

Session 1 – Pillars of INSPIRE data interoperability

Data Specifications

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Interoperability???

X	X	✓	✓	X	-	X
North America Grounded NEMA 5-15	Japan Non-grounded JIS C 8303	Europe German style CEE7/4 Schuko	Europe French style Schuko	Europe/Russia Non-grounded CEE7/16 Europlug	Great Britain Grounded BS-1363	Great Britain "Shaver socket" BS-4573
X	Non-grounded X	X	Non-grounded ✓	X	X	X
Australia/China Grounded AS-3112	Italy Grounded CEI 23-16	Switzerland Grounded SEV-1011	Denmark Grounded EAF 1962/DB	Israel Grounded SI 32 (IS 16A-R)	India Grounded BS-546 "Small"	South Africa Grounded BS-546 "Large"



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Interoperability deals with:

- 24 official languages
- 3 official alphabets
- Different institutional setups
- Diverse data governance
- Celebrated diversity



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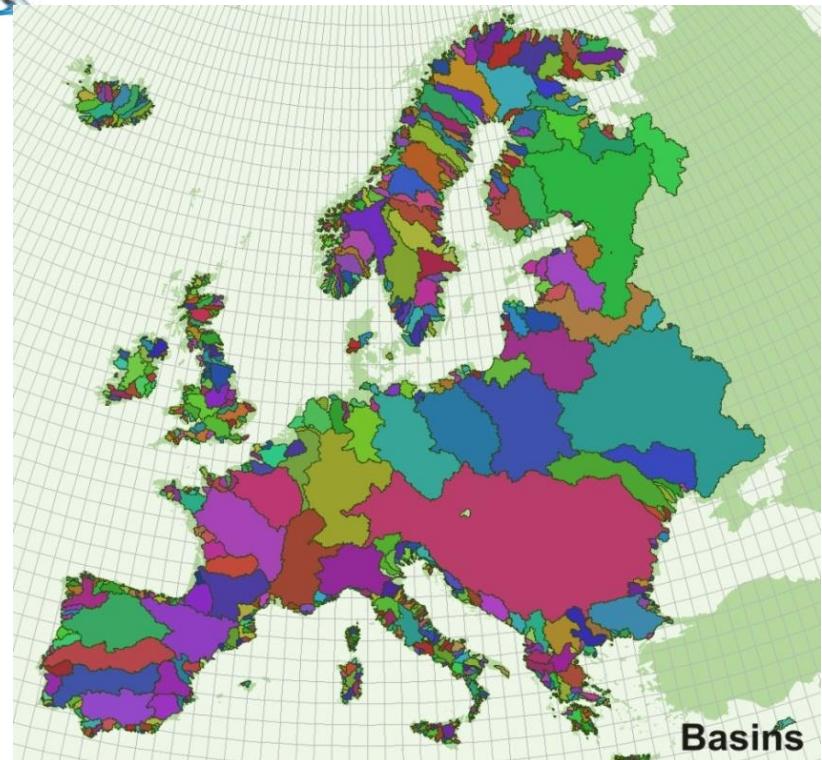
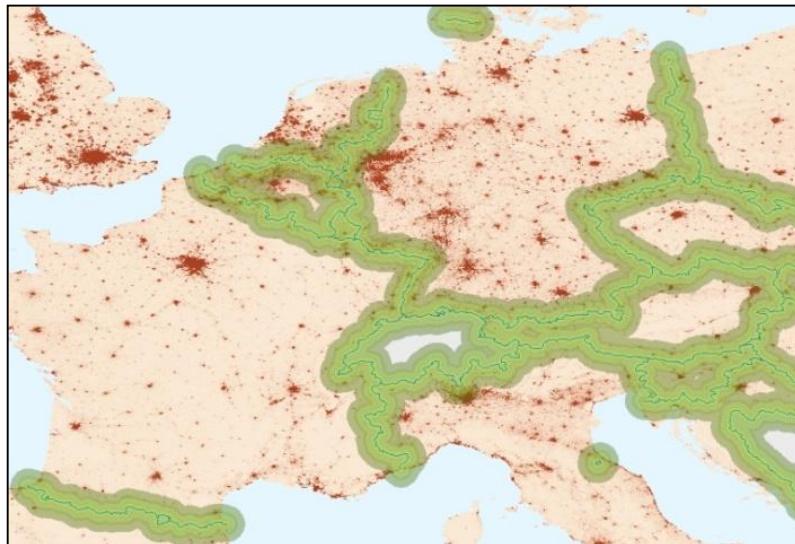
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Motivation for the interoperability and development of European SDI

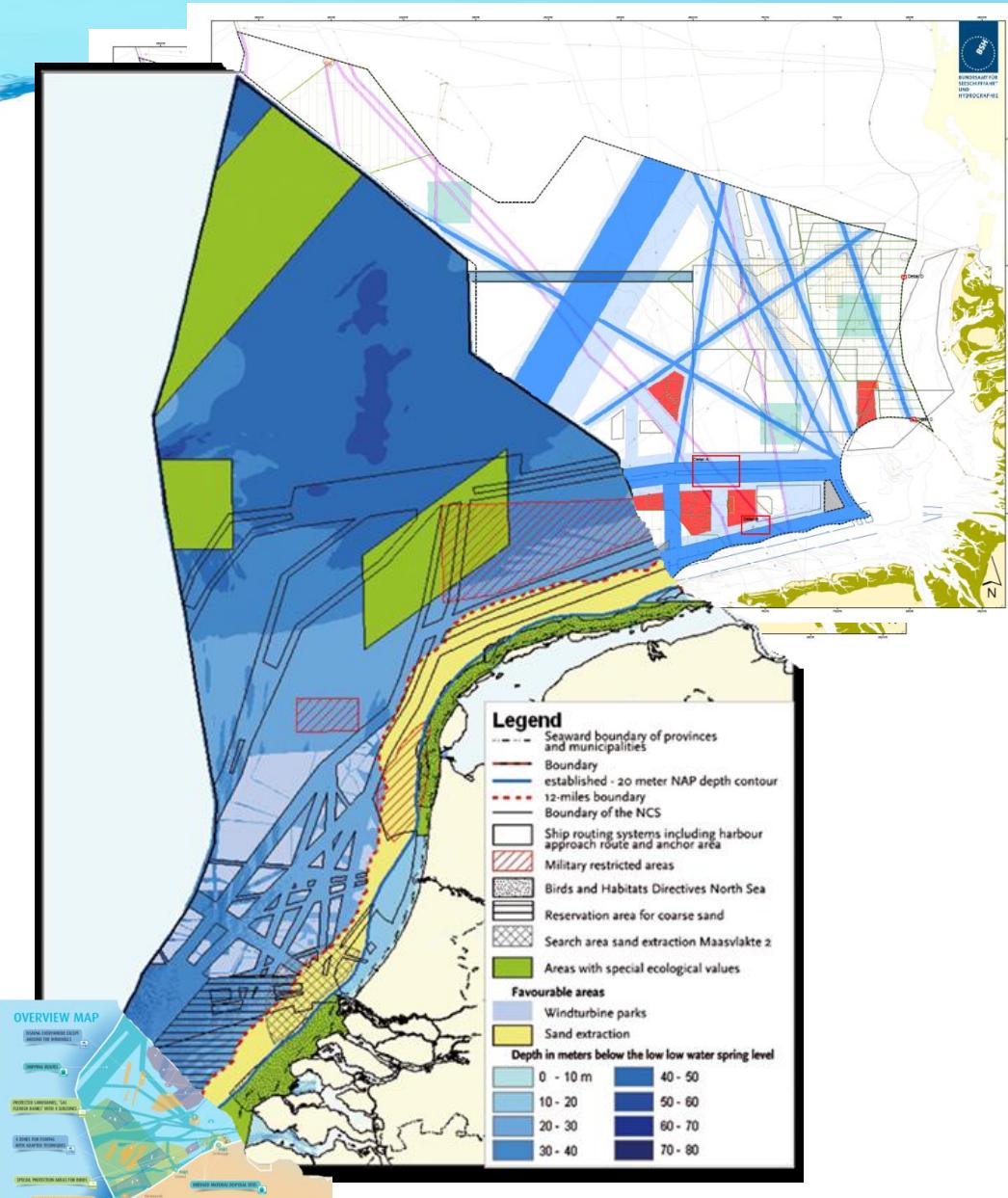
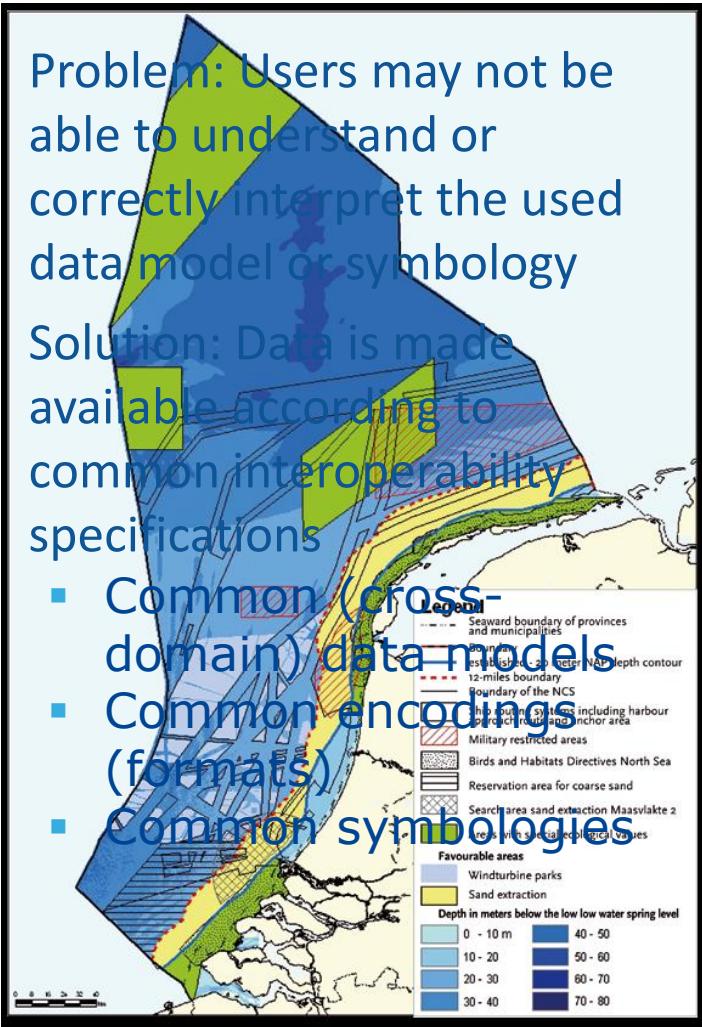
- Natural Disasters and as well as other environmental phenomena do not stop at national borders!
- 20% of the EU citizens (115 million) live within 50 Km from a border



- 70% of all fresh water bodies in Europe are part of a trans-boundary river basin
- The EU Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC - *integrated river basin management* for Europe



- Problem: Users may not be able to understand or correctly interpret the used data model or symbology
 - Solution: Data is made available according to common interoperability specifications
 - Common (cross-domain) data models
 - Common encodings (formats)
 - Common symbologies





INSPIRE thematic scope

Annex I

1. Coordinate reference systems
2. Geographical grid systems
3. Geographical names
4. Administrative units
5. Addresses
6. Cadastral parcels
7. Transport networks
8. Hydrography
9. Protected sites

Annex III

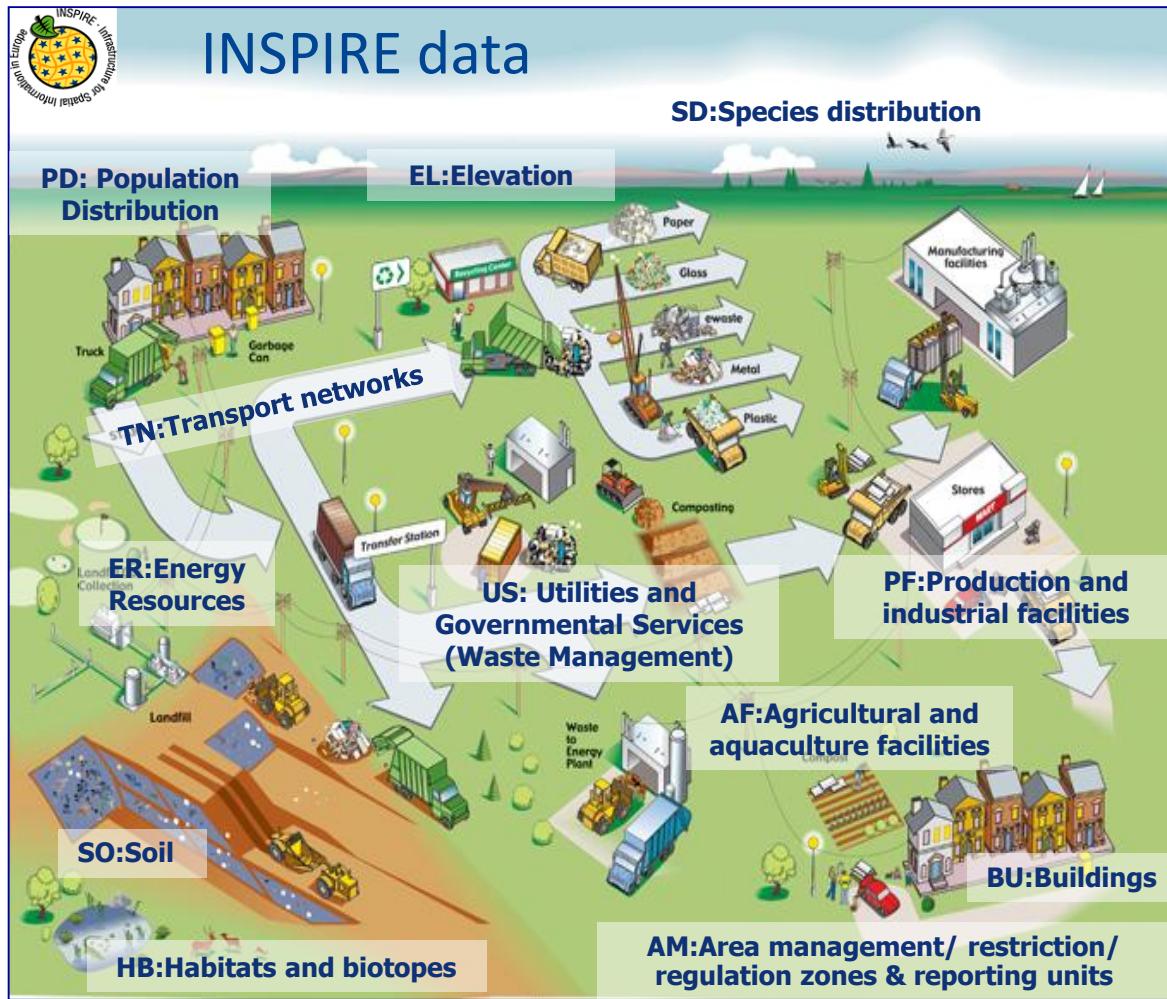
1. Statistical units
2. Buildings
3. Soil
4. Land use
5. Human health and safety
6. Utility and governmental services
7. Environmental monitoring facilities
8. Production and industrial facilities
9. Agricultural and aquaculture facilities
10. Population distribution – demography
11. Area management/restriction/regulation zones & reporting units
12. Natural risk zones
13. Atmospheric conditions
14. Meteorological geographical features
15. Oceanographic geographical features
16. Sea regions
17. Bio-geographical regions
18. Habitats and biotopes
19. Species distribution
20. Energy Resources
21. Mineral resources

Annex II

1. Elevation
2. Land cover
3. Ortho-imagery
4. Geology



Cross-sector data interoperability



Data from other sectors

Urban Planning

Environmental Impact Assessment

Risk Management

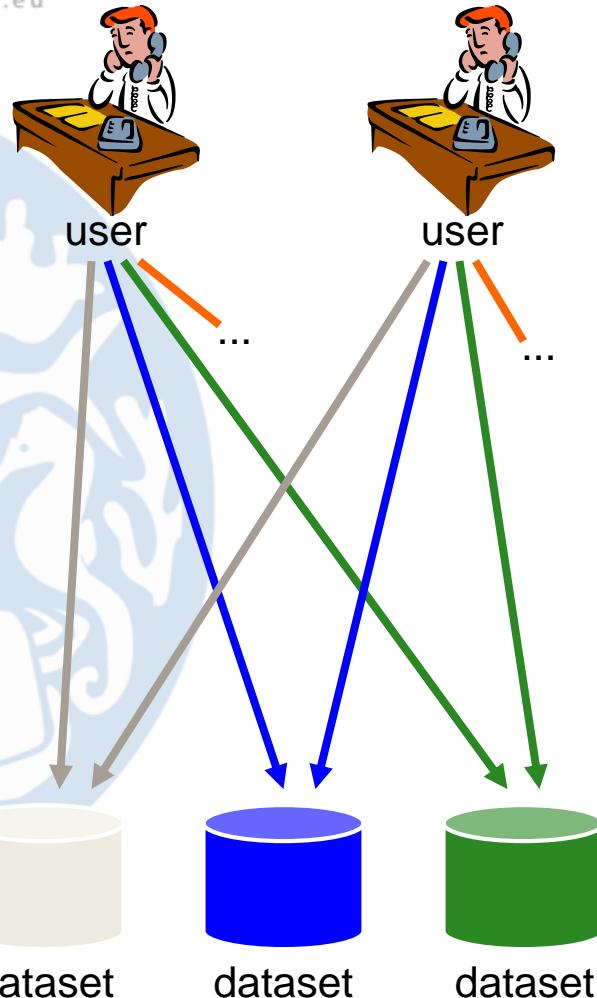
Waste Management Plans

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Data interoperability

(pre**INSPIRE** situation)



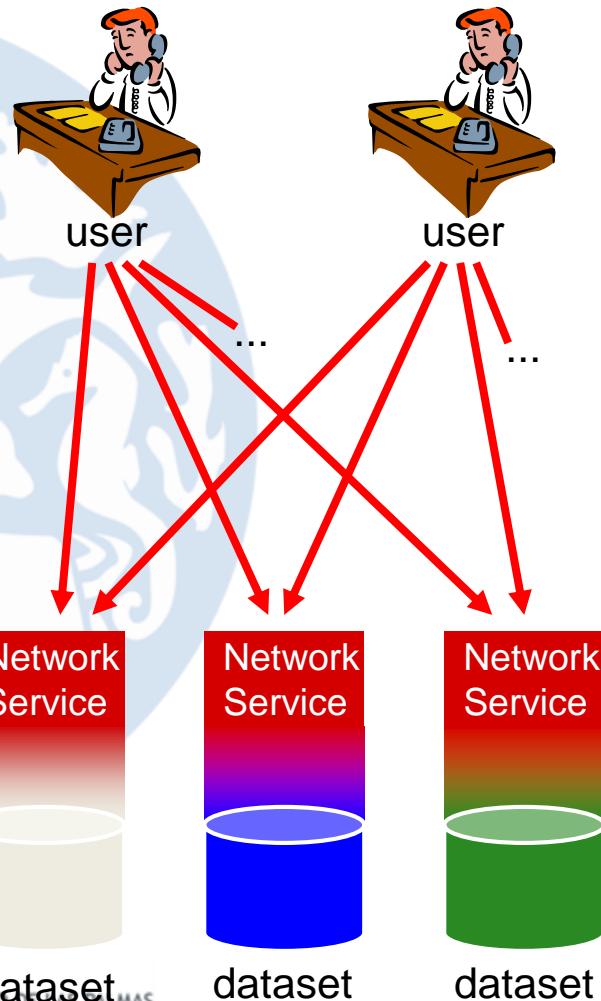
The starting point ...

- Access to spatial data in various ways
- User has to deal with interpreting heterogeneous data in different formats, identify, extract and post-process the data he needs
→ lack of interoperability



Data interoperability

... and what INSPIRE is aiming at



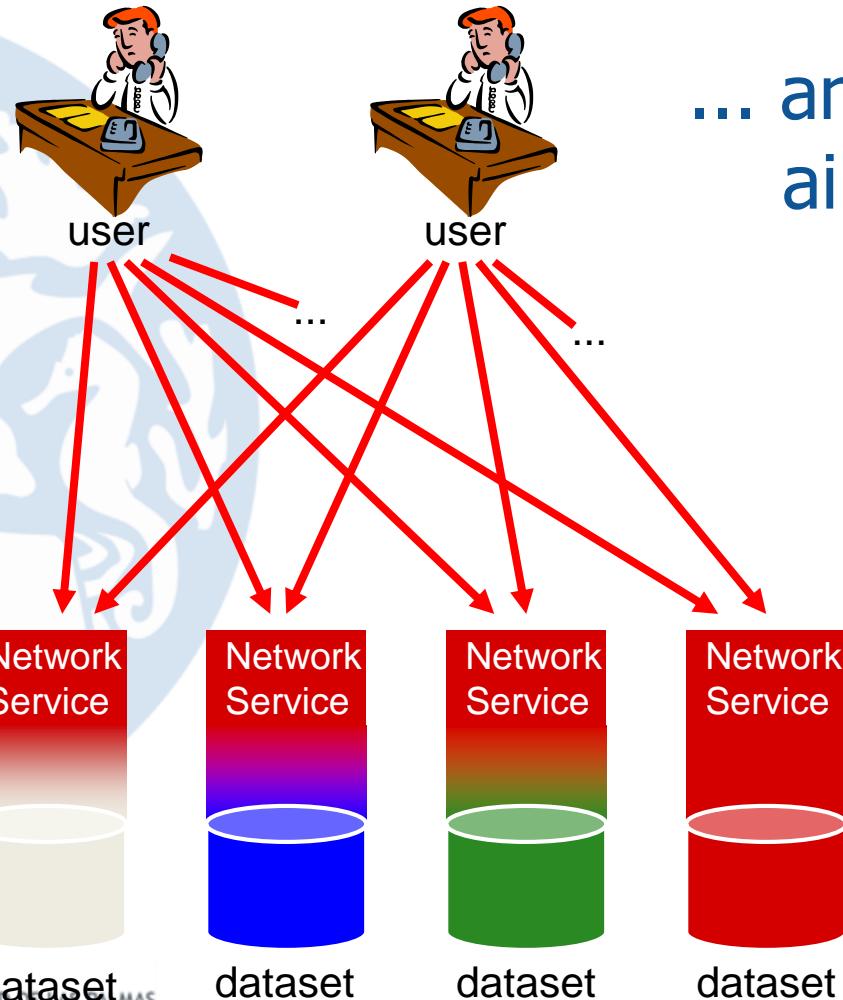
- Provide access to spatial data via network services and according to a harmonised data specification to achieve interoperability of data
- ! **Datasets used in Member States may stay as they are**
- ! Data or service providers have to provide a transformation between their internal data model and the harmonised data specification



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- Data providers may also choose to align their internal data model with the harmonised data specifications and extend these based on their requirements



INSPIRE Directive

25.4.2007 EN Official Journal of the European Union L 108/1

I

(Acts adopted under the EC Treaty/Fisheries Treaty whose publication is obligatory)

DIRECTIVES

DIRECTIVE 2007/2/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 14 March 2007 establishing an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE
EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,
and in particular Article 175(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and
Social Committee (1),

After consulting the Committee of the Regions,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251
of the Treaty, in the light of the joint text approved by the
Conciliation Committee on 17 January 2007 (2),

Whereas:

(1) Community policy on the environment must aim at a high
level of protection taking into account the diversity of
situations in the various regions of the Community.
More information and spatial information are
needed for the formulation and implementation of this
policy and other Community policies, which must integrate
environmental protection requirements in accordance with
Article 6 of the Treaty. In order to bring about such

(1) OJ C 221, 6.6.2005, p. 33.

(2) Opinion of the European Parliament of 7 June 2005 (OJ C 124 E,
25.5.2006, p. 116), Council Common Position of 23 January 2006
(OJ C 126 E, 30.3.2006, p. 16) and Position of the European
Parliament of 13 June 2006 (not yet published in the Official
Journal), Council Decision of 29 January 2007 and legislative
resolution of the European Parliament of 13 February 2007 (not yet
published in the Official Journal).

(3) OJ L 242, 10.9.2002, p. 1.

- INSPIRE is a **Framework Directive**
- **General rules to establish an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe for**
 - Community **environmental policies**
 - Policies or activities which impact on the environment
- INSPIRE is built on the **SDIs established and operated by the Member States**
- Spatial data held by/on behalf of **public authorities**
- Does not require **collection of new data**
- **JRC is/was the technical coordinator**

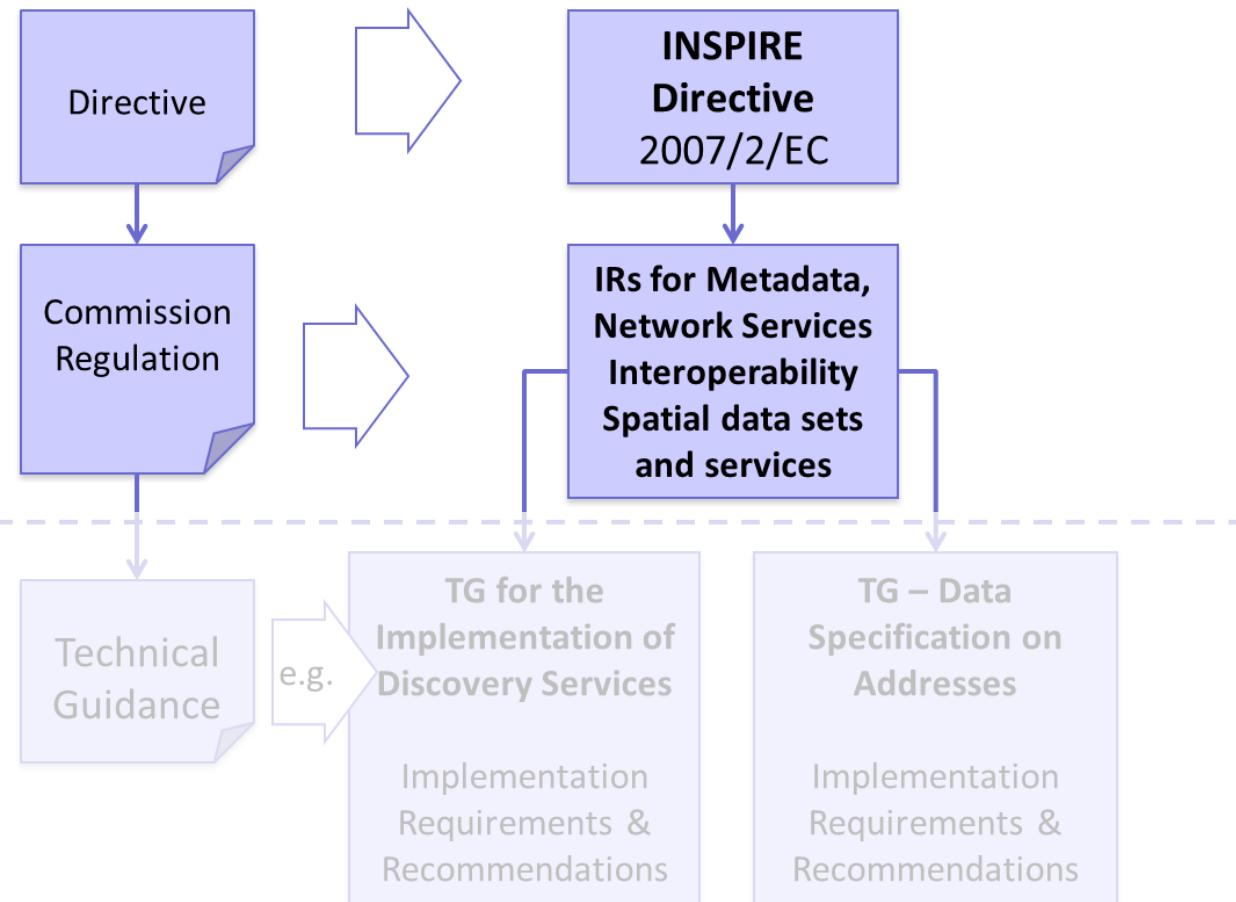


Legally binding documents

“What Member States
must implement”
(abstract
specification)

legally binding
not legally binding

“How Member States
might implement it”
(implementation
specification)





INSPIRE Implementing Rules (IRs)

L 326/12 DE Amtsblatt der Europäischen Union 4.12.2008

VERORDNUNG (EG) Nr. 1205/2008 DER KOMMISSION
vom 3. Dezember 2008
zur Durchführung der Richtlinie 2007/2/EU des Europäischen Parlaments und des Rates hinsichtlich
Metadaten

(Text von Bedeutung für den EWR)

DE KOMMISSION DER EUROPÄISCHEN GEMEINSCHAFT —

gesetzt auf den Vertrag zur Gründung der Europäischen Gemeinschaft,

gesetzt auf die Richtlinie 2007/2/EU des Europäischen Parlaments und des Rates vom 14. März 2007 zur Schaffung einer Geodateninfrastruktur in der Europäischen Gemeinschaft (INSPIRE) (1), insbesondere Artikel 5 Absatz 4,

in Erüchtigung nachstehender Gründe:

- (1) Die Richtlinie 2007/2/EU definiert die technischen Anforderungen, die für die Erstellung und Verbreitung von Metadaten in der Europäischen Gemeinschaft erfordern werden. Um die Umsetzung dieser Anforderungen zu unterstützen, ist es erforderlich, dass die Kommission entsprechende Maßnahmen erlässt, um sicherzustellen, dass alle Mitgliedstaaten und die Europäische Kommission in der Lage sind, die Metadaten zu erstellen und für die Nutzung bereitzustellen.
- (2) Für die Validierung von Metadaten ist eine zentrale Plattform erforderlich, auf der diese überprüft werden können. Dies ist eine Voraussetzung für die Realisierung der Zielsetzung der Richtlinie 2007/2/EU.

HAT FOLGENDE VERORDNUNG

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Geg

Diese Verordnung legt die Maßnahmen fest, die für die Pflege von Metadaten über G und Godatendienste fest, die III und der Richtlinie 2007/2/EU vorgesehen sind.

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Begriffe

Für die Zwecke dieser Verordnung sind die Begriffe aus dem Anhang I des Artikels 3 Td A des Anhangs festgelegt.

20.10.2009 DE

VERORDNUNG (EG) Nr. 976/2009 DER KOMMISSION
vom 19. Oktober 2009
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in Erüchtigung nachstehender Gründe:

- (1) Für jedes Metadatenelement, das bereits erfasst ist, ist eine zentrale Plattform erforderlich, auf der diese überprüft werden können. Dies ist eine Voraussetzung für die Realisierung der Zielsetzung der Richtlinie 2007/2/EU.
- (2) Um die Interoperabilität von Verwaltungsdiensten zu gewährleisten, müssen die Metadaten für die Dienste erfasst werden, die in den Anhängen I und III der Richtlinie 2007/2/EU vorgesehen sind.

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Artikel 1
Gegenstand

Diese Verordnung legt die Anforderungen für die Schaffung und Erhaltung der in Artikel 11 Absatz 1 der Richtlinie 2007/2/EU vorgesehenen Metadaten, nachstehend „Metadaten“ genannt, und die Voraussetzungen für die Veröffentlichung von Diensten für die Behörden der Mitgliedstaaten und Dritter gemäß Artikel 12 dieser Richtlinie fest.

(1) ABl. L 168 vom 25.4.2007, S. 1.

20.10.2009 DE

No 1089/2010
(Annex I)

1.274/9

No 102/2011
(code values Annex I)

L 323/11

No 1253/2013
21 Oct 2013

10.12.2013 DE Official Journal of the European Union L 331/1

II
(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 1253/2013

of 21 October 2013

amending Regulation (EU) No 1089/2010 implementing Directive 2007/2/EU as regards interoperability of spatial data sets and services

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Directive 2007/2/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2007 on the establishment of an information infrastructure for spatial information in the European Community (INSPIRE) (1), and in particular Article 16 thereof;

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EU) No 1089/2010 of 21 October 2010 implementing Directive 2007/2/EU as regards interoperability of spatial data sets and services (OJ L 323, 21.11.2010, p. 1).

Second, the restriction of spatial properties to the Simple Modulation and Verbalisation element is no longer necessary, as the INSPIRE Directive now requires the use of the Metadata element to describe the technical properties of the data sets.

Third, an ISDSS element should be introduced to describe the administrative units' spatial data theme.

(2) In order to ensure the full interoperability of spatial objects sets, it is appropriate to set out the technical arrangements for the interoperability of spatial object sets related to the spatial data themes in Annexes II and III to Directive 2007/2/EU.

(3) In order to ensure overall consistency of the technical arrangements for the interoperability of spatial data sets mentioned in this Regulation, the existing technical arrangements for the interoperability of spatial data sets related to the spatial data themes in Annexes I to Directive 2007/2/EU should be amended.

(4) Regulation (EU) No 1089/2010 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 22 of Directive 2007/2/EU.

(6) OJ L 180, 25.6.2007, p. 1.

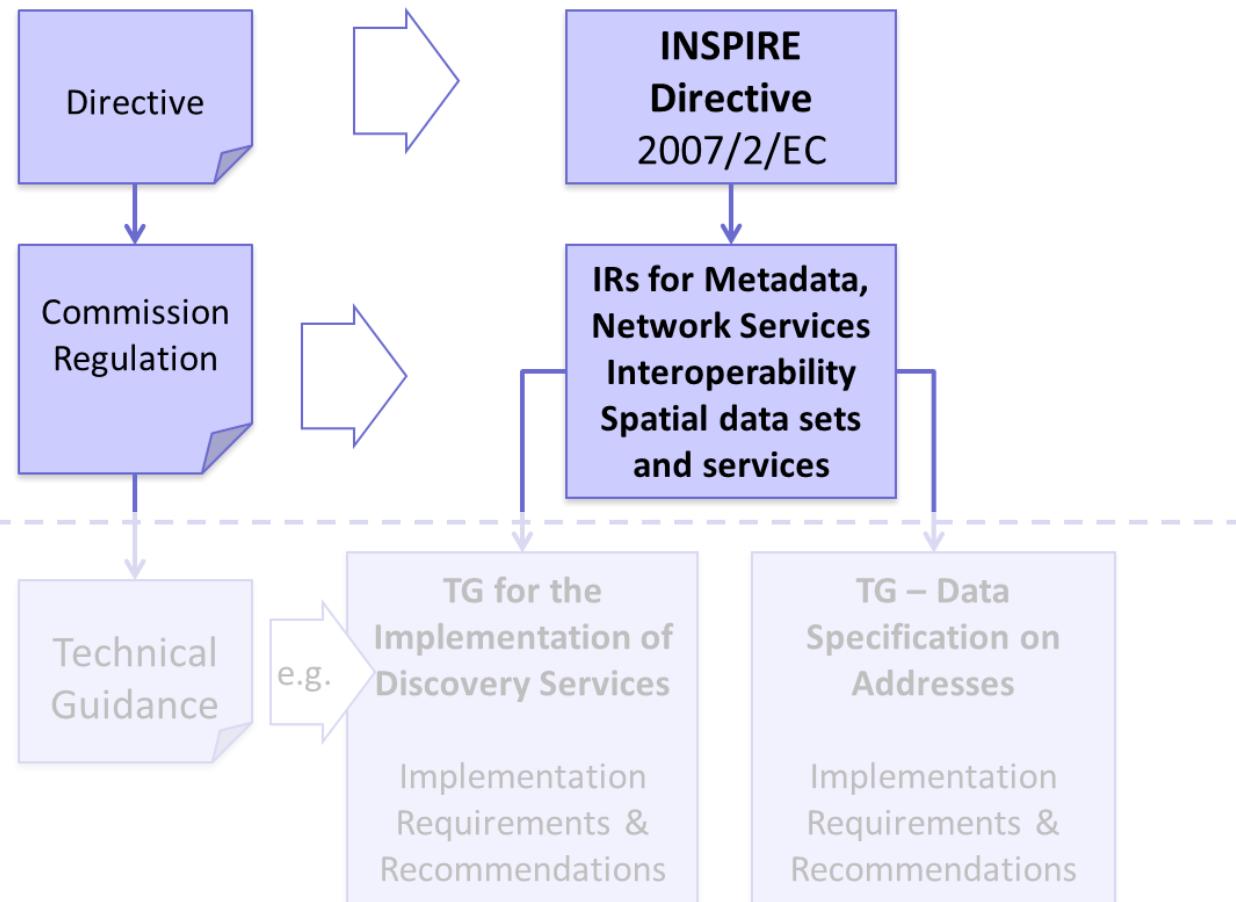
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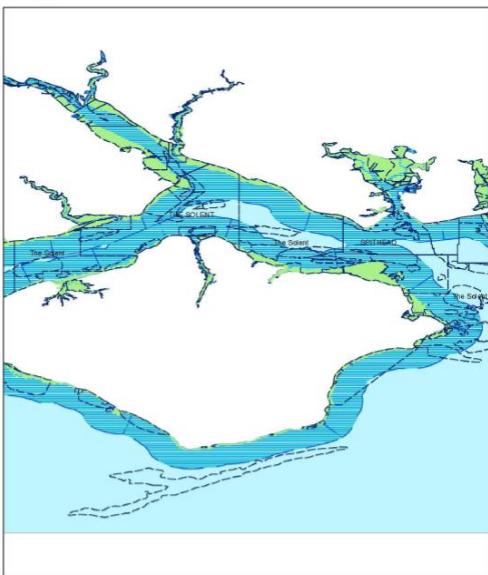
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INSPIRE	Reference: D2.8.III.16_v3.0
TWG-OF-SR	Data Specification on Sea Regions
	2013-12-10
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SEAREGIONS - SeaArea

SR.SeaRegions Legend

- [Sea Area]
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1 Scope

2 Overview and Description

3 Specification scopes

4 Identification information

5 Data content and structure

Application schemas, Feature catalogue,
Notations, Voidable characteristics,
Enumerations, Code lists
Identifier management
Geometry representation,
Temporality representation

6 Reference systems, units of measure and grids

Theme-specific requirements & recommendations

7 Data quality

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9 Delivery incl. Encoding

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Annex A (normative) Abstract Test Suite

Annex B (informative) Use cases

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The process of building of the European Spatial Data Infrastructure based on the INSPIRE requirements and recommendations is now fully in its implementation phase. See the official INSPIRE Roadmap

This **INSPIRE Interactive Data specification** site offers INSPIRE data providers with all resources/tools related to the implementation of the INSPIRE data specifications.

TECHNICAL GUIDELINES

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Please, use the **Feedback button** to send us any suggestions, improvements or bugs.

This set of applications was developed in the framework of the official EU INSPIRE Maintenance and Implementation Framework (MIF) defined under work



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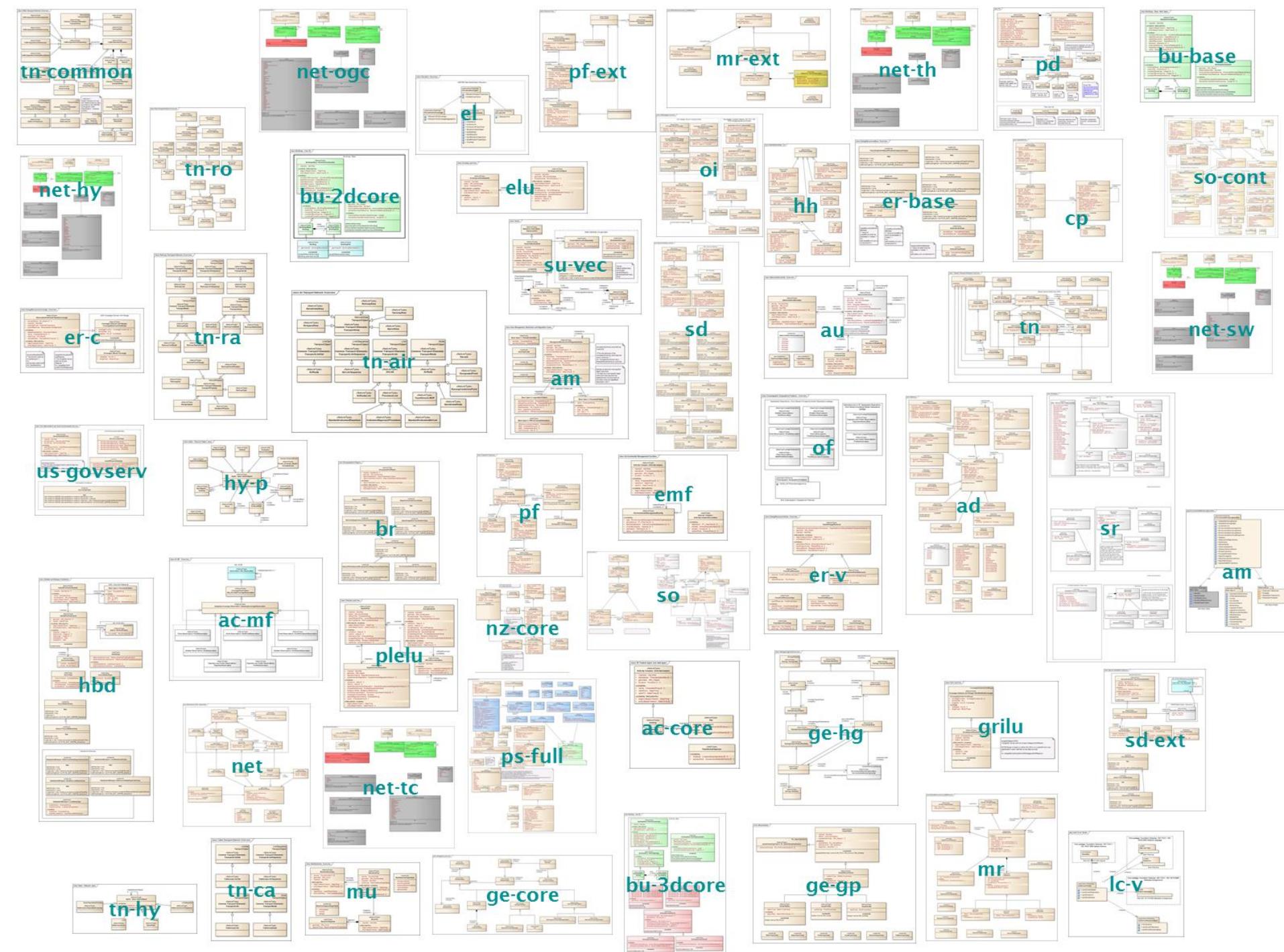
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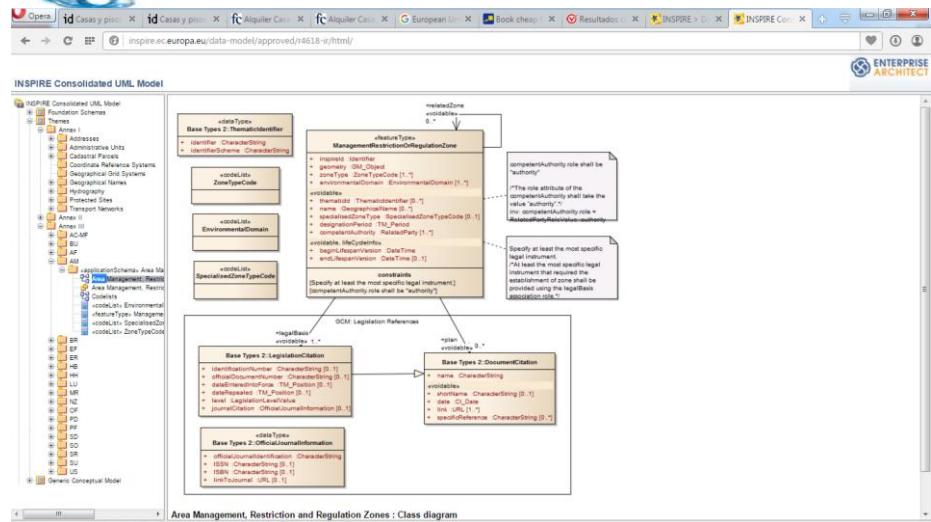
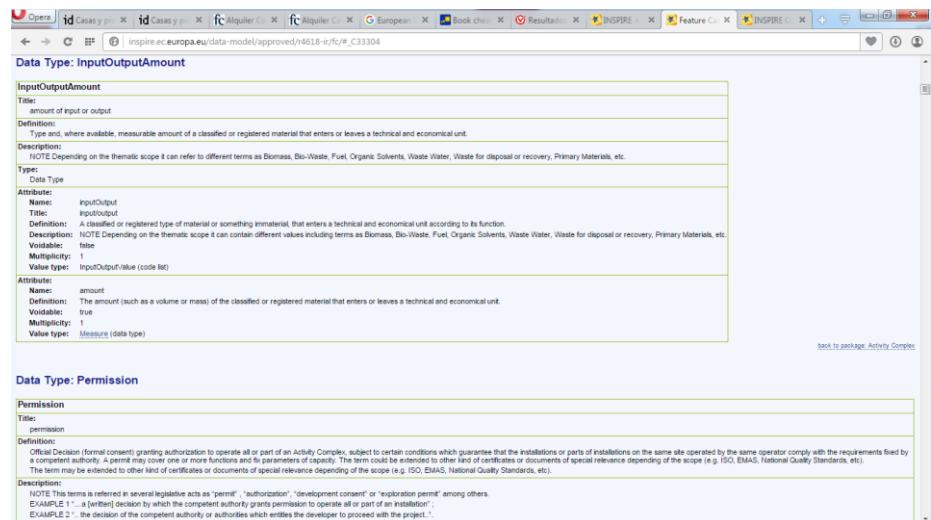
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Conceptual data models available :

- As UML models & As Feature Catalogue
- Available in HTML at the “Data specification corner”
- Available in Technical Guidance's documents
- **Explanation of the conceptual (UML) models** are given in the technical guidance documents

Data Type: InputOutputAmount

Title: amount of input or output

Definition: A classified or registered type of material or something immaterial, that enters a technical and economical unit according to its function.

Description: NOTE Depending on the thematic scope it can refer to different terms as Biomass, Bio-Waste, Fuel, Organic Solvents, Waste Water, Waste for disposal or recovery, Primary Materials, etc.

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- Value type:** InputOutput:value (code list)

Attributes:

- Name:** amount
- Definition:** The amount (such as a volume or mass) of the classified or registered material that enters or leaves a technical and economical unit.
- Voidable:** true
- Multiplicity:** 1
- Value type:** Measure (data type)

Data Type: Permission

Title: permission

Definition: Official Decision (formal consent) granting authorization to operate all or part of an Activity Complex, subject to certain conditions such as ensuring that the installations or parts of installations on the same site operated by the same operator comply with the requirements fixed by a competent authority, a permit may be issued or made public. The decision can be conditional after the issuance of one or more documents of special relevance depending of the scope (e.g. ISO, EMAS, National Quality Standards, etc.).

Description: NOTE This term is referred in several legislative acts as "permit", "authorization", "development consent" or "exploration permit" among others. EXAMPLE 1 - a [written] decision by which the competent authority grants permission to operate all or part of an installation; EXAMPLE 2 - the decision of the competent authority or authorities which entitles the developer to proceed with the project.

- Conceptual model is also provided as “Matching table”
 - Excel file – with features and related attributes of the INSPIRE application schema
 - To be used for the design of the INSPIRE data transformation
 - To document mapping from source data model to INSPIRE data model



Encodings

- Commission Regulation on interoperability:
 - Every encoding rule used to **encode spatial data shall conform to EN ISO 19118**. In particular, it shall specify schema conversion rules for all spatial object types and all attributes and association roles and the output data structure used.
 - Specifically, **ISO 19118:2011** includes:
 - requirements for creating encoding rules based on UML schemas,
 - requirements for creating encoding services, and
 - requirements for XML-based encoding rules for neutral interchange of data.
 - Every **encoding rule used to encode spatial data shall be made available**.

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Standard GML

- Geography Markup Language (**GML**) application schemas as standard
- GML 3.2v **proposed** encoding
- The xml schema document is available on the **INSPIRE website** <http://inspire.ec.europa.eu> in the INSPIRE schema repository
 - **GML application schema** - XML schema - kind of templates that is used to express a set of conformance rules for an GML file (*.xsd files)
 - also possible to derive other encodings, but not provided this type of solution in the technical guidelines
- **Encoding guidelines (D2.7)**

XSD file rules for encoding

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2"
  xmlns:gmd="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd" xmlns:gmld="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.3"
  targetNamespace="http://inspire.ec.europa.eu/schemas/base/3.3" elementFormDefault="qualified"
  version="3.3.1">
  <!--
    Bugfix version 3.3.1
    - The <SpatialDataSet>, <SpatialDataSetType> and <SpatialDataSetPropertyType> e
    -->
  <!--
    Documentation
    -- Definition -- schema for basic types used by multiple themes
  </documentation>
  <annotation>
    <import namespace="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd" schemaLocation="http://schemas.opengis.net/iso/19139/20070417/gmd/gmd.xsd"/>
    <import namespace="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2" schemaLocation="http://schemas.opengis.net/gml/3.2/gml.xsd"/>
    <!-- XML Schema document treatment: ShallowChange -->
  </annotation>
  <!--
    Documentation
    -- Definition -- The relative vertical position of a spatial object.
  </documentation>
  <!--
    Documentation
    -- Definition -- The spatial object is on ground level.
  </documentation>
  <enumeration value="onGroundSurface">
    <annotation>
      <documentation>
        -- Definition -- The spatial object is on ground level.
      </documentation>
    </annotation>
  </enumeration>
</xsd:schema>
```

Software for INSPIRE encodings

Humboldt Alignment Editor (HALE)

Maintained, frequently updated, current version 2.9.4 (GeoServer app)

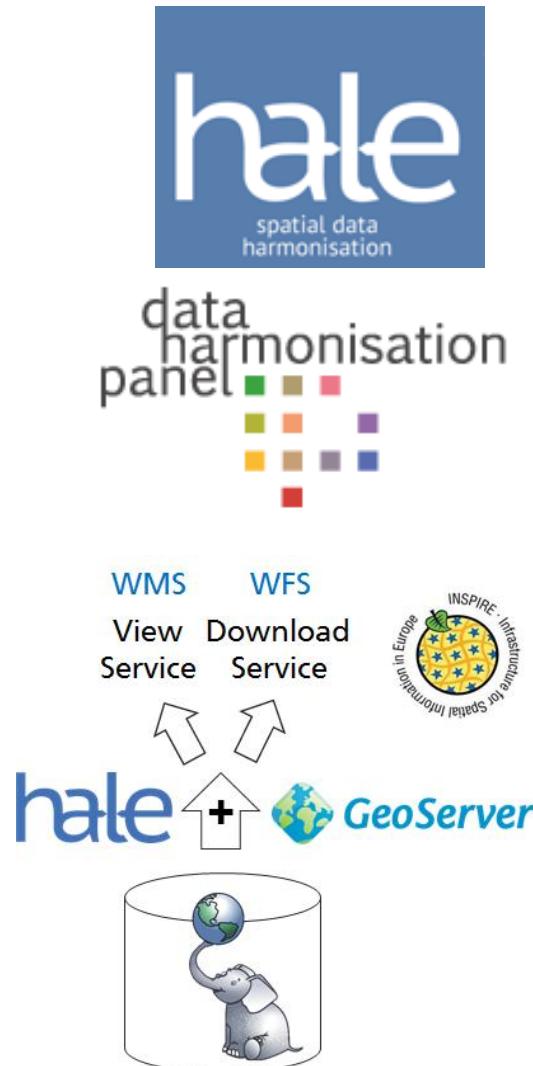
Tool useful to:

- Create mappings (alignments)
- Validate
- Transform data to INSPIRE GML version 3.2

HALE Graphical User Interface

- **Usable and Flexible** (GUI completely customizable)

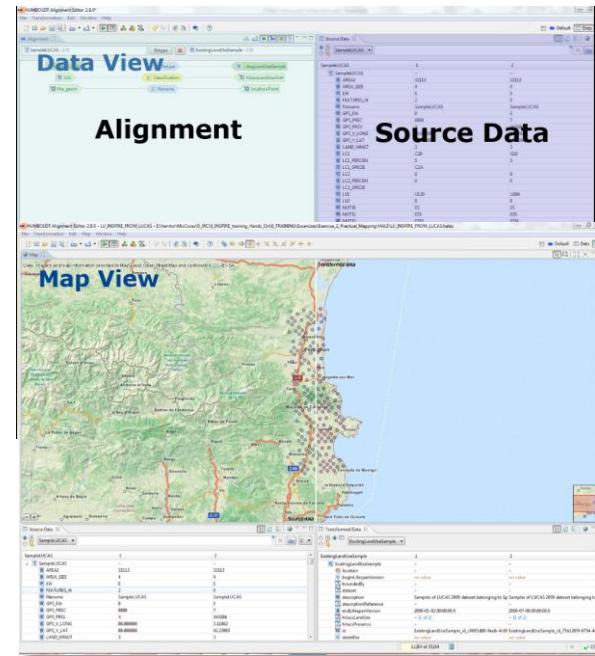
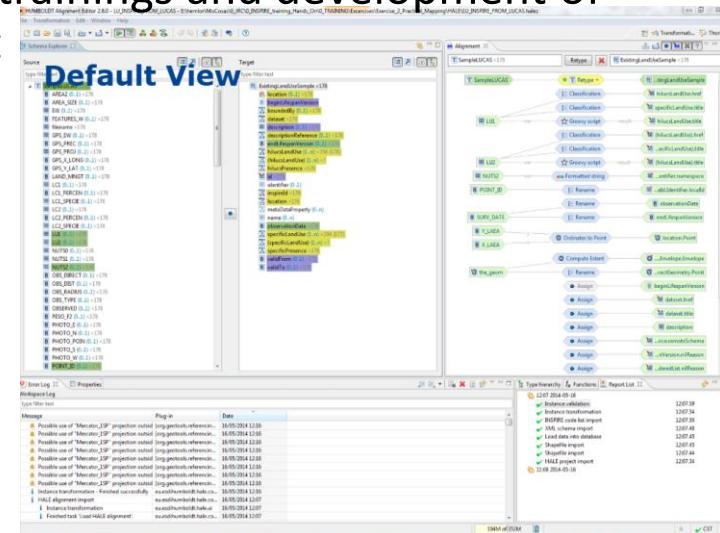
Already developed functions for transformation (but can be developed/modified by user)





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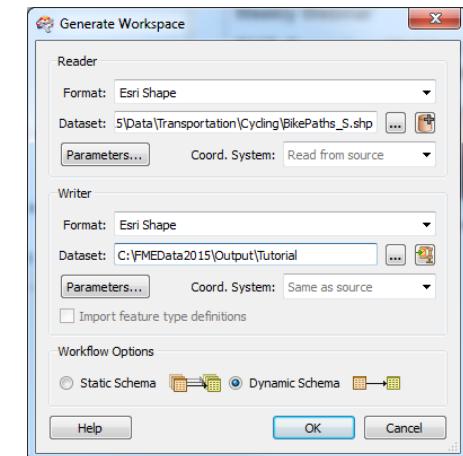
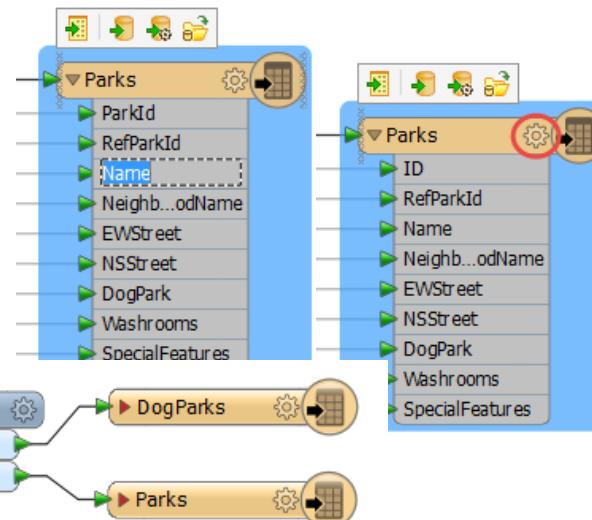
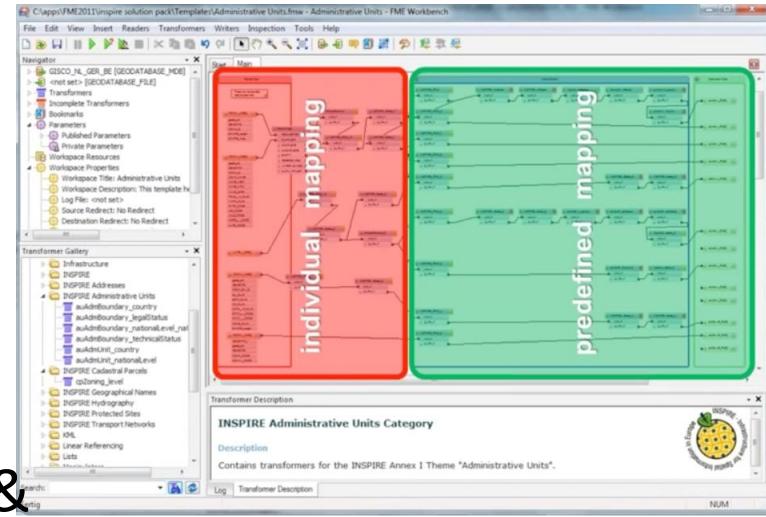
- It is free of charge
 - Have been used for trainings and development of the JRC Marine Pilot



HALE website	http://www.dhpanel.eu/humboldt-framework/hale.html
HALE Wiki	http://www.esdi-community.eu/projects/hale/wiki
HALE Tutorial	http://www.dhpanel.eu/humboldt-framework/hale-tutorial.html
HALE download	http://www.esdi-community.eu/projects/hale/files
HALE User Guide	http://hale.igd.fraunhofer.de/2.8.0/help/index.jsp

Feature Manipulation Engine (FME)

- Includes format translation - FME Workbench
- Content Transformation – Coordinate REProjection
- Data Restructuring
- XML validator
- Direct support for INSPIRE – reads & write INSPIRE GML





Harmonised vocabularies

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- INSPIRE introduce **code lists** into data model

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4 types of INSPIRE code lists according to extensibility

- a) **not extensible** – only values included in IRs are allowed
- b) **freely extensible** – values included in IRs and any other values are allowed
- c) **narrower extensible** – values included in IRs and any narrower values are allowed
- d) **empty** – any values are allowed

Any extension - values have to be included in the code list register

- INSPIRE code list register,
- national SDI code list register,
- thematic register as BODC P01, P03 or ICES parameter use registers



Registers & registry

- EC provides central registry/ies for INSPIRE resources
- INSPIRE registry provides a central access
- INSPIRE involves a number of items, which require clear descriptions and the possibility to be referenced through unique identifiers (URLs)
- published on

<http://inspire.ec.europa.eu/registry>

- registers: code lists, themes, application schemas, feature concept dictionary
 - browsing and accessing register content
 - Formats: HTML, XML, Atom, JSON and RDF/SKOS
 - Multilingual content (based on IR content)
- Open to external contributions

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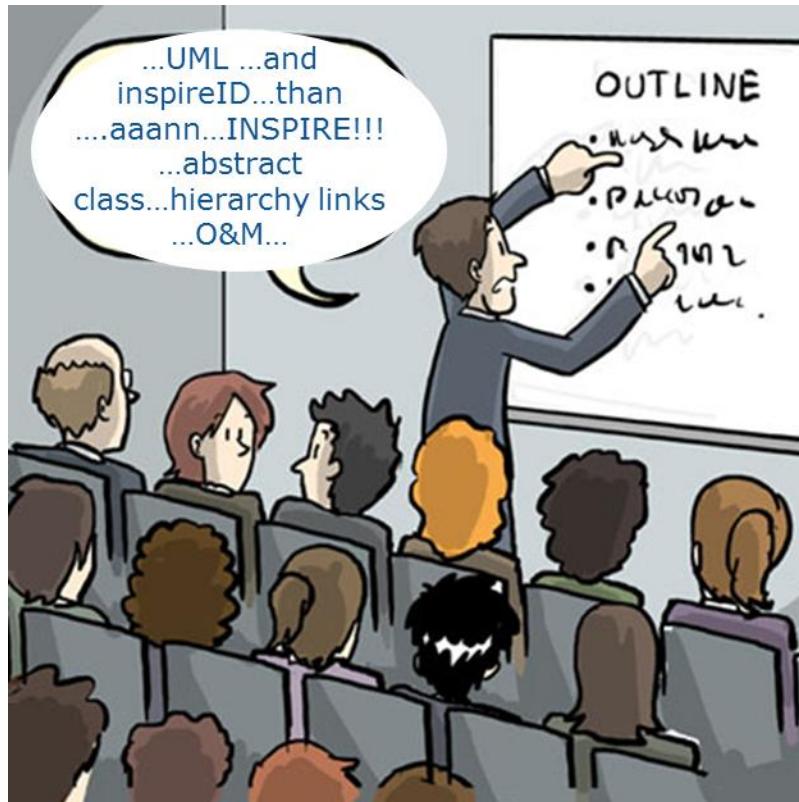
INSPIRE Thematic clusters

- **INSPIRE Thematic Clusters Platform** is a European Commission initiative, linked to the INSPIRE Maintenance and Implementation Framework, with the objective of supporting INSPIRE implementation
- platform that builds upon the relevant [INSPIRE Forum](#) content and software, **is a single entry point** for INSPIRE implementers and users to share experiences, best practices, raise questions and resolve issues **in their thematic domains**.





Thank you for your attention



....and patience

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