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Foreword

Directive 2007/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council [**Directive 2007/2/EC**], adopted on 14 March 2007 aims at establishing an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE) for environmental policies, or policies and activities that have an impact on the environment. INSPIRE will make available relevant, harmonised and quality geographic information to support the formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and activities, which have a direct or indirect impact on the environment.

INSPIRE is based on the infrastructures for spatial information established and operated by the 27 Member States of the European Union. The Directive addresses 34 spatial data themes needed for environmental applications, with key components specified through technical implementing rules. This makes INSPIRE a unique example of a legislative "regional" approach.

To ensure that the spatial data infrastructures of the Member States are compatible and usable in a Community and trans-boundary context, the Directive requires that common Implementing Rules (IR) are adopted in the following areas.

- Metadata;
- The interoperability and harmonisation of spatial data and services for selected themes (as described in Annexes I, II, III of the Directive);
- Network Services;
- Measures on sharing spatial data and services;
- Co-ordination and monitoring measures.

The Implementing Rules are adopted as Commission Decisions or Regulations, and are binding in their entirety.

In particular with respect the Network Services, Implementing Rules are required for the following services (Article 11(1) of the Directive):

- "discovery services search for spatial data sets and spatial data services on the basis of the content of corresponding metadata, and display the metadata content;*
- view services as a minimum, display, navigate, zoom in/out, pan, or overlay spatial data sets and display legend information and any relevant content of metadata;*
- download services enabling copies of complete spatial data sets, or of parts of such sets, to be downloaded;*
- transformation services enabling spatial data sets to be transformed with a view to achieving interoperability;*
- invoke spatial data services" enabling data services to be invoked."*

In addition to the Implementing Rules, non-binding Technical Guidance documents describe detailed implementation aspects and relations with existing standards, technologies, and practices. They may need to be revised during the course of implementing the infrastructure to take into account the evolution of technology, new requirements, and cost benefit considerations. Figure 1 illustrates the relationship between the INSPIRE Regulations containing Implementing Rules and

their corresponding Technical Guidance documents.



Figure 1: Relationship between INSPIRE Implementing Rules and Technical Guidance

Technical Guidance documents define how Member States might implement the Implementing Rules described in a Commission Regulation. Technical Guidance documents may include non-binding technical requirements that must be satisfied if a Member State chooses to conform to the Technical Guidance. Implementing this technical guidance will maximise the interoperability of INSPIRE services.

This Technical Guidance concerns the INSPIRE Discovery Services. The Technical Guidance contains detailed technical documentation highlighting the mandatory and the recommended elements related to the implementation of INSPIRE Discovery Services. The technical provisions and the underlying concepts are often illustrated by use case diagrams and accompanied by examples.

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1. Introduction

INSPIRE Discovery Services allow users and computer programs to search for spatial datasets and services based on their metadata records. This document specifies Technical Guidance for Member States to implement INSPIRE Discovery Services as mandated by the Regulation on INSPIRE Network Services [INS NS, Annex II].

Following this Technical Guidance will ensure that INSPIRE Discovery Services are implemented in a consistent and compatible way across Europe. It is based on European and International standards, current practices in related stakeholder communities and relevant European initiatives such as e-Government, and the EU Interoperability Framework.

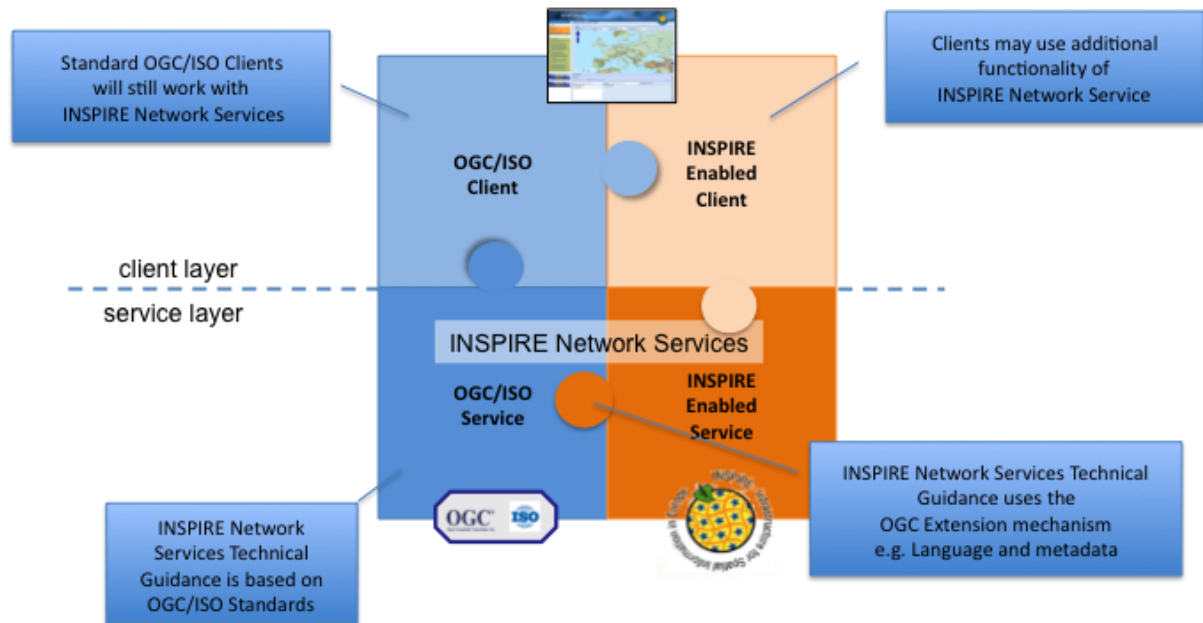


Figure 2: Extending ISO and OGC Standards for INSPIRE Requirements

This document specifies requirements and recommendations based on the OGC™ Catalogue Services Specification 2.0.2 - ISO Metadata Application Profile for CSW 2.0 [CSW ISO AP]. It defines an INSPIRE Profile of [CSW ISO AP] to implement the following operations:

- **Get Discovery Service Metadata:** Provides all necessary information about the Discovery Service and describes service capabilities;
- **Discover Metadata:** Allows requesting INSPIRE metadata elements of spatial data sets and services from a Discovery Service;
- **Publish Metadata:** Allows editing of INSPIRE metadata elements of resources in the Discovery Service (push or pull metadata mechanisms). Editing meaning insert, update and delete;
- **Link Discovery Service:** Allows the declaration of the availability of a Discovery Service for the discovery of resources through the Member State Discovery Service while maintaining the resource metadata at the owner's location.

In addition, this document defines how a query for metadata should be written, and how to handle multilingual aspects of INSPIRE Discovery Services.

This is the initial version of the Technical Guidance document and it has been validated and tested

in collaboration with the Initial Operating Capability Task Force. It may be used by the Member States for the initial implementation of the INSPIRE Discovery Services.

2. Normative references

This technical guidance incorporates, by dated or undated references, provisions from other publications. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this guide only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references, the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter:

INSPIRE, Implementing **Directive 2007/2/EC** of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards interoperability of spatial data sets and services

INSPIRE, **INS NS** Commission Regulation (EC) No 976/2009 of 19 October 2009 implementing Directive 2007/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the Network Services

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INSPIRE, **INS MDTG**, INSPIRE Metadata Implementing Rules: Technical Guidelines based on EN ISO 19115 and EN ISO 19119.

INSPIRE, **INS DSTG**, Technical Guidance for the implementation of INSPIRE Discovery Services

ISO 19115:2003, *Geographic information – Metadata*

ISO 19115/Cor.1:2006, *Geographic information – Metadata, Technical Corrigendum 1*

ISO 19119:2005, *Geographic information – Services*

ISO 19119:2005 PDAM 1, *Geographic information – Services*

ISO/TS 19139:2006, *Geographic information - Metadata - Implementation specification*

OGC 07-006, **OGC CSW**, OGC™ Catalogue Services Specification, version 2.0.2 (Corrigendum Release 2).

OGC 07-045, **CSW ISO AP**, OGC™ Catalogue Services Specification 2.0.2 - ISO Metadata Application Profile for CSW 2.0, version 1.0.0 (2007).

OGC 05-008, **OGC OWS**, OGC Web Services Common Specification, version 1.0 (May 2005)

3. Terms and abbreviations

3.1. Terms

1. **application profile**

set of one or more base standards and - where applicable - the identification of chosen clauses, classes, subsets, options and parameters of those base standards that are necessary for accomplishing a particular function [ISO 19101, ISO 19106]

2. **discovery services**

making it possible to search for spatial data sets and services on the basis of the content of the corresponding metadata and to display the content of the metadata [INSPIRE Directive]

3. **metadata**

information describing spatial data sets and spatial data services and making it possible to discover, inventory and use them [INSPIRE Directive]

4. **metadata element**

a discrete unit of metadata, in accordance with [ISO 19115]

5. **network services**

network services should make it possible to discover, transform, view and download spatial data and to invoke spatial data and e-commerce services [INSPIRE Directive]

6. **queryable**

a metadata element that can be queried upon

7. **spatial data**

data with a direct or indirect reference to a specific location or geographic area [INSPIRE Directive]

8. **spatial data set**

identifiable collection of spatial data [INSPIRE Directive]

3.2. Abbreviations

AP	Application Profile
ARC	Architecture
CSW	Catalogue Services for the Web
CSWT	Catalogue Services for the Web Transactional
GET	HTTP Get Method
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
INSPIRE	Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe
IOC	Initial Operations Capability
ISO	International Organisation for Standardisation
KVP	Key Value Pair

MD	Metadata
NS	Network Services
OWS	OGC Web Services Common Specification
TF	Task Force
XML	eXtended Markup Language

3.3. Verbal forms for the expression of provisions

In accordance with the ISO rules for drafting, the following verbal forms shall be interpreted in the given way:

- "shall" / "shall not": a requirement, mandatory to comply with the technical guidance
- "should" / "should not": a recommendation, but an alternative approach may be chosen for a specific case if there are reasons to do so
- "may" / "need not": a permission

Implementation Requirements and Recommendations notation

To make it easier to identify the requirements and the recommendations for INSPIRE Discovery Services within this technical guidance, they are highlighted and numbered as shown below:



Implementation Requirements #

are shown using this style



Implementation Recommendations #

are shown using this style.

Note: It is worth noting that requirements as specified in the INSPIRE Regulations and Implementing Rules are legally binding, and that requirements and recommendations as specified in INSPIRE Technical Guidance are **not** legally binding. Therefore, within this technical guidance we have used the terms 'implementation requirement' and 'implementation recommendation' to indicate what is technically required or recommended to conform to the Technical Guidance.

XML Example notation

XML Examples are shown using Courier New on a grey background as below:

```
<inspire:example>
  <inspire:highlight>
    Highlighted Text for emphasis
  </inspire:highlight>
</inspire:example>
```

Note: XML Examples are informative and are provided for information only and are expressly not normative. A reference implementation of the example XML is available on the following link:

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

3.4. References

To aid readability for a non-technical audience, references within this document are denoted using "Section" or "Annex". For example, Section 4.3.1 or Annex A.

References to other documents refer to the list of normative references in Section 3 and use the abbreviated title as indicated in **Bold** text. For example, [**CSW ISO AP**] uses the abbreviated title for the document as shown below:

OGC 07-045, **CSW ISO AP**, OGC™ Catalogue Services Specification 2.0.2 - ISO Metadata Application Profile for CSW 2.0, version 1.0.0 (2007).

References within other documents are shown as above using the abbreviated title, together with the appropriate section within the document. For example, [**CSW ISO AP**, Section 8.2.3.1], refers to Section 8.2.3.1 within the document as listed above.

4. INSPIRE Profile of CSW ISO AP

4.1. General background

The base specification of an INSPIRE Discovery Service is [CSW ISO AP].

Implementation Requirement 1



An INSPIRE Discovery Service shall implement the mandatory behaviour of a [CSW ISO AP] compliant service and the extensions as required by the INSPIRE Directive and its associated Regulations.

Implementation Requirement 2



The extended behaviour for an INSPIRE Discovery Service with respect to the requirements of the INSPIRE Directive and the Regulation on INSPIRE Network Services [INS NS] consists of: Discovery Service Operations, Discovery Service Queryables, and Discovery Service Multilingual aspects



Figure 3: INSPIRE Generic Use Case

Figure 3: INSPIRE Generic Use Case illustrating use cases for the creation and publication of metadata, their discovery through a discovery service and viewing of spatial data sets via an

INSPIRE View service.

Rationale behind the choice of an INSPIRE Schema for implementing the extended capabilities of INSPIRE Network Services

The INSPIRE Network Service Regulation [INS NS] requires a Network Service to respond to a "Get Network Service Metadata" request with a response that contains as one of its parameters the Network Service INSPIRE metadata.

At the time of writing this Technical Guidance the OGC GetCapabilities response document does not include all required INSPIRE metadata for the Network Service and in order to do so the Extended Capabilities mechanism is used. Through this mechanism it is possible to link INSPIRE metadata with the GetCapabilities response, either by including the missing INSPIRE metadata elements of the Network Service, or by including a reference to the INSPIRE Network Service metadata record.

The initial approach was to re-use, for extended capabilities elements, the ISO 19139 data types. The Advantages of using the ISO 19139 data types are:

- New data types do not need to be defined
- Existing client applications already have the necessary bindings to read and write the information. Type redefinition was however necessary for the following elements:
 - INSPIRE Service Type (implemented as gco:GenericName_PropertyType)
 - Languages
 - CurrentLanguage
 - TemporalReference

Which however breaks compatibility with existing clients. The disadvantages of this approach on the other hand are:

- ISO 19139 data types currently have a double implementation;
 - The schemas from ISO 19139 version 2005-DIS (Draft International Standard) dated 2006 May 4 ([20060504/](#)) depend on the unofficial GML 3.2.0 version, but on the other hand is used in ISO AP 1.0 for CSW;
 - The ISO/TS 19139 Schemas dated 2007 April 17 ([20070417/](#)) depend on the official GML version 3.2.1 which relies on a different namespace but does not make available the implementation for the "srv" namespace for service metadata;
- CSW schema version 2.0.2 includes OGC filter version 1.1.0 which in turn includes GML version 3.1.1;
- An INSPIRE view service may also be implemented using WMS 1.1.1. The WMS 1.1.1 schema however is officially implemented only through DTD technology. There is no official DTD implementation for ISO 19139.

As a result for the discovery service capabilities document this approach would require reference to three different versions of GML in the same document.

It has therefore been decided to use a custom INSPIRE schema for the missing INSPIRE metadata elements in the Extended Capabilities section. This allows for an easy integration with all OGC services and full validation of INSPIRE compliance using standard XML validation. Table 3 shows the mapping between the INSPIRE metadata elements and the OGC Capabilities metadata elements.

Note: the schema will be aligned to the relevant standards once these support the INSPIRE requirements. Alignment between OWS and ISO 19119 should also help addressing some of the issues.

The custom INSPIRE schemas are available at <http://inspire.ec.europa.eu/schemas/>

This Technical Guidance uses the following namespace definitions:

```
xmlns:inspire_ds="http://inspire.ec.europa.eu/schemas/inspire_ds/1.0"  
xmlns:inspire_common="http://inspire.ec.europa.eu/schemas/common/1.0"
```

The following sections specify the required extensions to the given specifications.

4.2. INSPIRE Profile Implementation Requirements

The INSPIRE specific constraints applicable to an [CSW ISO AP] base Discovery Service are:



Implementation Requirement 3

The list of federated catalogues, if any, shall be advertised as the result of a Service metadata response to a Discover Metadata request.



Implementation Requirement 4

The additional search attributes listed in Section 4.4 are mandatory and shall be supported.



Implementation Requirement 5

The additional search attributes listed in Section 4.4 shall be advertised as the result of a Service metadata response to a discover metadata request.

4.2.1. Discovery service exceptions

Internationalisation of service exceptions is optional.



Implementation Recommendation 1

If service exceptions are internationalised then the error messages (exceptions) are either expressed in the service's default language (suppose that the request is incorrect and the LANGUAGE parameter has not been interpreted before issuing

the error/exception text) or in the preferred (requested) language in other cases.

See also Section 4.5.3 Common concept for other operations.

4.3. Discovery service operations

The base functionality of an INSPIRE Discovery Service is derived from [CSW ISO AP]. The following sections specify the extensions to this base specification that are derived from the INSPIRE requirements as defined by [INS NS].

[CSW ISO AP] distinguishes between two types of catalogue services: A 'read-only' catalogue service that has to provide operations labelled 'CSW' and a transactional catalogue service that has to provide operations labelled 'CSWT'. This distinction is derived from the OGC catalogue base specification [OGC CSW].

Table 1 shows the relationship between operations of an INSPIRE Discovery Service and the corresponding catalogue service operation as defined by [OGC CSW]. Figure 4 illustrates the Get Discovery Service metadata use case.

Table 1: INSPIRE Discovery Services Operations

INSPIRE Discovery Services Operations	INSPIRE Cardinality	OGC CSW ISO AP operations
Get Discovery Service Metadata	Mandatory	OGC_Service.GetCapabilities
Discover Metadata	Mandatory	CSW Discovery.GetRecords
Publish Metadata	Conditional	CSWT Manager.Transaction or CSWT Manager.Harvest
Link Discovery service	Mandatory	Combination of OGC_Service.GetCapabilities and CSW Discovery.GetRecords OR using Publish Metadata operation: CSWT Manager.Transaction or CSWT Manager.Harvest

4.3.1. Get Discovery Service Metadata

The Get Discovery Service Metadata use case is illustrated in Figure 4.

INSPIRE Implementing Rule	Reference [INS NS, Annex II]	Section 2
	Operation name	Get Discovery Service Metadata

INSPIRE Implementing Rule	Reference [INS NS, Annex II]	Section 2
	Obligation / condition	Mandatory
CSW ISO AP	Operation name	OGC_Service.GetCapabilities
	Definition	The GetCapabilities operation allows clients to retrieve service metadata from a server.

4.3.1.1. Request Parameters



Implementation Requirement 6

See [CSW ISO AP]. INSPIRE extends this operation with an additional parameter that indicates the client's preferred language. The recommended approach to implement this extension is described in Section 4.5.1.

4.3.1.2. Response Parameters

According to [INS NS, Annex II, Section 2.2] the Get Discovery Service Metadata shall contain the following sets of parameters:

- Discovery Service Metadata, containing at least the INSPIRE metadata elements of the Discovery Service;
- Operations Metadata to provide metadata about the operations implemented by the Discovery Service; and
- Languages, including the Supported languages and Response language.

The GetCapabilities response of the [CSW ISO AP] does not fully satisfy the requirements of the INSPIRE Network Services Regulation [INS NS] and in particular with respect the Discovery Service INSPIRE metadata and Language parameters (see Table 2: GetCapabilities Response [CSW ISO AP]). Two scenarios have been identified to comply with this requirement. It is up to the Member State to choose which scenario best fits its needs. As these scenarios are not mutually exclusive, a Member State may choose to implement both.

Implementation Requirement 7

The response shall include discovery service metadata parameters [INS NS] by implementing either scenario below:



1. Scenario 1: Referencing a URL mapped to the GetCapabilities response by the MetadataURL element in the ExtendedCapabilities of the [CSW ISO AP]; Mandatory [OGC CSW ISO AP] capabilities parameters (see Table 2) shall be mapped to INSPIRE metadata elements to implement a consistent interface.

OR

2. Scenario 2: Including all required metadata explicitly in the GetCapabilities response [CSW ISO AP]. INSPIRE metadata elements that can't be mapped to

[CSW ISO AP] elements are implemented as Extended Capabilities.

To fulfil the specific language requirements of the INSPIRE Network Services Regulation [INS NS], a language section shall be added in the extended capability of the service.



Figure 4: Get Discovery Service Metadata Use Case (UC1)

Table 2 shows the parameters that are part of a GetCapabilities response of [CSW ISO AP].

Table 2: GetCapabilities Response [CSW ISO AP]

CSW metadata	
Service identification	
ServiceType	The ServiceType for a CSW ISO AP is fixed to "CSW". The Spatial Data Service Type as defined by INSPIRE MD ('discovery') will be mapped to the INSPIRE SpatialDataServiceType element in the GetCapabilities response.
ServiceTypeVersion	Version of this service type implemented by this service. This value is fixed for the INSPIRE profile of CSW ISO AP to '2.0.2'.
Title	Title of this service, normally used for display to a human
Abstract	Brief narrative description of this service, normally available for display to a human
Keywords	Unordered list of one or more commonly used or formalized word(s) or phrase(s) used to describe this service.
Fees	Fees and terms for retrieving data from or otherwise using this service, including the monetary units as specified in ISO 4217
AccessConstraints	Access constraints that should be observed to assure the protection of privacy or intellectual property, and any other restrictions on retrieving or using data from or otherwise using this service.
Service provider	
ProviderName	Unique identifier for service provider organization
Providersite	Reference to the most relevant web site of the service provider
ServiceContact	Information for contacting service provider
Operations metadata	
Operation	Metadata for one operation that this service interface implements
Parameter	Parameter valid domain that applies to one or more operations which this service implements

Constraint	Constraint on valid domain of a non-parameter quantity that applies to this service
ExtendedCapabilities	Metadata about this service and software additional abilities
Filter capabilities	
Filter_Capabilities	The following elements are examples of valid filter operators: And, Or, Not, PropertyIsEqualTo, PropertyIsNotEqualTo, PropertyIsLessThan, PropertyIsGreaterThan, PropertyIsLike, PropertyIsNull, PropertyIsLessThanOrEqualTo, PropertyIsGreaterThanOrEqualTo, BBOX, Intersects, Disjoint.

Example 1: Reporting the MetadataURL in the extended capabilities

```

<xs:complexType name="ExtendedCapabilitiesType">
  <xs:annotation>
    <xs:documentation>Extended capabilities for ISO 19128 , OGC CSW, OGC OWS
services</xs:documentation>
  </xs:annotation>
  <xs:choice>
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:annotation>
        <xs:documentation>Scenario 1: Mandatory MetadataUrl element
pointing to an INSPIRE Compliant ISO metadata document plus language parameters
</xs:documentation>
      </xs:annotation>
      <xs:element name="MetadataUrl" type="resourceLocatorType"/>
      <xs:element name="SupportedLanguages" type="supportedLanguagesType"/>
      <xs:element name="ResponseLanguage" type="languageElementISO6392B"/>
    </xs:sequence>
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:annotation>
        <xs:documentation>Scenario 2: Mandatory (where appropriate) metadata
elements not mapped to standard capabilities, plus mandatory language parameters, plus
OPTIONAL MetadataUrl pointing to an INSPIRE Compliant ISO metadata
document</xs:documentation>
      </xs:annotation>
      <xs:element name="ResourceLocator" type="resourceLocatorType"
maxOccurs="unbounded">
        <xs:annotation>
          <xs:documentation xml:lang="en">Mandatory linkage to the network
service</xs:documentation>
        </xs:annotation>
      </xs:element>
      <xs:element name="ResourceType" type="serviceSpatialDataResourceType"/>
      <xs:element name="TemporalReference" type="temporalReference"

```



```

maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    <xs:element name="Conformity" type="conformity" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    <xs:element name="MetadataPointOfContact" type="metadataPointOfContact"
maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    <xs:element name="MetadataDate" type="iso8601Date"/>
    <xs:element name="SpatialDataServiceType" type="spatialDataServiceType"/>
    <xs:element name="MandatoryKeyword"
type="classificationOfSpatialDataService" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    <xs:element name="Keyword" type="keyword" minOccurs="0"
maxOccurs="unbounded">
        <xs:annotation>
            <xs:documentation xml:lang="en">If the resource is a spatial data
service, at least one keyword from Part D.4 shall be provided.</xs:documentation>
        </xs:annotation>
    </xs:element>
    <xs:element name="SupportedLanguages" type="supportedLanguagesType"/>
    <xs:element name="ResponseLanguage" type="languageElementISO6392B"/>
    <xs:element name="MetadataUrl" type="resourceLocatorType" minOccurs="0"/>
</xs:sequence>
</xs:choice>
</xs:complexType>
<xs:complexType name="supportedLanguagesType">
    <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element name="DefaultLanguage" type="languageElementISO6392B"/>
        <xs:element name="SupportedLanguage" type="languageElementISO6392B"
minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
            <xs:annotation>
                <xs:documentation>It is not necessary to repeat the default
language</xs:documentation>
            </xs:annotation>
        </xs:element>
    </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>

```

4.3.1.3. Discovery Service Metadata

Implementation Requirement 8



[CSW ISO AP] specifies a GetCapabilities operation with several service metadata sections. The service metadata in the capabilities documents shall be in conformance with the requirements of INSPIRE service metadata [INS NS].

Table 3 shows the mapping from the INSPIRE metadata elements to the capabilities as used for the implementation of the Discovery service by [CSW ISO AP].

The first two columns are from the INSPIRE Metadata Regulation [INS MD]. In the "Capabilities CSW ISO AP" column the capabilities mapping is defined. In the last column the mappings as defined in the mapping ISO 19115/ISO 19119 of the Metadata Technical Guidance [INS MDTG] are shown.

Table 3: INSPIRE metadata elements to CSW ISO AP capabilities metadata

INSPIRE Metadata element	M/ C/ O	Capabilities CSW ISO AP	Type Field	ISO 19139 / CSW ISO AP
Resource title (B1.1)	M	/csw:Capabilities/ServiceIdentification/Title	String	identificationInfo[1]// citation //title [ISO 19139]
Resource abstract (B1.2)	M	/csw:Capabilities/ServiceIdentification/Abstract	String	identificationInfo[1]//*/abstract [ISO 19139]
Resource Type (B1.3)	M	/inspire_ds:ExtendedCapabilities/inspire_common:ResourceType		identificationInfo[1]/hierarchyLevel [ISO 19139]
Resource Locator (B1.4)	C	/csw:Capabilities/OperationsMetadata/Operation/GetCapabilities/DCP/HTTP/@xlink:href	URL	distributionInfo// transferOptions //online/*/*linkage [ISO 19139]
Coupled Resource (B1.6)	C	Not applicable to discovery service	-	identificationInfo[1]//*/operatesOn
Spatial data service type (B2.2)	M	/inspire_ds:ExtendedCapabilities/inspire_common:SpatialDataServiceType	GenericName	identificationInfo[1]//*/serviceType [CSW ISO Metadata AP]
Keyword value (B3.1) For the mandatory category or subcategory of the service	M	/inspire_ds:ExtendedCapabilities/inspire_common:MandatoryKeyword	String	identificationInfo[1]// descriptiveKeywords //keyword [ISO 19139]
Keyword value (B3.1) For any other keyword	O	/inspire_ds:ExtendedCapabilities/inspire_common:Keyword	String	identificationInfo[1]// descriptiveKeywords //keyword [ISO 19139]

INSPIRE Metadata element	M/C/O	Capabilities CSW ISO AP	Type Field	ISO 19139 / CSW ISO AP
Originating controlled vocabulary (B3.2)	C	/inspire_ds:ExtendedCapabilities/inspire_common:Keyword/inspire_common:OriginatingControlledVocabulary/inspire_common:Title		identificationInfo[1]// descriptiveKeywords //thesaurusName [ISO 19139]
Temporal extent (B5.1)	C	/inspire_ds:ExtendedCapabilities/inspire_common:TemporalExtent	Date	identificationInfo[1]// extent //temporalElement/*/extent [ISO 19139]
Date of publication (B5.2)	C	/inspire_ds:ExtendedCapabilities/inspire_common:TemporalReference / inspire_common:DateOfPublication	Date	identificationInfo[1]// citation //date[.// dateType //text()='publication']/*/date [ISO 19139]
Date of last revision (B5.3)	C	/inspire_ds:ExtendedCapabilities/inspire_common:TemporalReference / inspire_common:DateOfLastRevision	Date	identificationInfo[1]// citation //date[.// dateType //text()='revision']/*/date [ISO 19139]
Date of creation (B5.4)	C	/inspire_ds:ExtendedCapabilities/inspire_common:TemporalReference / inspire_common:DateOfCreation	Date	identificationInfo[1]// citation //date[.// dateType //text()='creation']/*/date [ISO 19139]

INSPIRE Metadata element	M/C/O	Capabilities CSW ISO AP	Type Field	ISO 19139 / CSW ISO AP
Specification (B7.1)	M	/inspire_ds:ExtendedCapabilities/inspire_common:Conformity/inspire_common:Specification	string	dataQualityInfo// report //result/*/specification [ISO 19139]
Degree (B7.2)	M	/inspire_ds:ExtendedCapabilities/inspire_common:Conformity/inspire_common:Degree	boolean	dataQualityInfo// report //result/*/pass [ISO 19139]
Conditions applying to access and use (B8.1)	M	/csw:Capabilities/Serviceidentification/Fees	string	identificationInfo[1]// resourceConstraints //useLimitation [ISO 19139]
Limitations on public access (B8.2)	M	/csw:Capabilities/Serviceidentification/AccessConstraints	string	identificationInfo[1]// resourceConstraints //accessConstraints [ISO 19139]
Responsible party (B9.1)	M	csw:Capabilities/Serviceprovider/ProviderName and csw:Capabilities/Serviceprovider/ServiceContact/ContactInfo/Address/ElectronicMailAddress	string	identificationInfo[1]// pointOfContact /t/organisationName and identificationInfo[1]/*/pointOfContact/address/electronicMailAddress [ISO 19139]
Responsible party role (B9.2)	M	csw:Capabilities/Serviceprovider/role	string	identificationInfo[1]// pointOfContact /role [ISO 19139]

INSPIRE Metadata element	M/C/O	Capabilities CSW ISO AP	Type Field	ISO 19139 / CSW ISO AP
Metadata point of contact (B10.1)	M	/inspire_ds:ExtendedCapabilities/inspire_common:MetadataPointOfContact	string	contact
Metadata Date (B10.2)	M	/inspire_ds:ExtendedCapabilities/inspire_common:MetadataDate	Date	dateStamp
Metadata Language (B10.3)	M	/inspire_ds:ExtendedCapabilities/inspire_common:ResponseLanguage/inspire_common:Language	string	language

4.3.2. Discover Metadata

INSPIRE Implementing Rule	Reference [INS NS, Annex II]	Section 3
	Operation name	Discover Metadata
	Obligation / condition	Mandatory
CSW ISO AP	Operation name	CSW Discovery.GetRecords
	Definition	The primary means of a GetRecords operation is to search and to present metadata records.

4.3.2.1. Request Parameters



Implementation Requirement 9

According to [INS NS, Annex II, Section 3.1] two parameters shall be supported by the service: Language, and Query.



Implementation Requirement 10

The language parameter shall be implemented by using the Language queryable in a filter statement as defined by [CSW ISO AP]. With that a client can request metadata records in a specific metadata language.



Implementation Requirement 11

The query parameter shall be implemented by the filter statement of the GetRecords-Request itself. The query has to support all search attributes defined in Section 4.4.

Implementation Recommendation 2

To ensure a common response structure for a Discover Metadata request, the value of the following request parameters shall be set as follows:



- resultType = "results"
- outputFormat = "application/xml"
- outputSchema = <http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd>
- ElementSetName = "full"

Example 2: Discover Metadata Request

```
<csw:GetRecords xmlns:csw="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2"
xmlns:apiso=http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/apiso/1.0
xmlns:ogc="http://www.opengis.net/ogc" xmlns:gmd="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd"
service="CSW" resultType="results"
outputFormat="application/xml" outputSchema="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd"
startPosition="1" maxRecords="10">
  <csw:Query typeNames="gmd:MD_Metadata">
    <csw:ElementSetName typeNames="gmd:MD_Metadata">full</csw:ElementSetName>
    <csw:Constraint version="1.1.0">
      <ogc:Filter xmlns:ogc="http://www.opengis.net/ogc">
        <ogc:And>
          <ogc:PropertyIsEqualTo>
            <ogc:PropertyName>apiso:Language</ogc:PropertyName>
            <ogc:Literal>eng</ogc:Literal>
          </ogc:PropertyIsEqualTo>
          <ogc:PropertyIsEqualTo>
            <ogc:PropertyName>apiso:ServiceType</ogc:PropertyName>
            <ogc:Literal>wms</ogc:Literal>
          </ogc:PropertyIsEqualTo>
        </ogc:And>
      </ogc:Filter>
    </csw:Constraint>
  </csw:Query>
</csw:GetRecords>
```

4.3.2.2. Response Parameters

Implementation Requirement 12



The Discover Metadata response shall contain at least the INSPIRE metadata elements of each resource matching the query. [INS NS, Annex II, Section 3.2.1]



Figure 5: Discover Metadata Activity Diagram (UC2)

4.3.3. Publish (Push / Pull)

4.3.3.1. Push

INSPIRE Implementing Rule	Reference [INS NS, Annex II]	Section 4.1
	Operation name	Publish Metadata (push)
	Obligation / condition	Conditional: one of Transaction or Harvest has to be supported
CSW ISO AP	Operation name	CSWT Manager.Transaction
	Definition	The Transaction operation defines an interface for creating, modifying and deleting catalogue records.



Figure 6: Publish metadata using PUSH (Transaction)

4.3.3.1.1. Request Parameters

No additional INSPIRE request parameters are required.

4.3.3.1.2. Response Parameters

No additional INSPIRE response parameters are required.

4.3.3.2. Pull

INSPIRE Implementing Rule	Reference [INS NS, Annex II]	Section 4.2
	Operation name	Publish Metadata (pull)

INSPIRE Implementing Rule	Reference [INS NS, Annex II]	Section 4.2
	Obligation / condition	Conditional: one of Transaction or Harvest has to be supported
CSW ISO AP	Operation name	CSWT Manager.Harvest
	Definition	The Harvest operation "pulls" data into the catalogue.



Figure 7: Publish metadata using Pull (Harvest)

4.3.3.2.1. Request Parameters

Implementation Recommendation 3



Within the context of INSPIRE an INSPIRE Discovery Service should at least be able to harvest single metadata documents that are accessible through some online location.

[CSW ISO AP] specifies a harvest operation that is based on the related operation of the underlying base specification [OGC CSW].

Implementation Requirement 13



If an INSPIRE Discovery Service harvests a resource, the RESOURCETYPE of the resource being harvested shall be <http://schemas.opengis.net/iso/19139/20060504/>

4.3.3.2.2. Response Parameters

No additional response parameters are required.

4.3.4. Link Discovery Service

INSPIRE Implementing Rule	Reference [INS NS, Annex II]	Section 5
	Operation name	Link Discovery Service
	Obligation / condition	Mandatory
CSW ISO AP	Operation name	<p>Centralised approach: A combination of the Publish Metadata operation (CSW Manager.Transaction or CSW Manager.Harvest) for publishing metadata, CSW.GetCapabilities ("FederatedCatalogues") for retrieving the centralised Discovery Service endpoint and the CSW.GetRecords (CSW service metadata + dataset metadata) operation.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Discovery client approach: A combination of: the Publish Metadata operation (CSW Manager.Transaction or CSW Manager.Harvest) for publishing metadata; CSW.GetCapabilities ("FederatedCatalogues") for retrieving federated Discovery Service endpoints and/or CSW.GetRecords for discovering Discovery Service metadata; and CSW.GetRecords to discover dataset or dataset series metadata from remote locations in a further step following the use of the here described link discovery service</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Discovery Service approach: A combination of CSW.GetCapabilities ("FederatedCatalogues") and CSW.GetRecords ("DistributedSearch")</p>
	Definition	<p>If federated search is supported then federated metadata catalogue services (CSW) are advertised in the Federated Catalogue section of the Member State's CSW service Capabilities. If federated search is not supported then CSW service metadata from remote third parties has to be published in the Member States central CSW.</p> <p>The GetRecords operation is able to search and to present metadata records from federated and non-federated CSW's.</p>



Figure 8: LINK Services using Registry/Crawler (Example DE)

Implementation Requirement 14



The Link Discovery Service operation allows the declaration of the availability of a Discovery Service compliant with this Regulation, for the discovery of resources through the Member State Discovery Service while maintaining the resource metadata at the owner location [INS NS]. Furthermore the Link Discovery Service Request parameter shall provide all information about the Public Authority's or Third Party's Discovery Service compliant with this Regulation, enabling the Member State Discovery Service to get resources metadata based on a combination of search criteria from the Public Authority's or Third Party's Discovery Service and to collate it with other resources metadata.

The above INSPIRE requirement defines a mechanism that allows third parties to publish their Discovery Services to the INSPIRE network through a Member State Discovery Service. If a third party publishes its Discovery Service through a Member State Discovery Service, it shall be possible to retrieve resource metadata from the owner's Discovery Service. The retrieval of this resource metadata can be handled by the client through iterative searches on available Discovery Services published in a Member State's Discovery Service (Discovery client approach), or by the Discovery Service via distributed search (Discovery Service approach). In general there are three possible scenarios: the centralised, the discovery client and the Discovery Service scenario.

4.3.4.1. Centralised scenario

If the Member State centralises all spatial data and services metadata via publishing operations at a

national Discovery Service then the Link Discovery Service operation as required by the INSPIRE Network Services Regulation [INS NS] is implicitly fulfilled.

4.3.4.1.1. Request Parameters

No additional request parameters are required.



Figure 9: Example DE Network of Discovery Services

Example 3: GetRecords request

```
<csw:GetRecords xmlns:csw="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2"
xmlns:apiso=http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/apiso/1.0
xmlns:ogc="http://www.opengis.net/ogc" xmlns:gmd="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd"
service="CSW" resultType="results"
outputFormat="application/xml" outputSchema="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd"
startPosition="1" maxRecords="10">
<csw:Query typeName="gmd:MD_Metadata">
  <csw:ElementSetName typeName="gmd:MD_Metadata">full</csw:ElementSetName>
  <csw:Constraint version="1.1.0">
    <ogc:Filter xmlns:ogc="http://www.opengis.net/ogc">
      <ogc:And>
        <ogc:PropertyIsEqualTo>
          <ogc:PropertyName>apiso:Language</ogc:PropertyName>
          <ogc:Literal>eng</ogc:Literal>
        </ogc:PropertyIsEqualTo>
        <ogc:PropertyIsEqualTo>
```

```
        <ogc:PropertyName>apiso:ServiceType</ogc:PropertyName>
        <ogc:Literal>view</ogc:Literal>
    </ogc:PropertyIsEqualTo>
</ogc:And>
</ogc::Filter>
</csw:Constraint>
</csw:Query>
</csw:GetRecords>
```

4.3.4.1.2. Response Parameters

GetRecords Response:

No additional parameters are required.

GetCapabilities Response:

No additional parameters are required.

4.3.4.2. Discovery client approach

The discovery client scenario is based on the availability of information on available Discovery Service endpoints in a Member State's Discovery Service.



Implementation Requirement 15

Third Party Discovery Services shall be published in the Member State's Discovery Service using the Publish Metadata operation.

Third Party Discovery Services can additionally be published in the "FederatedCatalogues" section of the Discovery Service's capability document if they are part of a federated search infrastructure.

The Regulation on INSPIRE Network Services imposes two alternatives for implementing the Publish Metadata operation: the *push* mechanism or the *pull* mechanism. For the implementation of the link Discovery Service operation, either or both mechanisms may be used.

For further description of the implementation of the push mechanism we refer to the CSW Transaction operation [**CSW ISO AP**, Section 8.2.3.1]. For further description of the implementation of the pull mechanism we refer to the CSW Harvest operation of the [**CSW ISO AP**, Section 8.2.3.2].

The discovery client can derive the Discovery Service topology (the federation) behind a Discovery Service by retrieving the "FederatedCatalogues" section of its capability document and collecting all the Discovery Services within the federation. For INSPIRE, the possible depth of this federation is limited to one level (hopCount = 2). Therefore all federated catalogues can be retrieved from the Member State's Discovery Service "FederatedCatalogues" section in the capabilities document.

If no federated catalogues are defined in the capability document or if the client favours the use of the CSW.GetRecords operation to find Discovery Service metadata then the client can search for Discovery Service endpoints via a CSW.GetRecords query. This also allows for discovering all published Discovery Services. In this case the client controls the searches on the Discovery Services

on its own and can discover resource metadata from all discovered Discovery Services in the network by using the CSW.GetRecords operation.

Disadvantages:

- Every client has to determine the Discovery Service topology from time to time.
- The searches must be processed by every client (it is not transparent to the client).
- Discovery Services which are not directly accessible (e.g. running behind a firewall in an intranet) cannot be accessed.

Advantages:

- Searches can be processed by the client: so the client can decide by its own how the search is operated.
- The response time of a single search request may be more predictable as no hidden requests to third party catalogues are involved.

4.3.4.2.1. Request Parameters

No additional request parameters are required.



Figure 10: Discovery Client approach

Example 4: GetRecords request

```
<csw:GetRecords xmlns:csw="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2"
xmlns:apiso=http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/apiso/1.0
```

```

xmlns:ogc="http://www.opengis.net/ogc" xmlns:gmd="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd"
service="CSW" resultType="results"
outputFormat="application/xml" outputSchema="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd"
startPosition="1" maxRecords="10">
<csw:Query typeNames="gmd:MD_Metadata">
  <csw:ElementSetName typeNames="gmd:MD_Metadata">full</csw:ElementSetName>
  <csw:Constraint version="1.1.0">
    <ogc:Filter xmlns:ogc="http://www.opengis.net/ogc">
      <ogc:And>
        <ogc:PropertyIsEqualTo>
          <ogc:PropertyName>apiso:Language</ogc:PropertyName>
          <ogc:Literal>eng</ogc:Literal>
        </ogc:PropertyIsEqualTo>
        <ogc:PropertyIsEqualTo>
          <ogc:PropertyName>apiso:ServiceType</ogc:PropertyName>
          <ogc:Literal>view</ogc:Literal>
        </ogc:PropertyIsEqualTo>
      </ogc:And>
    </ogc:Filter>
  </csw:Constraint>
</csw:Query>
</csw:GetRecords>

```

4.3.4.2.2. Response Parameters

GetRecords Response:

No additional parameters are required.

GetCapabilities Response:

The FederatedCatalogues section of the capabilities document can contain 0, 1 or N entries.

4.3.4.3. Discovery Service approach (federated search)

The Discovery Service approach implements a distributed search that allows a Discovery Service to accept a request from a client and distribute the request to other Discovery Services within a federation. In this case a Discovery Service acts as both a server and as a client (for another Discovery Service).

A Discovery Service can propagate a search request to 0, 1 or N other Discovery Services within the federation. Data returned from a Discovery Service query is processed by the requesting Discovery Service to return the data appropriate to the original Discovery Service request (collation of result sets). With that, a client may start a search from only one known location and to search all federated Discovery Services with the same filter statement. In this case, the metadata entries managed by the other Discovery Services become available to their own clients.



Figure 11: Discovery Service approach

Disadvantages:

- More enhanced query request and response structures are needed.
- Every Discovery Service that provides access to federated catalogues must process searches.
- The response time for a single request may be less predictable as possibly hidden requests to (potentially slow) third party catalogues are involved and may infringe the QoS requirements defined in [INS NS]. To speed-up very slow responding remote Discovery Services a Discovery Service may harvest their content from time to time (creating an entire local cache of the metadata) and perform searches locally by filtering on all cached results of such a catalogue.

Advantages:

- The Discovery Service must only know its direct "child-catalogues".
- Discovery Services behind a firewall can be accessed.
- Searches don't have to be processed by every client.

Implementation Recommendation 4



If a Member State chooses to implement the Link Discovery Service Operation by enabling federated search at the Discovery Service, the IOC TF recommends that it is implemented using two operations of [CSW ISO AP]: GetRecords and GetCapabilities.

[CSW ISO AP] defines a mechanism to advertise remote or federated Discovery Services for remote search through the GetRecords request of the Discovery Service [OGC CSW, Section 10.8.4.13 and Annex B]. Discovery Services may advertise, in the capabilities document, to which other Discovery Service a query is distributed using an operation constraint called "FederatedCatalogues". Operation constraints are described [OGC OWS, Section 7.4.5].

Implementation Requirement 16



A federated Discovery Service shall be published in the Member State's Discovery Service's capabilities document as the URL of its HTTP/KVP/GET GetCapabilities request.

4.3.4.3.1. Request Parameters

Implementation Requirement 17



No additional request parameters are required. However, to indicate that the query should be distributed the "DistributedSearch" parameter of a GetRecords request shall be used with the "hopCount" attribute set always equal to "2" to avoid circular searches.

Example 5: Link Discovery Service – GetRecords request

```
<csw:GetRecords xmlns:csw="http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2"
xmlns:apiso=http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/apiso/1.0
xmlns:ogc="http://www.opengis.net/ogc" xmlns:gmd=http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd
service="CSW" resultType="results"
outputFormat="application/xml" outputSchema="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd"
startPosition="1" maxRecords="10">
  <csw:DistributedSearch hopCount="2"/>
  <csw:Query typeNames="gmd:MD_Metadata">
    <csw:ElementSetName typeNames="gmd:MD_Metadata">full</csw:ElementSetName>
    <csw:Constraint version="1.1.0">
      <ogc:Filter xmlns:ogc="http://www.opengis.net/ogc">
        <ogc:And>
          <ogc:PropertyIsEqualTo>
            <ogc:PropertyName>apiso:Language</ogc:PropertyName>
            <ogc:Literal>eng</ogc:Literal>
          </ogc:PropertyIsEqualTo>
          <ogc:PropertyIsEqualTo>
            <ogc:PropertyName>apiso:ServiceType</ogc:PropertyName>
            <ogc:Literal>view</ogc:Literal>
          </ogc:PropertyIsEqualTo>
        </ogc:And>
      </ogc:Filter>
    </csw:Constraint>
  </csw:Query>
</csw:GetRecords>
```

4.3.4.3.2. Response Parameters

GetRecords Response:

No additional parameters are required.

GetCapabilities Response:

The FederatedCatalogues section of the capabilities document can contain 1 or N entries.

Example 6: <OperationsMetadata> excerpt of a capabilities document

```
<ows:operationsmetadata>
  <ows:constraint name="FederatedCatalogues">
    <ows:value>
      http://www.MyCatalogue.eu/?

REQUEST=GetCapabilities&SERVICE=CSW
    </ows:value>
    <ows:value>
      http://www.ASecondCatalogue.eu/?

REQUEST=GetCapabilities&SERVICE=CSW
    </ows:value>
    <ows:value>
      http://www.AThirdCatalogue.eu/?

REQUEST=GetCapabilities&SERVICE=CSW
    </ows:value>
  </ows:constraint>
</ows:operationsmetadata>
```

4.4. Discovery Service Queryables

4.4.1. Introduction



Implementation Requirement 18

[CSW ISO AP] as the base specification for the INSPIRE Discovery Service is based on the ISO 19115/19119 information model. As such, the INSPIRE metadata elements (see [INS MD]) shall be requested through the INSPIRE Discovery Service interface within a query.

The relation between ISO 19115 and ISO 19119 and the elements of the INSPIRE Metadata Regulation [INS MD] is described in the Metadata Technical Guidance [INS MDTG].

In what follows section 4.4.2 defines the required mappings to common queryables specified by [CSW ISO AP] and [OGC CSW]; section 4.4.3 defines additional queryables required by [INS NS] and [INS MD].

4.4.2. Mapping common queryables

Table 4 identifies these INSPIRE elements from [INS NS] and connects them to appropriate

queryables defined by OGC [CSW ISO AP]. Annotations are given wherever necessary.



Implementation Requirement 19

An INSPIRE discovery service shall support the queryables as indicated in Table 4: INSPIRE search criteria (queryables)

Table 4: INSPIRE search criteria (queryables)

INSPIRE queryable metadata elements [INS NS, Table 1]	INSPIRE Discovery Service (CSW ISO AP) queryable properties	Is mandatory for INSPIRE Discovery Service? ^[2]
Keyword	Subject	Yes
Topic category	TopicCategory	Yes, if resources of type 'dataset' or 'series' are supported by the catalogue service instance
Spatial data service type	ServiceType	Yes, if resources of type 'service' are supported by the catalogue service instance.
Lineage	-(not supported)	Yes
Spatial resolution	SpatialResolution	Yes, if resources of type 'dataset' or 'series' are supported by the discovery service instance
Specification	-(not supported)	Yes
Degree	-(not supported)	Yes
Geographic bounding box	BoundingBox	Yes, if resources of type 'dataset' or 'series' are supported by the catalogue service instance
Conditions applying to access and use	-(not supported)	Yes
Limitations on public access	-(not supported)	Yes
Responsible party	OrganisationName	Yes
Responsible party role		Yes
Resource Title	Title	Yes
Resource Abstract	Abstract	Yes
Resource Type	Type	Yes
Unique resource identifier	ResourceIdentifier	Yes

INSPIRE queryable metadata elements [INS NS, Table 1]	INSPIRE Discovery Service (CSW ISO AP) queryable properties	Is mandatory for INSPIRE Discovery Service? ^[2]
Temporal Reference	TemporalExtent PublicationDate RevisionDate CreationDate	Yes

Implementation Requirement 20



The only queryable that is not defined above, but is required to comply with [INS MDTG] is "Metadata language". This is a mandatory queryable for INSPIRE Discovery Service to support the "Language" query parameter as defined in [INS NS, Annex II, Part B, Section 3.1].

Implementation Requirement 21



Table 5 identifies the additional queryables that are not supported by [CSW ISO AP], but required by [INS NS]. X-Path expression and data types are taken from [INS MDTG].

Table 5: INSPIRE additional search criteria (queryables)

Name	Definition	Data type	Property Mapping to Information Model
Degree	This is the degree of conformity of the resource to the related specification.	Boolean	dataQualityInfo// report //result/*/pass
Specification	This is a citation of the specification to which the resource is expected to conform.	Specification, see Table 6	
LimitationsOnPublicAccess	This metadata element shall provide information on the limitations (if they exist) and the reasons for such limitations (Article 5-2(e))	LimitationsOnPublicAccess, see Table 7	

Name	Definition	Data type	Property Mapping to Information Model
ConditionApplyingToAccessAndUse	This metadata element defines the conditions for access and use of spatial datasets and services, and where applicable, corresponding fees as required by Articles 5-2 (b) and 11-2 (f).	CharacterString	identificationInfo[1]// resourceConstraints //useLimitation
Lineage	This is a statement on process history and/or overall quality of the spatial dataset.	CharacterString	dataQualityInfo// lineage //statement
ResponsiblePartyRole	The function performed by the responsible party.	Codelist (CI_RoleCode codelist), one of : resourceProvider, custodian, owner, user, distributor, originator, pointOfContact, principalInvestigator, processor, publisher, author	identificationInfo[1]// pointOfContact //role

Table 6: Composition of union specification

Name	Definition	Data type	Property Mapping to Information Model
SpecificationTitle	Title of the specification	CharacterString	dataQualityInfo// report //result// specification //title
SpecificationDate	Reference date of specification	Date-8601	dataQualityInfo// report //result// specification //date/*/date
SpecificationDateType	Type reference date of specification	Codelist (CI_DateTypeCode), one of: creation, revision or publication	dataQualityInfo// report //result// specification //date/*/dateType

Table 7: Composition of union LimitationsOnPublicAccess

Name	Definition	Data type	Property Mapping to Information Model
AccessConstraints	Access constraints applied to assure the protection of privacy or intellectual property, and any special restrictions or limitations on obtaining the resource.	Codelist (MD_RestrictionCode), one of: copyright, patent, patentPending, trademark, license, intellectualPropertyRights, restricted, otherRestrictions	identificationInfo[1]//resourceConstraints/accessConstraints
OtherConstraints	other restrictions and legal prerequisites for accessing and using the resource.	CharacterString	identificationInfo[1]//resourceConstraints/otherConstraints
Classification	name of the handling restrictions on the resource.	CodeList (MD_ClassificationCode), one of: unclassified, restricted, confidential, secret, topSecret	identificationInfo[1]//resourceConstraints/classification

4.4.3. Additional advertised queryables

[CSW ISO AP] defines a mechanism to advertise additional queryables through the capabilities document of the Discovery service instance [CSW ISO AP, Section 7.5, Table 23].

Implementation Requirement 22



All supported ISO queryables shall be advertised to be supported by an INSPIRE Discover Metadata operation; in addition, all INSPIRE search criteria (queryables) shall be listed in the section "AdditionalQueryables".

Example 7: Excerpt of a capabilities document advertising INSPIRE search criteria

```
<ows:OperationsMetadata>
<ows:Operation name="GetRecords">
  [...] (List of DCPs, parameters here)
  <ows:Constraint name="SupportedISOQueryables">
    <ows:Value>Language</ows:Value>
    <ows:Value>CreationDate</ows:Value>
    <ows:Value>PublicationDate</ows:Value>
    <ows:Value>OrganisationName</ows:Value>
    <ows:Value>ResourceIdentifier</ows:Value>
    <ows:Value>TopicCategory</ows:Value>
    <ows:Value>DistanceValue</ows:Value>
```

```

<ows:Value>DistanceUOM</ows:Value>
<ows:Value>TempExtent_begin</ows:Value>
<ows:Value>TempExtent_end</ows:Value>
<ows:Value>ServiceType</ows:Value>
<ows:Value>Denominator</ows:Value>
</ows:Constraint>
<ows:Constraint name="AdditionalQueryables">
  <ows:Value>Degree</ows:Value>
<ows:Value>AccessConstraints</ows:Value>
<ows:Value>OtherConstraints</ows:Value>
<ows:Value>Classification</ows:Value>
<ows:Value>ConditionApplyingToAccessAndUse</ows:Value>
<ows:Value>Lineage</ows:Value>
<ows:Value>ResponsiblePartyRole</ows:Value>
<ows:Value>SpecificationTitle</ows:Value>
  <ows:Value>SpecificationDate</ows:Value>
  <ows:Value>SpecificationDateType</ows:Value>
</ows:Constraint>
</ows:Operation>
</ows:OperationsMetadata>

```

4.5. Language Requirements

The Network Services Regulation requires that multilingual aspects for network services are supported [INS NS]. As there is no standard way to deal with multilingualism within the current ISO or OGC specifications, the following basic principle shall be used for INSPIRE Network Services:



Implementation Requirement 23

A network service metadata response shall contain a list of the natural languages supported by the service. This list shall contain one or more languages that are supported.



Implementation Requirement 24

A client may specify a specific language in a request. If the requested language is contained in the list of supported languages, the natural language fields of the service response shall be in the requested language. If the requested language is not supported by the service, then this parameter shall be ignored.

4.5.1. GetCapabilities-Operation

4.5.1.1. GetCapabilities-Request:

The HTTP/GET binding of the GetCapabilities-Operation is extended by an additional parameter that indicates the client's preferred language.



Implementation Requirement 25

The name of this parameter shall be "LANGUAGE". The parameter values are based on ISO 639-2/B alpha 3 codes as used in [INS MDTG].

Table 8: Language parameter and list of codes

Parameter Name	Parameter Value	Is mandatory for a Client Request?	Is mandatory to support for the Service?																												
LANGUAGE	<p>Codelist (See ISO/TS 19139) based on alpha-3 codes of ISO 639-2.</p> <p>Use only three-letter codes from in ISO 639-2/B (bibliographic codes),</p> <p>The list of codes for the 23 official EU languages and EFTA Countries is:</p> <table><tr><td>Bulgarian – bul</td><td>Italian – ita</td></tr><tr><td>Czech – cze</td><td>Latvian – lav</td></tr><tr><td>Danish – dan</td><td>Liechenstein – ger</td></tr><tr><td>Dutch – dut</td><td>Lithuanian – lit</td></tr><tr><td>English – eng</td><td>Maltese – mlt</td></tr><tr><td>Polish – pol</td><td>Norwegian – nor</td></tr><tr><td>Estonian – est</td><td>Portuguese – por</td></tr><tr><td>Finnish – fin</td><td>Romanian – rum</td></tr><tr><td>French – fre</td><td>Romansh - roh</td></tr><tr><td>German – ger</td><td>Slovak – slo</td></tr><tr><td>Greek – gre</td><td>Slovenian – slv</td></tr><tr><td>Hungarian – hun</td><td>Spanish – spa</td></tr><tr><td>Irish – gle</td><td>Swedish – swe</td></tr><tr><td>Icelandic – ice</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>The list of all the codes is defined at http://www.loc.gov/standards/iso639-2/ Regional languages also are included in this list.</p>	Bulgarian – bul	Italian – ita	Czech – cze	Latvian – lav	Danish – dan	Liechenstein – ger	Dutch – dut	Lithuanian – lit	English – eng	Maltese – mlt	Polish – pol	Norwegian – nor	Estonian – est	Portuguese – por	Finnish – fin	Romanian – rum	French – fre	Romansh - roh	German – ger	Slovak – slo	Greek – gre	Slovenian – slv	Hungarian – hun	Spanish – spa	Irish – gle	Swedish – swe	Icelandic – ice		No, it is optional.	Yes, it is mandatory to be supported and shall be processed if the parameter is present in a client’s request with a supported language code. If the parameter is absent in a clients request or it requested an unsupported language the service shall response in the service default language.
Bulgarian – bul	Italian – ita																														
Czech – cze	Latvian – lav																														
Danish – dan	Liechenstein – ger																														
Dutch – dut	Lithuanian – lit																														
English – eng	Maltese – mlt																														
Polish – pol	Norwegian – nor																														
Estonian – est	Portuguese – por																														
Finnish – fin	Romanian – rum																														
French – fre	Romansh - roh																														
German – ger	Slovak – slo																														
Greek – gre	Slovenian – slv																														
Hungarian – hun	Spanish – spa																														
Irish – gle	Swedish – swe																														
Icelandic – ice																															

Schema:

[OCG-GetCapabilities-Request]&LANGUAGE=<ISO 639-2/B alpha 3 code>

Example:

[http://inspire.network.service.example/service?SERVICE=\[...\]&VERSION=\[...\]&LANGUAGE=eng](http://inspire.network.service.example/service?SERVICE=[...]&VERSION=[...]&LANGUAGE=eng)

4.5.1.2. GetCapabilities-Response:

If a client request specifies a supported language the following fields of the GetCapabilities-Response are affected:

- Titles
- Abstracts



Implementation Requirement 26

If a client request specifies an unsupported language, or the parameter is absent in the request, the above fields shall be provided in the service default language.

This behaviour ensures backward compatibility so that any existing clients may interact with the service using the default OGC standard.

4.5.1.3. Extended Capabilities

To advertise the supported languages the service shall respond with Extended Capabilities:



Implementation Requirement 27

The Extended Capabilities shall indicate the **response language** used for the GetCapabilities-Response: Depending on the **requested language** the value of the `<inspire_common:ResponseLanguage>/<inspire_common:Language>` corresponds to the language used in the response. If a supported language was requested, `<inspire_common:ResponseLanguage>/<inspire_common:Language>` shall correspond to that requested language. If an unsupported language was requested or if no specific language was requested `<inspire_common:ResponseLanguage>/<inspire_common:Language>` shall correspond to the **service default language**.

And;



Implementation Requirement 28

The Extended Capabilities shall contain the **list of supported languages** indicated in `<inspire_common:SupportedLanguages>`.

This **list of supported languages** shall consist of

1. exact one element `<inspire_common:DefaultLanguage>` indicating the service default language, and
2. zero or more elements `<inspire_common:SupportedLanguage>` to indicate all additional supported languages.

Regardless of the response language, the **list of supported languages** is invariant for each GetCapabilities-Response.



Implementation Requirement 29

The Extended Capabilities shall use the XML Schema as defined in Annex A.

4.5.1.4. Examples:

Service supports French and English while the service default language is French:

Example 8: Response to [OGC-GetCapabilities-Request]&LANGUAGE=eng

```
<inspire_common:SupportedLanguages>
  <inspire_common:DefaultLanguage>
    <inspire_common:Language>fre</inspire_common:Language>
  </inspire_common:DefaultLanguage>
  <inspire_common:SupportedLanguage>
    <inspire_common:Language>eng</inspire_common:Language>
  </inspire_common:SupportedLanguage>
</inspire_common:SupportedLanguages>
<inspire_common:ResponseLanguage>
  <inspire_common:Language>eng</inspire_common:Language>
</inspire_common:ResponseLanguage>
```

Example 9: Response to [OGC-GetCapabilities-Request] or [OGC-GetCapabilities-Request]&LANGUAGE=fre

```
<inspire_common:SupportedLanguages>
  <inspire_common:DefaultLanguage>
    <inspire_common:Language>fre</inspire_common:Language>
  </inspire_common:DefaultLanguage>
  <inspire_common:SupportedLanguage>
    <inspire_common:Language>eng</inspire_common:Language>
  </inspire_common:SupportedLanguage>
</inspire_common:SupportedLanguages>
<inspire_common:ResponseLanguage>
  <inspire_common:Language>fre</inspire_common:Language>
</inspire_common:ResponseLanguage>
```

Service supports only German:

Example 10: Response to any GetCapabilities-Request

```
<inspire_common:SupportedLanguages>
  <inspire_common:DefaultLanguage>
    <inspire_common:Language>ger</inspire_common:Language>
  </inspire_common:DefaultLanguage>
</inspire_common:SupportedLanguages>
<inspire_common:ResponseLanguage>
  <inspire_common:Language>ger</inspire_common:Language>
</inspire_common:ResponseLanguage>
```

4.5.2. GetRecords-Operation

As stated in section 4.3.2 (Implementation requirement 10) the language parameter shall be implemented using the Language queryable in a filter statement as defined by [CSW ISO AP], with that a client can request metadata records in a specific metadata language.

Implementation Requirement 30

A client CSW Discovery.



GetRecords request without a language specific filter shall be responded to including all metadata elements that comply to the request independent from any language. Depending on the discovery service contents, the response will involve metadata records of several natural languages.

Implementation Requirement 31

A client CSW Discovery.



GetRecords request containing a language specific filter requires a response of metadata records that comply to the request. If no metadata records comply to that request, the service shall respond normally with an empty result set (without raising an exception).

Implementation Requirement 32

If a client sends an invalid CSW Discovery.



GetRecords request (that is, not compliant to CSW ISO AP) containing a language specific filter and this causes an exception at the service, the exception shall be responded in the default or in a requested and supported language. The use of a valid language specific filter itself shall not raise an exception, even if the requested language is not supported.

It is worth noting that the language of the metadata records contained by a service may not correspond to the list of supported languages in the GetCapabilities-Response.

4.5.3. Common concept for other operations (optional)

Although further multilingual support is not required for INSPIRE Network Services, it may be desired by a service provider to implement further multilingual support such as:

- multilingual error messages
- multilingual support for additional Operations including HTTP/POST- and HTTP/GET-Binding

For that reason a further implementation concept for multilingual aspects is recommended as follows:

The recommended INSPIRE Extension described before already provides language specific

capabilities for a service.

Implementation Recommendation 5



For further language support for other operation it is recommended to replace the operation-online-resources in each language specific GetCapabilities-Response by a specific operation-online-resource for that language. To support the additional operation-online-resources the service shall listen at the language specific operation end-points to distinguish for the requested languages.

An example of this behaviour is given below, showing how to extend the CSW.GetRecord() operation to support multilingual error messages.

1. The client sends the initial Request for Capabilities: [OCG-GetCapabilities-Request]
2. The service responds with extended Capabilities including the supported Languages

Example 11: Service response including supported languages

```
<inspire_common:SupportedLanguages>
  <inspire_common:DefaultLanguage>
    <inspire_common:Language>eng</inspire_common:Language>
  </inspire_common:DefaultLanguage>
  <inspire_common:SupportedLanguage>
    <inspire_common:Language>ger</inspire_common:Language>
  </inspire_common:SupportedLanguage>
</inspire_common:SupportedLanguages>
<inspire_common:ResponseLanguage>
  <inspire_common:Language>eng</inspire_common:Language>
</inspire_common:ResponseLanguage>
```

1. The Client sends a language specific request for capabilities
[OCG-GetCapabilities-Request]&LANGUAGE=eng
2. The service response with language specific capabilities containing:
 - a. Translated natural language fields (titles, abstracts)
 - b. **Language specific entry points** for the language specific operations using this concept.

Example 12: Response to [OCG-GetCapabilities-Request]&LANGUAGE=eng or [OCG-GetCapabilities-Request]

```
<csw:Capabilities[...]>
  <ows:Operation name="GetRecords">
    <ows:DCP>
      <ows:HTTP>
        <ows:Post
          xlink:href="http://someHOST.example/eng/SOAPservices/GetRecords">
            <ows:Constraint name="PostEncoding">
              <ows:Value>XML</ows:Value>
            </ows:Constraint>
          </ows:Post>
        </ows:HTTP>
      </ows:DCP>
    </ows:Operation>
  </csw:Capabilities>
```

```

        <ows:Value>SOAP</ows:Value>
      </ows:Constraint>
    </ows:Post>
  </ows:HTTP>
</ows:DCP>[...]
</ows:Operation>[...]
</csw:Capabilities>

```

Example 13: Response to [OCG-GetCapabilities-Request]&LANGUAGE=ger

```

<csw:Capabilities[...]  
  <ows:Operation name="GetRecords">  
    <ows:DCP>  
      <ows:HTTP>  
        <ows:Post  
xlink:href="http://someHOST.example/ger/SOAPservices/GetRecords">  
          <ows:Constraint name="PostEncoding">  
            <ows:Value>XML</ows:Value>  
            <ows:Value>SOAP</ows:Value>  
          </ows:Constraint>  
        </ows:Post>  
      </ows:HTTP>  
    </ows:DCP>[...]  
  </ows:Operation>[...]  
</csw:Capabilities>

```

3. The Client sends an invalid request to either the English or the German operation endpoint.

a. English operation end point:

Request:

<http://someHOST.example/eng/SOAPservices/GetRecords> (invalid POST-Request)

Response:

The service responses with an exception including an English exception message: e.g. "The request is invalid. Reason is ...".

b. German operation end point:

Request:

<http://someHOST.example/ger/SOAPservices/GetRecords> (invalid POST-Request)

Response:

The service responses with an exception including a German exception message: e.g. "Die Anfrage ist fehlerhaft aufgrund ...".

4.5.4. Further Perspectives

With the ongoing development of OWS Common it is expected that future versions of OGC Standards will include language support. For specific technical reasons, the concepts used for OWS

common are not suitable to extend the current standards. However, with the availability of future versions of the OGC base standards the recommended approach to support multilingualism may need to be revisited.

IETF RFC 4646 is supported by OGC standards relying upon OWS 1.1.0.



Implementation Recommendation 6

The support of IETF RFC 4646 is recommended wherever the support of ISO/639 B alpha3 for languages infringes the conformity with the standard used for implementing the [INS NS].

Table 9: Mapping between ISO 639/B alpha 3 and the two forms of IETF RFC 4646 supported by OWS 1.1.0

ISO639/B alpha 3	IETF RFC 4646 short	IETF RFC 4646 long
bul	bg	bg-BG
cze	cs	cs-CZ
dan	da	da-DK
dut	nl	nl-NL
eng	en	en-GB
est	et	et-EE
fin	fi	fi-FI
fre	fr	fr-CH, fr-FR
ger	de	de-AT, de-DE, de-CH, de-LI
gre	el	el-GR
hun	hu	hu-HU
gle	ga	ga-IE
ice	is	Is-IS
ita	it	It-CH, it-IT
lav	lv	lv-LV
lit	lt	lt-LT
mlt	mt	mt-MT
nor	no	no-NO
pol	pl	pl-PL
por	pt	pt-PT
roh	rm	rm-CH
rum	ro	ro-RO
slo	sk	sk-SK

ISO639/B alpha 3	IETF RFC 4646 short	IETF RFC 4646 long
slv	sl	sl-SI
spa	es	es-ES
swe	sv	sv-SE

5. Quality of Services

Since quality of service (QoS) depends on the specific testing procedure for a given service, this section describes and normalizes the testing procedure that is to be applied for the assessment of QoS for a given INSPIRE discovery service.

The monitoring parameter NSi4 in the Commission decision for monitoring and reporting measures the conformity of all network services with the implementing rules. The conformity of a network service requires the compliance with the Quality of Service as defined in Annex I of the NS regulation (in particular NSi4,1 and NSi4,2 for the current monitoring period).

5.1. General requirements

To options exist for the measurements of Quality of Services:

1. Quality of Services requirements are measured at the service side exposed to the Internet.
2. Quality of Services requirements are measured from a central network node within the infrastructure.

NOTE 1 If a member state uses a central network node in the testing infrastructure (option 2), it shall take into account the network transport time, such that:

$$\text{Performance} = \text{Response time from network node to central node} - \text{network transport time}$$

The network transport time is denoted X. In this case, a member state should initiate a comparison between sample measures from the central node to sample measures at the service side, to find a realistic value of X for the specific national setting.

NOTE 2 Option 2 was included for practical reasons. Based on the evaluation of experiences the IOC TF will revisit this option.

5.2. Implementation requirements mandated by the Implementing Rule

"The response time for sending the initial response to a Discovery service request shall be maximum 3 seconds in normal situation.

[...]

Normal situation represents periods out of peak load. It is set at 90% of the time."

5.2.1. Normalized testing procedure

Performance shall be measured consistently based on sample reference requests to a given service. Minimum 10 reference requests per hour shall be issued to the service continuously

during its lifetime.

Structure of the sample reference request:

- Performance shall be measured using the Discovery Metadata operation.

The structure of the sample reference request is recommended to:

- Search metadata with filter `PropertyName=AnyText`, `Literal=dataset`, and with varying BBOX requests.

Evaluation and assessment criteria:

- The initial response time of 3 seconds refer to first byte returned by the service to the internet.

NOTE It is assumed that the request is completely processed by the service before the first byte is delivered. At the server side the network transport time is negligible compared to the request processing time. Therefore, it is seen as equal to measure the last byte returned

Normal situation shall be identified by the 90% best performing sample reference requests.

5.3. Capacity

5.3.1. Implementation requirements mandated by the Implementing Rule

"The minimum number of served simultaneous requests to a discovery service according to the performance quality of service shall be 30 per second."

5.3.2. Normalized testing procedure

Capacity shall be measured consistently based on sample reference request packages to a given service. The amount of request per package shall be 30 per second and shall be issued every second during a measurement timeframe of 1 min. A measurement shall take place at least once before launching the service in a production environment and monitored at regular intervals thereof to ensure that the compliance with the capacity requirement is still ensured.

NOTE The result of capacity measurements in a production system may be ambiguous due to the amount of user load that the service processes at the same time and therefore it is recommended capacity tests to be processed during maintenance time frames only.

The frequency of the capacity is recommended to be monthly, e.g., during systems maintenance.

The structure of the sample reference request packages is recommended to:

- Be composed of 10% Get Discovery Service Metadata requests and 90% Discovery Metadata requests.

The measured capacity shall fulfil the requirements of the regulation (both capacity and performance) for all operations that are provided by the service.

5.4. Availability

5.4.1. Implementation requirements mandated by the Implementing Rule

"The probability of a Network Service to be available shall be 99% of the time."

5.4.2. Normalized testing procedure

Availability shall be measured consistently based on sample reference requests to a given service. Minimum 10 reference requests per hour shall be issued to the service continuously during its lifetime.

The sample request issued to the service to measure performance can be used to measure availability as well, thus also fulfilling the same evaluation and assessment criteria.

The availability shall be based on a time frame of one year meaning a maximum unplanned downtime of 3.63 days per year. Periods of planned downtime e.g. because of system maintenance, shall not be included in the measure. Downtime is considered planned when notified to the community well in advance (minimum 1 week), e.g. via notifications to registered users or on portals.

NOTE It is assumed that the availability is calculated in the following way:

$100\% - \frac{365 \times 24 - (\text{planned downtime})}{365 \times 24} \times 0.99$
etc.

Planned downtime is recommended to be less than 10 hours per month (i.e., less than 120 hours per year).

The following table shows the maximum downtime according to the implementing rules:

Table 10: Downtime per week, month, year

%Uptime	Max. Downtime/week	Max. Downtime/month	Max. Downtime/year
98%	3.4 hours	14.55 hours	7.27 days
98.6%	2.4 hours	10.19 hours	5.09 days
99%	1.7 hours	7.27 hours	3.63 days
99.5%	0.8 hours	3.64 hours	1.82 days
99.9%	10 minutes	0.73 hours	8.73 hours
99.99%	1 minute	4 minutes	52 minutes
99.999%	6 seconds	26 seconds	5 minutes

Annex A: Extended capabilities

The following XSD Schema defines the XSD Types that are needed to provide additional information on multilingual aspects.

This information shall be provided in a capabilities documents that is returned by an INSPIRE Discovery Service. See [OGC CSW].

The XML Elements that comply with the following shall be applied in the <ExtendedCapabilities> section of the capabilities document.

Example 14: XSD Schema defines the XSD Types for multilingual aspects

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns="http://inspire.ec.europa.eu/schemas/common/1.0"
  targetNamespace="http://inspire.ec.europa.eu/schemas/common/1.0"
  elementFormDefault="qualified" attributeFormDefault="unqualified" version="1.0.0"
  ...
  <xs:complexType name="languageElement" abstract="true">
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element name="Language" type="xs:string"/>
    </xs:sequence>
  </xs:complexType>
  <xs:complexType name="languageElementISO6392B">
    <xs:complexContent>
      <xs:restriction base="languageElement">
        <xs:sequence>
          <xs:element name="Language" type="euLanguageISO6392B"/>
        </xs:sequence>
      </xs:restriction>
    </xs:complexContent>
  </xs:complexType>
  <xs:complexType name="supportedLanguagesType">
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element name="DefaultLanguage" type="languageElementISO6392B"/>
      <xs:element name="SupportedLanguage" type="languageElementISO6392B"
minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
        <xs:annotation>
          <xs:documentation>It is not necessary to repeat the default
language</xs:documentation>
        </xs:annotation>
      </xs:element>
    </xs:sequence>
  </xs:complexType>
  ...
  <xs:element name="SupportedLanguages" type="supportedLanguagesType"/>
  <xs:element name="ResponseLanguage" type="languageElementISO6392B"/>
  ...
```

Annex B: INSPIRE Network Services Regulation Compliance

This compliance matrix shows how the Discovery Service Technical Guidance within the main body of this document conforms to the INSPIRE Network Services Regulation [INS NS].

Table 11: INSPIRE Network Services Regulation Compliance

Item	INSPIRE Network Services Regulation [INS NS] - Annex II	Technical Guidance for Discovery Service	
	DISCOVERY SERVICES		
	PART A		
	Search criteria		
1	In order to be in conformity with the minimum set of search criteria set out in Article 11(2) of Directive 2007/2/EC, the Discovery Service shall support searching with the INSPIRE metadata elements listed in Table 1 of this Annex.	Section	4.4.2
2	The following INSPIRE metadata elements or set of elements shall be also available as search criteria: (a) Resource Title; (b) Resource Abstract; (c) Resource type; (d) Unique Resource Identifier; (e) Temporal Reference.	Section	4.4.2
3	To allow for discovering resources through a combination of search criteria, logical and comparison operators shall be supported.	Section	4.4.1

Item	INSPIRE Network Services Regulation [INS NS] - Annex II	Technical Guidance for Discovery Service	
4	To allow for discovering resources based on the geographic location of the resource, the spatial operator listed in Table 2 shall be supported.	Section	4.4.1
	PART B		
	Operations		
	1. LIST OF OPERATIONS		
	In order to be in conformity with Article 11(1) of Directive 2007/2/EC, the Discovery Service shall provide the operations listed in Table 3 of this Annex:		
5	Get Discovery Service Metadata: Provides all necessary information about the service and describes service capabilities	Section	4.3.1
6	Discover Metadata: The Discover Metadata operation allows requesting INSPIRE metadata elements of resources based on a query statement to be retrieved from the target Discovery Service	Section	4.3.2

Item	INSPIRE Network Services Regulation [INS NS] - Annex II	Technical Guidance for Discovery Service	
7	Publish Metadata: The Publish Metadata operation allows editing INSPIRE metadata elements of resources in the Discovery Service (push or pull metadata mechanisms). Editing meaning insert, update and delete	Section	4.3.3
8	Link Discovery Service: The Link Discovery Service function allows the declaration of the availability of a Discovery Service for the discovery of resources through the Member State Discovery Service while maintaining the resource metadata at the owner location	Section	4.3.4
	2. GET DISCOVERY SERVICE METADATA		
	2.1.Get Discovery Service Metadata Request		
9	2.1.1.Get Discovery Service Metadata Request: Get Discovery Service Metadata Request parameters: The Get Discovery Service Metadata Request parameter indicates the natural language for the content of the Get	Section	4.3.1.1

Item	INSPIRE Network Services Regulation [INS NS] - Annex II	Technical Guidance for Discovery Service	
10	2.2.Get Discovery Service Metadata Response The Get Discovery Service Metadata Response shall contain the following sets of parameters: — Discovery Service Metadata, — Operations Metadata, — Languages.	Section	4.3.1.2
11	2.2.1.Discovery Service Metadata parameters: The Discovery Service Metadata parameters shall at least contain the INSPIRE metadata elements of the Discovery Service.	Section	4.3.2.1

Item	INSPIRE Network Services Regulation [INS NS] - Annex II	Technical Guidance for Discovery Service	
12	<p>2.2.2.Operations Metadata parameters: The Operations Metadata parameter provides metadata about the operations implemented by the Discovery Service. These metadata parameters shall describe each operation. It shall at least provide the following: 1. indicate for the Publish Metadata if the Pull Mechanism, the Push Mechanism or both are available; 2. describe each operation, including as a minimum a description of the data exchanged and the network address.</p>	Section	4.3.1.2
13	<p>2.2.3.Languages parameter: Two language parameters shall be provided: — the Response Language parameter indicating the natural language used in the Get Discovery Service Metadata Response parameters, — the Supported Languages parameter containing the list of the natural languages supported by the Discovery Service.</p>	Section	4.5
	3. DISCOVER METADATA		

Item	INSPIRE Network Services Regulation [INS NS] - Annex II	Technical Guidance for Discovery Service	
14	3.1 Discover Metadata Request: This Discovery Metadata Request contains the following parameters: — Language, — Query.	Section	4.3.2.1
15	3.1.1.Language parameter: The Language parameter indicates the natural language requested for the content of the Discover Metadata Response.	Section	4.5
16	3.1.2.Query parameter: The Query parameter shall contain the combination of search criteria as specified in part A.	Section	4.3.2.1
	3.2. Discover Metadata Response		
17	3.2.1.Discover Metadata Response parameter: The Discovery Service Metadata parameters shall at least contain the INSPIRE metadata elements of the Discovery Service.	Section	4.3.2.2
	4. PUBLISH METADATA		

Item	INSPIRE Network Services Regulation [INS NS] - Annex II	Technical Guidance for Discovery Service	
18	The Publish Metadata function enables the publication of the INSPIRE metadata elements of resources at the Discovery Service. Two alternatives are:- Push Mechanism: allowing editing of the INSPIRE metadata elements of resources accessible from the Discovery Service,- Pull Mechanism: allows the Member State Discovery Service to pull INSPIRE metadata elements of resources from a remote location. At least one of the above alternatives shall be supported.	Section	4.3.3
	4.1. Push Mechanism		
	4.1.1. Edit Metadata Request		
19	4.1.1.1. Edit Metadata Request Parameter: The Edit Metadata Request parameter provides all information requested for INSPIRE metadata elements of resources to be inserted, updated or deleted at the Discovery Service	Section	4.3.3.1
	4.2. Pull Mechanism		
	4.2.1. Collect Metadata Request		

Item	INSPIRE Network Services Regulation [INS NS] - Annex II	Technical Guidance for Discovery Service	
20	4.2.1.1. Collect Metadata Request Parameter: The Collect Metadata Request parameter provides all information about the remote location required to retrieve the available metadata of resources. It shall include as a minimum the INSPIRE metadata elements of the dedicated spatial data service.	Section	4.3.3.2
	5. LINK DISCOVERY SERVICE		
21	The Link Discovery Service operation allows the declaration of the availability of a Discovery Service compliant with this Regulation, for the discovery of resources through the Member State Discovery Service while maintaining the resource metadata at the owner location.	Section	4.3.4
	5.1. Link Discovery Service Request		
	5.1.1. Link Discovery Service Request parameter		

Item	INSPIRE Network Services Regulation [INS NS] - Annex II	Technical Guidance for Discovery Service	
22	The Link Discovery Service Request parameter shall provide all information about the Public Authority's or Third Party's Discovery Service compliant with this Regulation, enabling the Member State Discovery Service to get resources metadata based on a combination of search criteria from the Public Authority's or Third Party's Discovery Service and to collate it with other resources metadata.	Section	4.3.4.1

[1] Currently with the European Maritime Safety Agency

[2] See Article 11 (2) of the INSPIRE directive and Annex II Part A of the Network services IR.