Finding the right environment for INSPIRE Implementation

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SDI should assist policies and activities being linked with Environment
Commission, Member States and Stakeholders need to take a good look onto the recent state and define the way towards success in the sense of the directive
What is our toolbox for evaluation & improvement?

- Article 21: Monitoring and Reporting
- Article 23: Report of Implementation
- Maintenance and Implementation Group (MIG): structure and workprogramme

We actually have everything we need,

*but: target-orientated approach is needed*
Some comments on Monitoring and Reporting

Very powerful tool to support national coordination & technical quality control

…but even the old greek knew:
„The whole is greater than the sum of its parts”
(Aristoteles)

Need: extended approach for checking impacts, especially on European level and other kinds of cross-border issues
Some comments on the Report of Implementation to European Parliament (1)

European Commission 2013:

„…purpose of *policy evaluation* is to judge results and impacts of legislation/regulation against the desired effect of implementation …..

An *interim policy evaluation* assesses whether actions already underway are still on course to meet their objectives.”

*Data sources:* all available INSPIRE documents, including Monitoring and Reporting results and a public stake holder survey

*Organisation:* Steering Group (DG ENV, JRC, EEA) plus COGI (ESTAT) and: associated with INSPIRE National Contact Points (MS)
Some comments on the Report of Implementation to European Parliament (2)

Public Consultation – only one example:

Some comments on the Report of Implementation to European Parliament (3)

- Huge and positive effort to produce the evaluation report,
- Public Consultation: good approach for analysing „INSPIRE stakeholders“ perspectives

*Is it enough?*

Again, we need to look at the impacts, e.g.

- Any new legislation considering INSPIRE-rules?
- Any change of Reporting based on INSPIRE approach?
- Who is using INSPIRE for exchange of spatial information, especially crossborder?
- Use cases….!
Some comment on MIG structure and work programme

- Sustainable working structure
- „Work Programme“ is focused clearly on improvements
- Involvement of EEA is very strong

**but not to forget:**

- Cooperation and Networking of MIG Members is crucial for success (does the left know about the right hand?)
- Evaluation & Maintenance must be coupled: all measures must be connected to the overall objectives!
How do we implement as a member state (1)?

- **Since 2005:** creating National SDI in Germany (GDI-DE)
- **At present:** INSPIRE-Monitoring is positiv: 1000s of datasets, and services, central components like Catalogue, Portal, Registry, etc.

**But:**

- Beyond „National SDI-Community“ INSPIRE is more of a burden then a support
- E-Reporting is still not an issue of SDI- and INSPIRE-implementation, it is more like a parallel word

**New:** SDI Steering Group and Ministry of Environment created a formal cooperation, assigned by German Conference of Environment Ministers: **INSIRE Working Group**
How do we implement as a member state (2)?

New INSPIRE Working Group (since 2014)

- **Composition**: SDI-Representatives and Thematic Experts (e.g. Air, Soil, Water, etc.), chaired by the Ministry of Environment.

- **Tasks**:
  - Checking INSPIRE- and Reporting-Obligations for finding critical points and also good practise examples
  - Creating Guidance Documents for carrying out INSPIRE obligations in an efficient and helpfull way, e.g. priorisation and optimizing data flows
  - Information panel of for SDI and Thematic communities
Some Conclusion:

- **Evaluation Process** has to include INSPIRE-Implementation…
  - ...on European Level
  - ...in Environmental Administration Tasks (e.g. E-Reporting)

- **Monitoring Indicators** could be revised:
  - how can we measure successful impacts related to INSPIRE Vision?

- **EU-Legislation** needs to be checked and driven towards INSPIRE

- **Coordination Structure** needs to be further extended into other communities, e.g. EIONET

Action has to be taken from European Commission being supported with parallel activities inside Member States
Discontent is the first step to success.

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Thank you for your attention – questions?

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