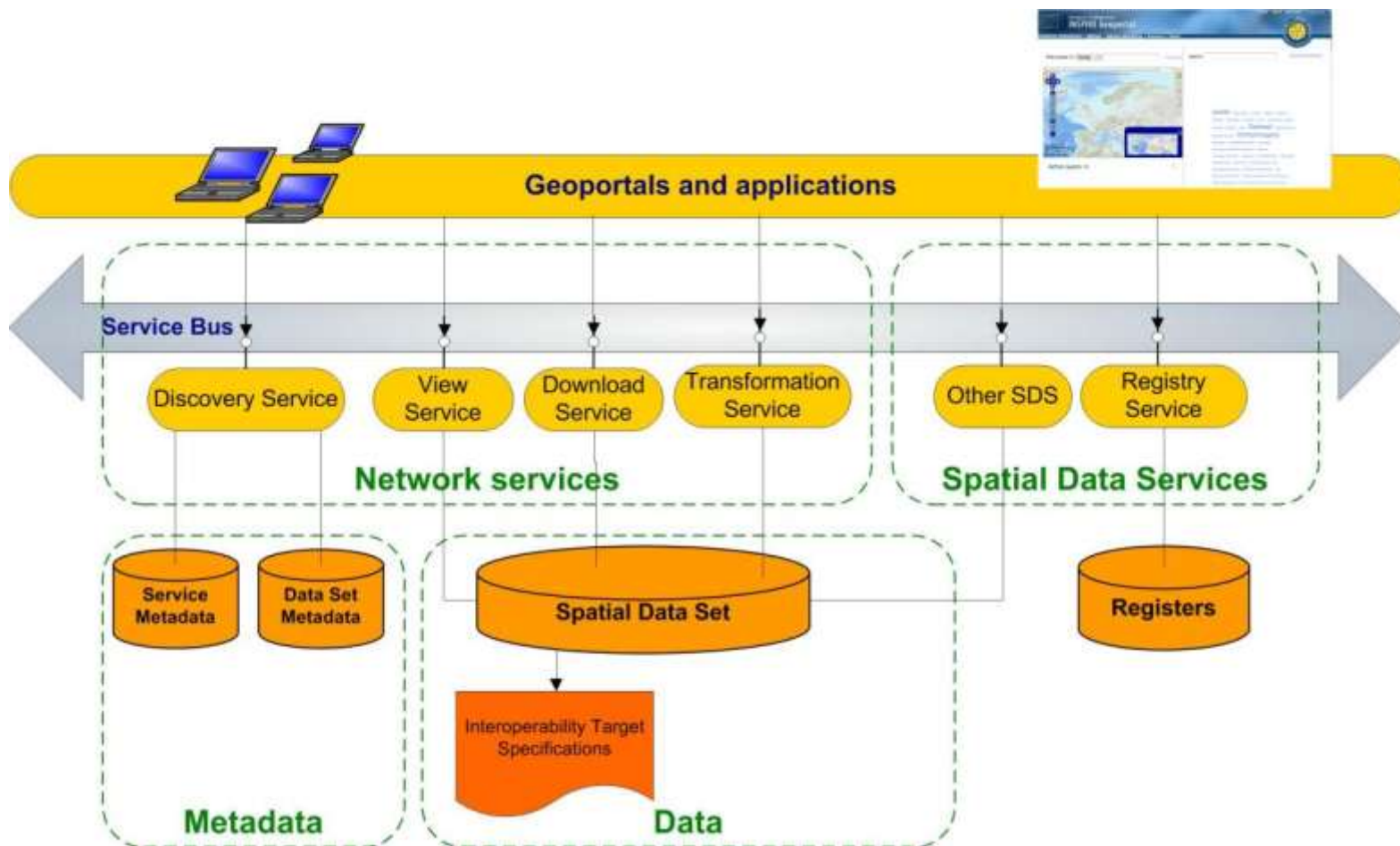


INSPIRE process

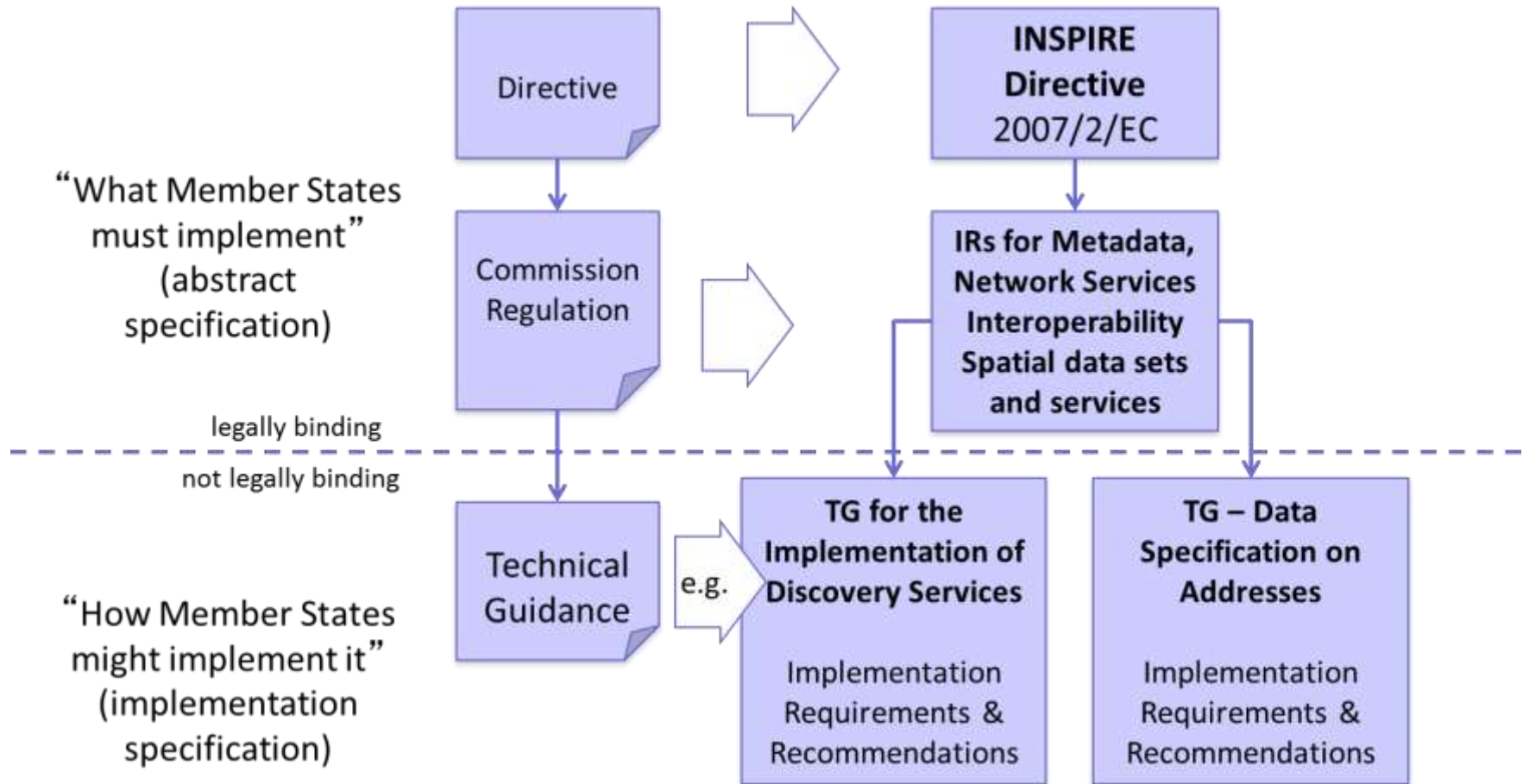


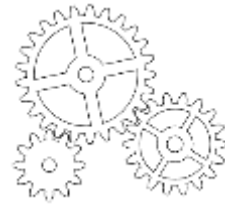
- INSPIRE is a Framework Directive
- Detailed technical provisions are laid down in Implementing Rules (IRs) on:
 - Metadata
 - Interoperability of spatial data sets and services
 - Network services (discovery, view, download, transform, invoke)
 - Data and Service sharing
 - Coordination and measures for Monitoring & Reporting
- Once adopted, IRs become European legislative acts and national law in 27 Member States and in some EFTA countries

INSPIRE process



INSPIRE process (IR vs. TG)

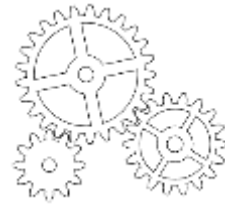




Recent developments

- INSPIRE Metadata Regulation published in December 2008
 - Two years for Member States to create metadata for Annex I and II, 5 years for Annex III
- Revised version of the TG to implement the Regulation using EN ISO 19115 Metadata and EN ISO 19119 Services was published on the INSPIRE web site in June 2010
- Metadata editor publicly available as part of prototype INSPIRE geo-portal

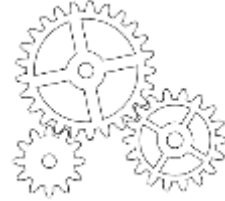




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- INSPIRE Network Services Regulation published in October 2009 (Discovery and View)
 - TG Discovery Services and the INSPIRE View Service TG (Version 3.1) published on the INSPIRE web site in November 2011
- Commission Regulation as regards download services and transformation services was published in December 2010
 - The TG Coordinate Transformation Services, (V 2.1, 15/03/2010)
 - The TG Schema transformation services (V3.0, 15/12/2010)
 - The TG Download Services (V 3.0, 12/06/2012)

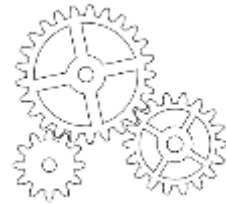




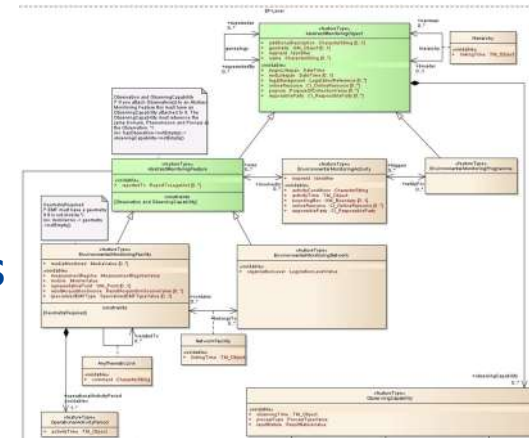
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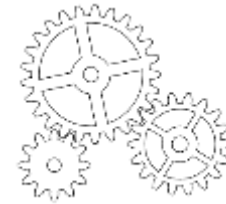
- INSPIRE Spatial Data Services and Invoke: Consultation started in August 2012
- The Initial Operating Capability Task Force (IOC TF) was set up in June 2009
 - Help and support Member States in the implementation of INSPIRE services
 - Ensure interoperability with the INSPIRE geo-portal of the EC
- IOC TF consists of the representatives from all MS (two representatives per MS), responsible for the Architecture design and the service implementation of the NSDIIs

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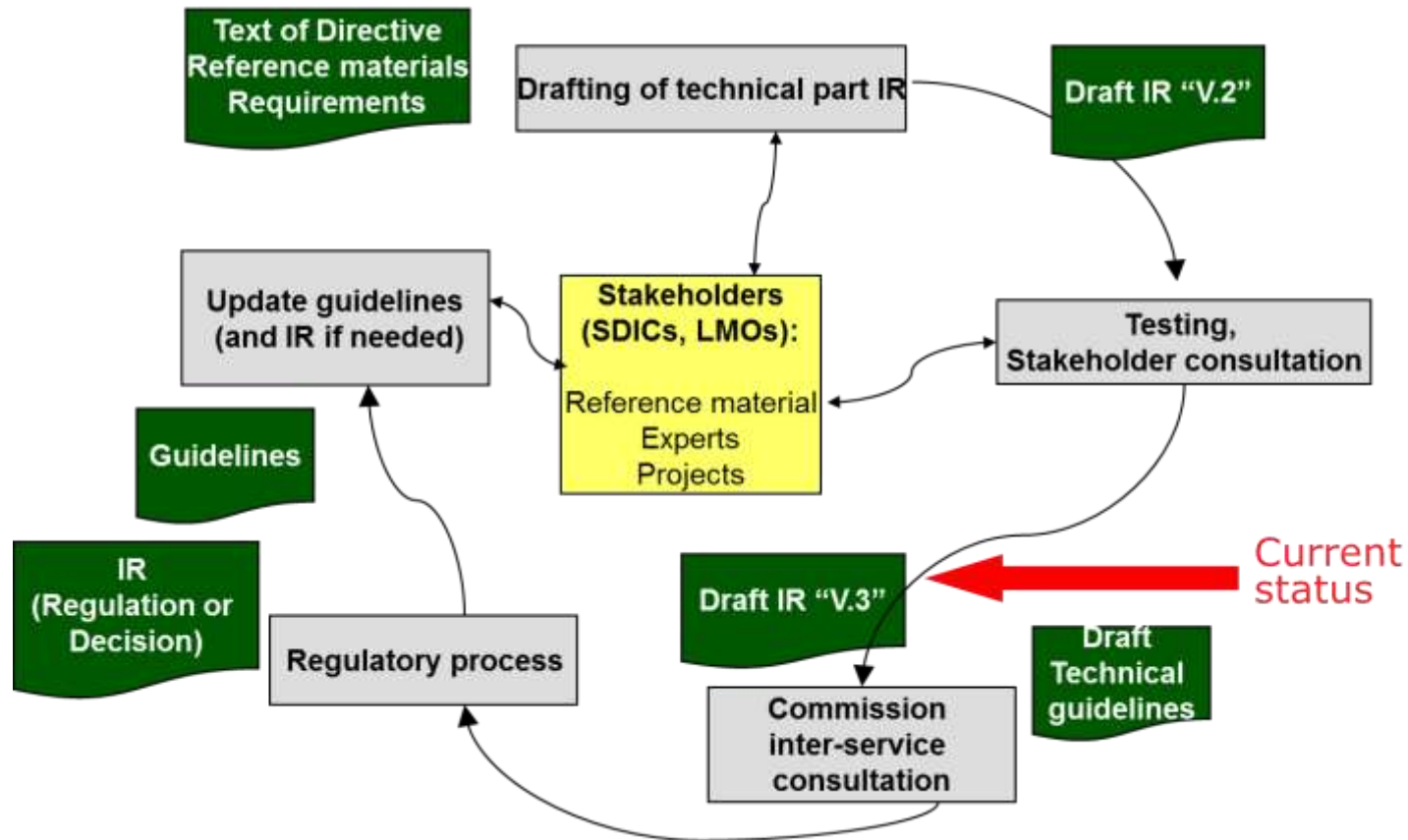


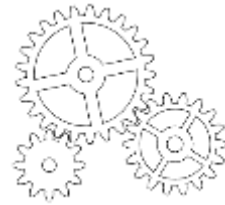
- Commission Regulation regards interoperability of spatial data sets and services has been published in November 2010
- Concerns the interoperability of spatial data sets for Annex I spatial data themes
- Data specifications (TGs) published in May 2010
- IR & DS for Annex II & III Data Themes are under development
- Draft TGs for all 25 themes published in July 2012





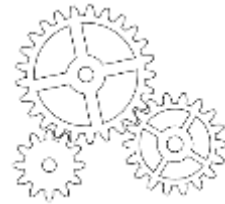
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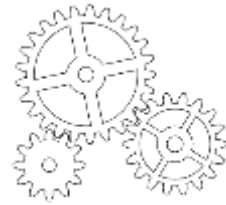
Recent developments

- Member States **will make available data** within the scope of INSPIRE using:
 - the same spatial object types (and definitions)
 - the same attributes (and definitions, types, code lists) and relationships to other types
 - a common encoding (format)
 - common portrayal rules (how data is displayed)
- This facilitates:
 - pan-European/cross-border aggregation and analysis
 - application development (e.g. information systems, reporting systems, forecasting models)



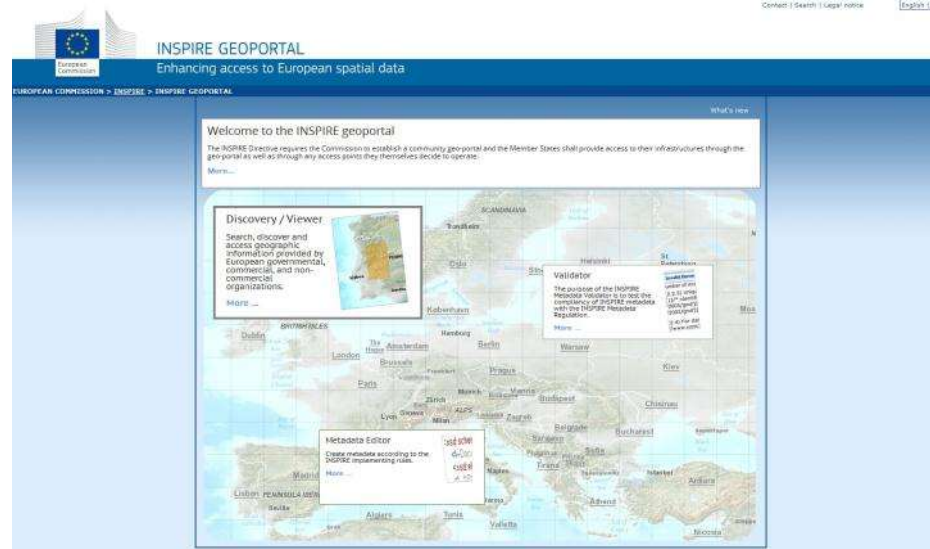
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- The Commission Regulation regards the access to spatial data sets and services of the MS by Community institutions and bodies under harmonised conditions was adopted in March 2010
 - TG and a "Good Practice" document are available on INSPIRE web site
- The Commission Regulation regards monitoring and reporting was adopted in June 2009
 - In 2010 the first INSPIRE monitoring and reporting documents were provided by MS
- 6th edition of the State of Play reports is available that covers the period 2010 - 2011



Recent developments

- Operational INSPIRE geo-portal has been published



- It provides searching and viewing of spatial data sets from the EU Member States within the framework of the INSPIRE Directive

Role of the JRC in INSPIRE

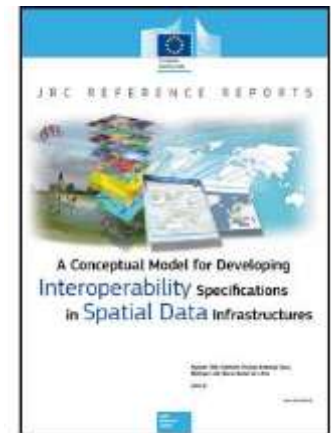


- The role of JRC in INSPIRE is in line with its mission which is to provide customer-driven scientific and technical support for the conception, development, implementation and monitoring of EU policies
- 2002 - MoU was agreed on cooperation between DG Environment, Eurostat and JRC for the first steps in the development of the INSPIRE initiative
- 2006 - MoU was updated ...
- Within the JRC, Digital Earth and Reference Data Unit (DERD), former SDI Unit, in the Institute for Environment and Sustainability (IES), is responsible for INSPIRE

Role of the JRC in INSPIRE



- Original role
 - Preparation of the INSPIRE IR for Metadata, Data specifications, Network services and Interoperability
 - Development and upgrading of the INSPIRE geo-portal
 - Technical coordination with other EU and international initiatives
 - Work with international standardisation bodies (e.g. ISO/TC211, CEN/TC 287 and OGC)
- In the meantime the role of Unit has evolved ...
 - Implementation and Development
 - Management and coordination of communication with SDIC and LMO
 - CB assessments



Role of the JRC in INSPIRE

- Sharing Policies for Environment (SHAPE)
 - coordinate the development of the INSPIRE Directive and its IRs
 - support the policy development of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS)
 - support the interoperable development of international SDI initiatives
 - advance research in semantic interoperability and impact assessment
- Environmental Information Systems Implementation and Evolution (ENABLE)
 - coordinate the development of the INSPIRE geo-portal and facilitates the IOC TF
 - support the development and implementation of the IRs in MS
 - support the policy implementation of the SEIS
 - support the development of of international SDI initiatives
 - contribute to the development of the next generation Digital Earth

Challenges



- INSPIRE is an infrastructure currently built by 27 different countries using more than 23 languages!
- Existing standards have to be tested in real distributed and multilingual settings
- Some standards are still do not exist and some are not mature enough
- Organizational challenges in MS
- Capacity building
- Emphasis shifts from the EC to the MS
- Maintenance
- ...

Conclusions



- Clear results and benefits
- Collaboration
- Main stakeholders have been already “inspired” in MS and at the EU level
- The focus is now on MS!
- The role of JRC is indispensable

Annoni, A. (2011) :

“Arguably there have been many ‘fathers’ of INSPIRE but, as in real life, there can only be one ‘mother’ – the JRC!”

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Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

Suggestions?

