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18th meeting of the INSPIRE MIG-P
30 November 2023

INSPIRE Conference 2023 – Some statistics

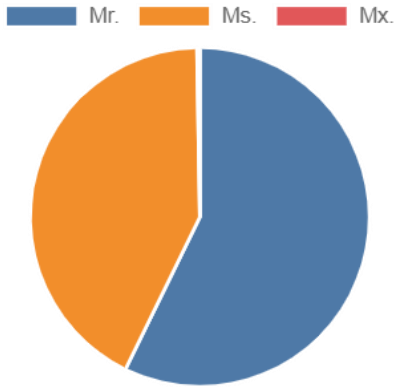
Public sector (nat 32%, reg 8%, loc 5%)
Industry (17%)
Academia (11%)

49 countries

Good representation of different skillsets

813 registrated – more participated -

Gender balanced (46% -54%)



Green Data for All

Call for Evidence

Call for evidence

A procedure for collecting public and stakeholder feedback via the **European Commission's** *Have Your Say* portal. Introduced to simplify and streamline the Commission's consultation procedures, it replaced roadmaps and inception impact assessments and incorporates a public consultation.
A call for evidence two elements:
• A request for public feedback on the call for evidence documents for impact assessments, evaluations of broad public interest and fitness checks.
• A public consultation questionnaire, when needed.

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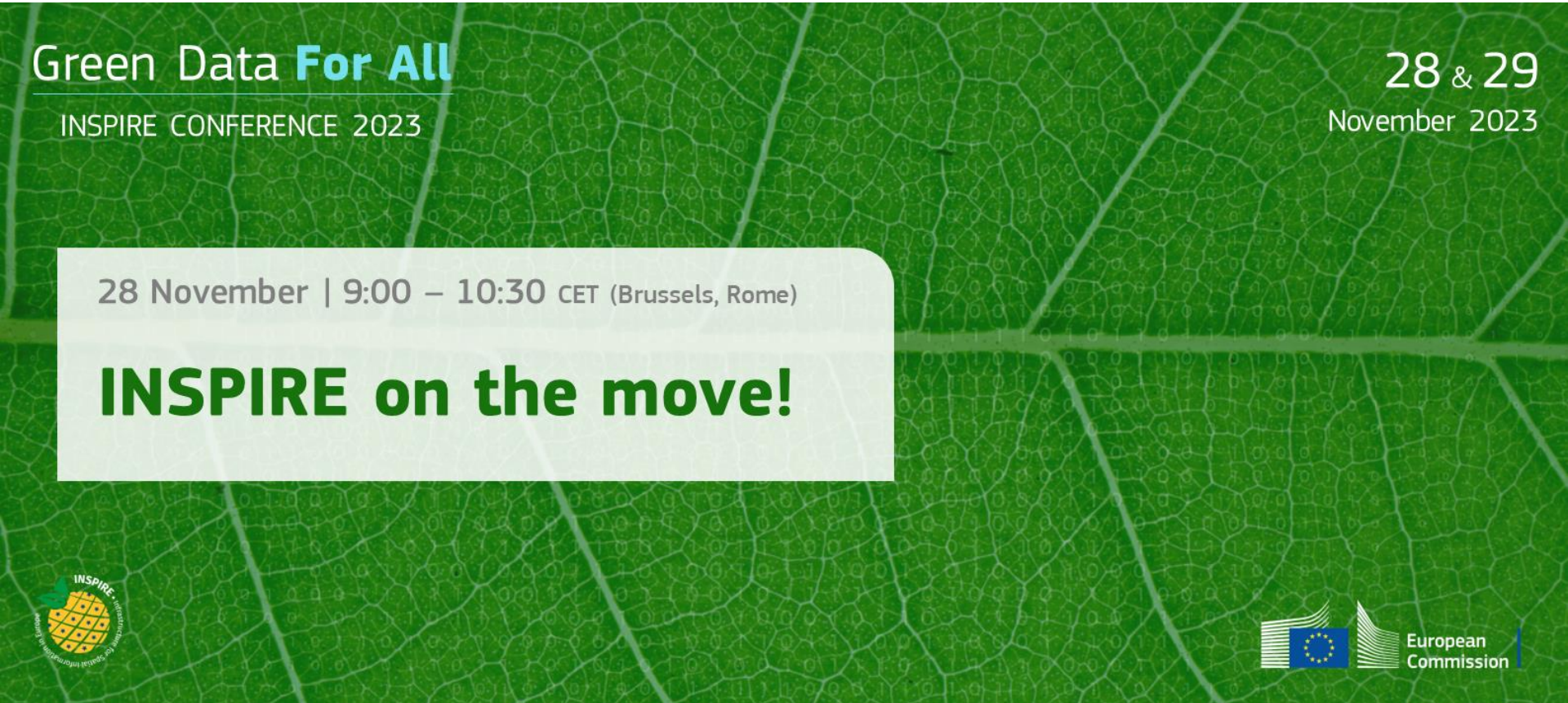

Call for Evidence – Problems the initiative aims to tackle

1. The INSPIRE Directive's rules for spatial environmental data sharing tend to be overly prescriptive, too rigid and do not build on more recent horizontal data legislation and hence are not adapted for use in the future Green Deal Data Space. Risk of diverging rules might increase burden on data providers and users and result in a scattered data offering.
2. The INSPIRE data is of limited use in environmental policy development and implementation (impact assessment, monitoring and reporting, evaluation). INSPIRE focuses on geospatial data. Data describing the state of the environment and pressures on the environment is largely missing.
3. The INSPIRE Directive is strongly focussed on publishing spatial data held by data providers and does not take in consideration evolving user needs. There is no feedback loop on how and for what purpose data are being used and instruments to capture requirements from a rapidly evolving playing field of end users are missing.

Call for Evidence – Objectives

1. **Simplify and modernise the data sharing requirements** of the INSPIRE Directive whilst **aligning it with relevant horizontal EU data legislation** (Open Data Directive and its implementing Regulation on High Value datasets) and make them future-proof / technology-neutral.
2. Put INSPIRE data sharing requirements at the centre of **environmental policy needs** and capitalise on synergies with the European Green Deal Data Space initiative.
3. Adjust the scope to facilitate reporting under the EU acquis, and **reduce** possible administrative **burden by** promoting **“once only” publication of environmental data**.

Call for Evidence – measures considered

Based on further analysis and stakeholder input on these measures, policy options will be formulated and analysed in the impact assessment. These policy options will then be compared to a baseline scenario, consisting of no modification to the current INSPIRE Directive.

- On technical specifications for data and for data sharing
- On the scope of data to be covered in support of environmental policy development
- On the organisational / governance structure

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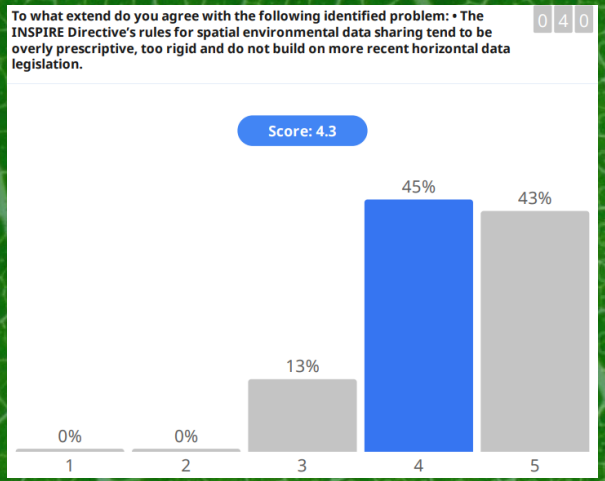

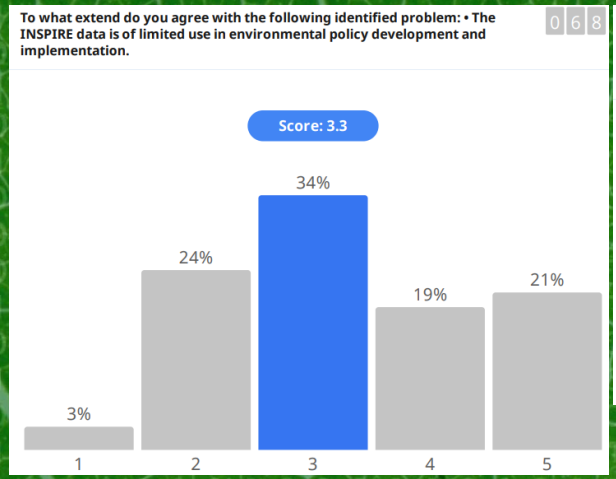

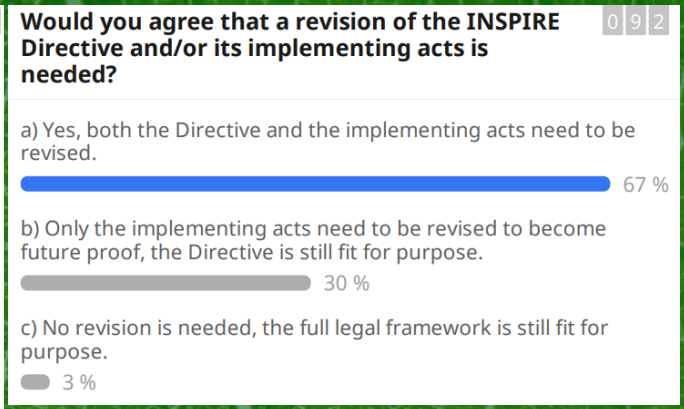

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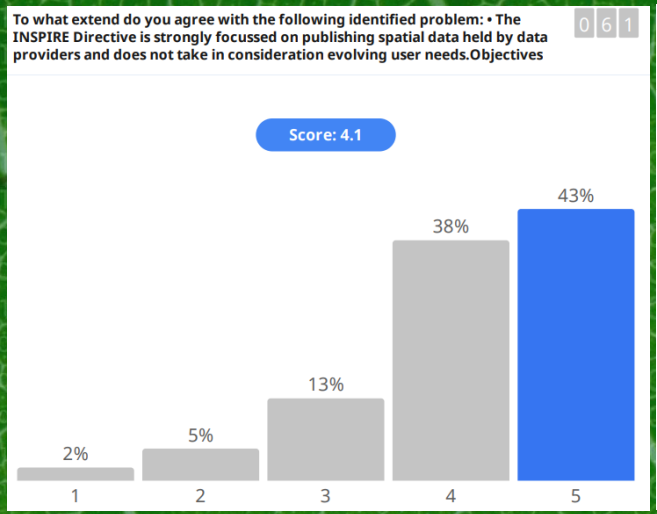

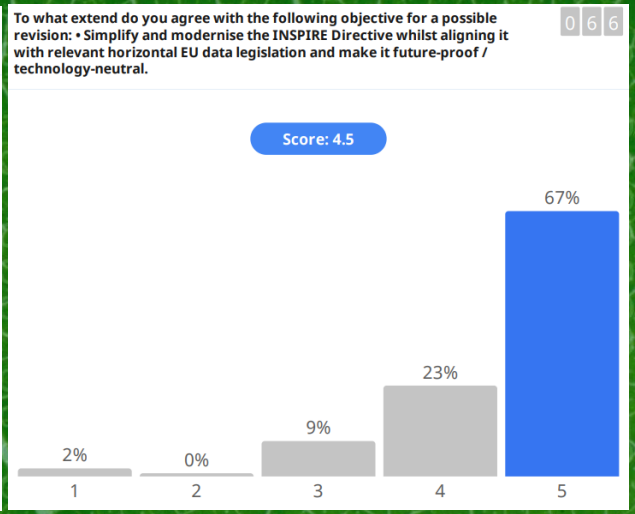

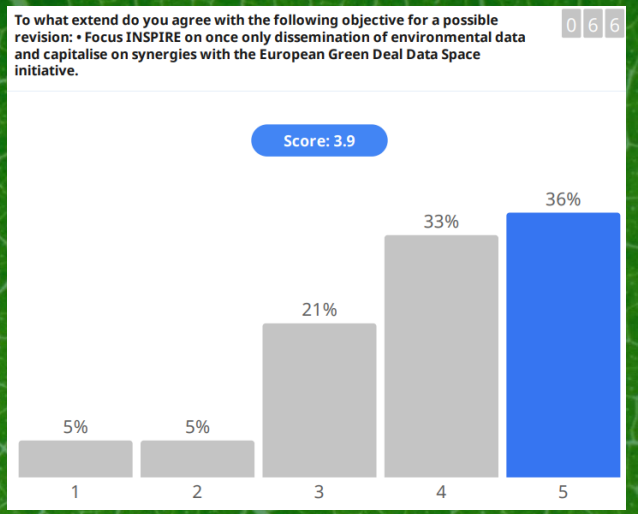

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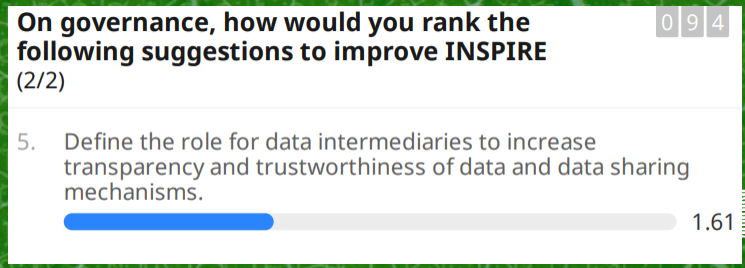

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Green Data 4 All - Indicative roadmap

- Political validation: 29/07/2021
- The evaluation Staff Working Document (SWD) for the INSPIRE Directive was published on the "Have your say" website in July 2022
- Revision

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Amendment to Regulation (EU) No 1089/2010

- The **amendment to Regulation (EU) No 1089/2010** as regards interoperability of spatial data sets and services **was adopted by the College on 24 October 2023 and published in the Official Journal on 30/10 (**https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/2431/oj**)**.
- The amendment introduces the following broad changes to the Regulation to simplify and make the implementation more flexible:
  - replacing the explicit mentioning of code list and enumeration values in the IR text with a reference to the INSPIRE registry, where these values are now managed, under the governance of the Commission INSPIRE expert group (MIG);
  - a clarification on provision of values for “voidable” attributes and those attributes for which no value may exist;
  - and a mechanism to allow additional (national) coordinate reference systems, under the governance of the MIG.

Proposal for a Decision on the simplification of reporting obligations

- A proposal for a Decision amending the INSPIRE Directive has been published on 24 October 2023 on the Better Regulation Portal and the Europa pages for public consultation.
- Feedback is open for 8 weeks, from 24 October 2023 to 19 December 2023.
- The Decision proposes to have reporting taking place every two years, aligned with the reporting frequency under Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/138 on high-value datasets, starting from March 2025.
- This is a first step in aligning monitoring and reporting obligations under the Open Data Directive and the INSPIRE Directive with the aim to minimise burden on data providers as much as possible.
- to get a better understanding of the possible net impact of this proposed amendment we have contacted and received estimates from the following MS: LU (2), BE (1), CZ (2), SI (15), IE (4), ES (5), DK (5), NL (1,5), BE (1), FI (3), EL (5). Average estimate was 4 days (32 hours).

ACTION 2.5 SUBGROUP ON THE ALIGNMENT OF INSPIRE AND HIGH VALUE DATASETS IMPLEMENTATION

Meetings & subgroup

- 3 online meetings
  - 3 March 2023 – Open webinar on HVD alignment (to prepare mandate)
  - 5 October 2023: Kick-off (MIG/MIG-T)
  - 17 November 2023: Focus on metadata (incl. Licensing / Codelists – Keywords)
- 30 experts from 13 MS, EC and EEA
  - NL, BE, AT, ES, FI, NO, SK, DE, IT, MT, CZ, PL, SE

Organisation of work

- Topics of work / deliverables
  - 1. Alignment of technical rules, preferrable through good practices. Drafting of fact sheets as implementation guidance. (core: Metadata, Network Services; Additional; historical data, granularity) (Q1 2024).
    - good practice for mapping DCAT-AP / ISO19115 (incl. Licensing, keywords) (BE, IT, NO)
  - 2. Further development of the list of priority datasets based on the HVD categories « Geospatial », « Earth Observation and Environment » and « Mobility ». (Summer 2024)
  - 3. Alignment of rules for monitoring and reporting (Summer 2024).
- Collaboration platform: https://github.com/INSPIRE-MIF

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