**INSPIRE**

Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe

**Summary report of 2nd meeting of the MIWP Action 2.2 subgroup,   
7 February 2022, online meeting**

**Roadmap for priority-driven implementation**

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# Meeting proceedings

The subgroup members approved the minutes of the kick-off meeting.

No additional topics were added to the draft agenda. The draft agenda was approved.

ENV reiterated the outcome of discussions in the first meeting. The principle of maturity levels was abandoned in favour of working on identified priority issues. ENV presented the already identified 4 priority issues for validation by the subgroup:

* National priorities, experiences and approaches
  + EU/COM data priorities: PDS for reporting, Core reference data, High Value Datasets (on hold)
* Compliance
* Indicator framework (e.g. link between DESI and INSPIRE)
* Master guidance (legal clarity, which provisions are unclear or create burden)

Objective for the subgroup is to deliver a report after summer, to be presented at the MIG for approval and as input for the INSPIRE impact assessment.

**Discussion**

* It was stated that the current regulation is outdated and no longer future-proof, and doubted that the legal framework in its current form can be used to some extent for future needs (data economy, data spaces)
* FR has no national priorities vis-à-vis INSPIRE. Most national needs are covered by existing systems. For FR how to improve INPIRE is not the point but rather what EU countries want to achieve together. EU needs to become a data champion; we need EU coverages, not only for environment. A FR recommendation would be to continue to work on EU coverages.
* Other experts supported the user driven approach. Clear use cases and harmonisation will be more effective. If the data is actually used, data providers will be happy to put the work in it.
* We should make sure that what worked in INSPIRE should be continued. Today it looks like we are being overtaking by other initiatives and we are falling behind. Whatever will be designed as solutions need to be aligned with other digital data initiatives.
* The legal framework for spatial data sharing should be strengthened. Would be great if we can share good practices.
* How important is the INSPIRE Directive in view of emerging digital initiatives (Open Data, Data Act, …) and what will be its future role?
* Old promise to paint the digital landscape and position the INSPIRE Directive in this landscape in the MIG. The emerging data legislation will be a foundation for the further development of INSPIRE. In the next MIG meeting end of March, two hours will be dedicated to this. The Commission will present the different initiatives and there will be ample time for discussion.
* Which use cases do you have at MS level beyond the environmental acquis? Would be useful to see which bottom up activities are going on e.g. initiatives to develop national digital landscapes and see how this aligns.
* We should keep a realistic ambition level - less is more: . E.g. check if we could get an indicator in the DESI indicators. There are areas in DES where we could really contribute e.g. on the usage side / Stimulate collection for metadata records for applications / We can look at funding opportunities and improve communication (e.g. last inspire conference we had a session on user needs with marketing people to capture real requirements).
* How to manage this with this group? Who will provide the capacity to develop all this? We should aim to have something in writing towards the fall to slot it in to the inspire revision. To do so a shorter paper is needed with a few statements under the 4 suggested headlines.
* Suggested that this document should be a shared document where all subgroup members can highlight were we can contribute and other MS experts can also show their interest.
* The ENV presentation can already be used to express interest and share ideas.

# Conclusions/actions

* **ENV** to put the priority actions in a document and check with if we can make available a shared document.
* **All** to share their views on the priority items and put their names behind the item where they can contribute. The ENV presentation ppt can be used as a template to share some initial views.

# Next meeting

The 3rd meeting of the subgroup was tentatively scheduled as an online meeting for 28 February 2022 14:00 – 15:30. Due to planning conflicts, the meeting was moved to 7 March 2022. The meeting will be organised as a WebEx meeting by ENV.