3 New action 2020.1 OGC API – Features

Title	INSPIRE Download Services based on the OGC API – Features standard			
ID	MIWP-2020-1			
Status	⊠ Proposed	☐ Endorsed	☐ In Progress	☐ Completed
Date of last update	18 March 2020			
Issue	Several possible solutions for implementing download services are already endorsed by the INSPIRE Maintenance and Implementation (MIG) group. Technical guidelines documents are available that cover implementations based on ATOM, WFS 2.0, WCS and SOS. While all of these approaches use the Web for providing access to geospatial data, the new family of OGC API standards will modernise the way geospatial content is exchanged via the Web. An OGC API will provide proper machine-readable and human-readable documentation, thereby requiring less upfront knowledge of the standards involved from developers. OGC API standards currently build on the OpenAPI 3.0 Specification, a broadly adapted industry standard that is implemented by many tools. In addition, OGC API standards are aligned with the W3C Data on the Web Best Practices DWBP Best Practice 23 and DWBP Best Practice 24. In particular, the OGC API - Features standard¹ provides API building blocks for the creation, modification and query of features on the Web. OGC API - Features is comprised of multiple parts, and each of them is a separate standard. In response to this emerging trends a Draft guideline describing how to setup an INSPIRE Download service based on the OGC API - Features standard has been prepared within the context of the INSPIRE MIG-T.			
Proposed action Link to REFIT evaluation	The overall objective of this action is to prepare and submit for approval by the MIG an INSPIRE good practice dedicated to the use of the OGC API Features as an INSPIRE Download service. In addition, the action should capture and document all issues and lessons learnt for the technological evolution of INSPIRE into a European environmental data space. The participation of data providers, software vendors, open source projects and representatives of standardisation bodies is foreseen. Specific proposed action to "assist the Member States in applying and implementing the INSPIRE Directive (simplification of use), e.g. by the use of common tools, and promote priority setting together with the Member States " (page 12 of			
Links & dependencies	COM(2016)478). Dependencies:			

 $^{^{\}rm 1}\,{\rm The}\,{\rm OGC}\,{\rm API}\text{-Features}$ was previously known as Web Feature Service (WFS) 3.0

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	 OGC API – Features – Part 1: Core standard Open API Specifications Rules for encoding of INSPIRE data through the GeoJSON standard developed by MIG Action 2017.2 (concluded); Testing framework developed within the context of the MIG Action 2017.3 (concluded) concerning the client support for INSPIRE data. Action 2017.4 on validation and conformity testing (development of ATS and ETS) 			
Organisational set- up	The work will be carried out by volunteer organisations in the Member States, coordinated by the JRC. Communication and discussions will take place online. If needed, one face-to-face meeting can be organised to discuss feedback and resolve comments on the draft guidelines.			
Lead	JRC			
Scope	This action will only address the use of the OGC API — Features as an INSPIRE Download service. The encoding of the data is out of scope. In addition, executable test suites will be developed outside the scope of the action.			
Tasks	 Review the existing guideline for "Setting up an INSPIRE Download service based on the OGC API-Features standard" Test the proposed approach for setting up INSPIRE Download services through deployment of OGC API – Features instances with volunteer MS data providers. Different open source and proprietary implementations of the OGC API – Features should ideally be covered. Summarise the lessons learnt on GitHub, and propose revisions of the draft guideline. Organise a webinar/meeting for discussing the lessons learnt and potential issues or improvement proposal. Draft and submit for endorsement an INSPIRE good practice fiche. Identify and document issues for (i) a possible update of the INSPIRE NS Regulation, and (ii) the technological evolution of INSPIRE in general. 			
Outcomes	 Updated guidance document Webinar recordings Proposal for an INSPIRE good practice Possible suggestions for update of the INSPIRE NS Regulation 			
Proposed Impact	☐ Technical Adjustment / Bug Fixing ☐ Technical Improvement / Development			

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	☑ Practical Support for Implementing Process			
	☑ Cost Reducing Effect for Implementing Process			
	☐ Direct Support on Policy-Making / - Activities			
Timeline	Date of kick-off: March 2020			
	Proposed Date of Completion: November 2020			
Required human resources and	The participants should have expertise in one or several of the following areas:			
expertise	General knowledge of Web APIs and the OpenAPI standard			
	OGC Standards for access to geospatial data			
	 Open source and proprietary software implementations of OGC Standards and client applications 			
	Implementing Rules and existing Technical Guidelines for INSPIRE Download services			
Required financial resources	Meeting reimbursement (where applicable)In-kind contribution from participating organisations			
Risk factors	Overall risk level of the action	Risk factors to be considered		
	☐ High	☐ Missing Resources		
	⊠ Medium			
	□ Low	☐ Interdependencies with other Actions		
Possible funding	 DG ENV funding (through Administrative Arrangement) MS funding / in-kind contributions 			