Action 2.3: Simplification of INSPIRE implementation

Temporary sub-group on the 'Governance of INSPIRE artefacts'

Title	Governance of INSPIRE artefacts			
ID	2.3.1			
Status	☒ Proposed	☐ Endorsed	☐ In Progress	☐ Completed
Issue	No clear governance process has been defined for the update, maintenance and evolution of INSPIRE artefacts (including Technical guidelines, application schemas, UML models, materials endorsed by INSPIRE Good practices). This is typically leading to change proposals submitted through different channels and with unclear workflow for review and endorsement.			
Proposed action	The envisaged sub-group will work on the following interdependent strands of activities: • Establish a governance approach for INSPIRE artefacts (Technical guidelines, Application schemas, UML models, materials endorsed by INSPIRE Good practices) on GitHub • Evaluate and propose approaches for updates of INSPIRE artefacts • Implement endorsed changes to INSPIRE artefacts			
Links & dependencies	• Policy and legal developments on EU common data spaces in general. • Link with central INSPIRE components and Technical Guidelines (see Action 2.4).			
Organisational set-up	The temporary sub-group will be led by the JRC, supported by Helpdesk Facilitators, the contribution by the MIG, MIG-T, European Commission DGs, the EEA and nominated technical experts.			
Lead	Lead: JRC			
Scope	Implement the proposed governance approach for INSPIRE artefacts, which was presented at the 64th MIG-T meeting and is available here.			
Tasks	**Task 1. Organise GitHub repositories for INSPIRE artefacts.** The work of the sub-group will start with setting up GitHub repositories under the INSPIRE-MIF organisation and agree on the description of the rules and procedures for managing the repositories, issue templates, labels, and folder structures in accordance with the specificity of the artefacts, governance approach and release plan. **Task 2. Evaluate incoming change proposals.** The sub-group shall evaluate the change proposals, ideally accompanied by dedicated pull requests, liaise with the proposers (e.g. ask for additional information or clarifications) and decide on a pathway to be followed (i.e. reject the proposal, or accept it and contact the INSPIRE CT or the MIG-T for the following step) according to the established governance approach, in collaboration with			

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	the helpdesk facilitators. The envisaged communication approach for discussion of the group is hybrid, including discussion through the means of GitHub issues and ad-hoc meetings when needed (e.g. to discuss specific proposals). **Task 3. Report to MIG-T and MIG.** Ideally together with the proposers, participants in the sub-group will prepare and present a summary of the envisaged updates and modifications alongside with their expected impact to the INSPIRE Coordination Team (CT), MIG and MIG-T. **Task 4. Integrate recommendations and update the artefacts.** Following the endorsement of the change, and in case no pull requests are made in Task 2 by the change proposer, the sub-group will create pull requests that implement the envisaged change(s).
Outcomes	First-level review and evaluation of change proposals to INSPIRE artefacts.
Proposed Impact	☒ Technical Adjustment / Bug Fixing ☒ Technical Improvement / Development ☒ Practical Support for Implementing Process ☒ Cost Reducing Effect for Implementing Process ☒ Direct Support on Policy-Making / - Activities
Timeline	Date of kick-off: March 2021
	Proposed Date of Completion: December 2024
Required human resources and expertise	• MIG and MIG-T contribution • Experts nominated by MS • Engagement of relevant communities
Required financial resources and possible funding	• Funding foreseen by DG ENV through the EDEN Administrative Arrangement with the JRC. • In kind contribution of the MIG and MIG-T.

Risk factors	Overall risk level of the action ☐ High ☒ Medium ☐ Low	Risk factors to be considered ☐ Missing Resources ☒ High Complexity ☐ Interdependencies with other Actions Others: ☒ Low level of engagement of the relevant stakeholders