



# Action 2.2 - Roadmap for priority-driven implementation

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# State of play

- 10 experts from 8 Member States have joined the subgroup : NL, ES, PL, CZ, SK, AT, EL, FR
- Decided in 65th MIG-T to address the issue of harmonised and non-harmonised data sets in MIWP action 2.2.
- We dedicate a mini-workshop to the issue in the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MIG. No additional input/comments received to the conclusions of the workshop.
- First meeting of the subgroup was planned for September 2021. Due to lack of capacity we will have to postpone to November 2021
- Validation workshop on 7 September 2021 on the INSPIRE evaluation findings from a supporting study.

# MIG mini-Workshop (17 June 2021)

## Harmonised and non-harmonised data sets in INSPIRE

- The workshop was guided by a survey to which 22 experts from 21 countries have participated:
  - Austria, Belgium (x2), Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.
- Main take aways
  - The discussion has shown that countries are already using/ preferring different technical solutions. The situation in MS is very different. Support for a mix of proposed technical solutions is preferred.
  - An important argument for different metadata records is that in some cases, different data providers are responsible for the harmonised and non-harmonised datasets, which in turn require different metadata records.
  - Appreciation of non-harmonized data is strong. Some data cannot be harmonized and is needed for national use cases. INSPIRE harmonized data have limited national/regional/local use.
  - Proposal to make the calculation of the indicators more flexible, so it is not needed to choose between the three proposed technical options

# Supporting study - Overview

## Aim of the supporting study

Study to support the evaluation of Directive 2007/2/EC on infrastructure for spatial information in the European Community (INSPIRE).

- With the objective to examine:
  - how well the INSPIRE Directive has achieved its objectives,
  - whether it continues to deliver in terms of effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and EU added value,
  - as well as identify the areas for future improvement.

## Work carried out

- Current status of implementation / country forms
- Review of available literature / desk study
- Consultation activities
- Draft final evaluation study submitted in July 2021
- Final evaluation study submitted in September 2021
- Workshop on 7 September to
  - validate preliminary conclusions and recommendations of the evaluation study,
  - and give participants an opportunity to provide feedback

# Supporting study – Validation workshop

- Validation workshop on 7 September with 72 registered users (10 EC + 7JRC, 36 MS, 19 NGO/private/academics/sectors) of which 61 actually participated.
- The results from the validation survey were to a large extent echoed in the workshop and confirmed the findings and recommendations of the study
  - 91% agreed that there is a need for a **more targeted and proportional harmonisation** based on use-case driven data priorities in order to reduce costs of implementation.
  - 81% agreed that the INSPIRE Directive should be **implemented as part of the national SDI** to increase its relevance and reduce costs.
  - 72% agreed that there is a need to **involve a more diverse representation of stakeholders**.
  - 93% agreed that there is a need to **specifically assess the needs of the different user groups** in order to prioritise data to be harmonised.
  - 79% agreed that **there are constraints to the use of data shared under INSPIRE**, especially for less experienced users.
  - 72% agreed that there is a **need to update Directive 2003/4** on Public access to environmental information so that the spatial data covered by Article 7 is shared in accordance with INSPIRE rules.

# Next steps

- The discussion will continue in the MIWP Action 2.2 subgroup and technical options for publishing non-harmonised datasets can be further elaborated in MIWP Action MIWP 2.3.2 on data-service linking simplification after reaching consensus on a remediation.
- Discussion boundaries
  - Rich non-harmonized data for national/regional/local use cases should be published under INSPIRE.
  - Impact on Member States, Tools and infrastructure should be zero or minimal.
  - Need for technical flexibility supporting different approaches
  - Look for a legally sound solution (compliant with the current legal framework) supporting a proportionate harmonisation effort in line with the data prioritisation under MIWP Action 2.1.
  - Take into consideration the conclusions and recommendations from the evaluation of the INSPIRE Directive. Start gathering evidence on impact and feasibility of future policy options to feed in a possible revision of the legal framework.

# Thank you



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