The French INSPIRE coordinating structure
FRENCH COORDINATING STRUCTURE:
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (CNIG)

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SCOPE

- ON THE SITUATION
- LEGAL FRAMEWORK
- ORGANIZATION
- COMMUNICATIONS AND CONNECTIONS
- PRELIMINARY RESULTS
01. ON THE SITUATION
ON THE SITUATION: WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

- Paris,
- 27 regions,
- 101 departments,
- Around 36,000 municipalities

→ Strong need for coordination
02. LEGAL FRAMEWORK
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- **DECREES**
  - CNIG decree 2011: organization of the National Council of Geographic Information (GI),
  - CNIG: the French coordinating structure according to INSPIRE.

- **POSITION**
  - Reports to the Minister of Sustainable Development
LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The CNIG’s OBJECTIVES

- Inform the government about the field of GI.
- Take the needs expressed into account.
- Provide advice on any matter relating to GI.
- Respond to inquiries from the ministers.

CNIG is not a decision-making structure, but an advisory body responsible for making recommendations.
LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- GENERAL MEETING: 35 MEMBERS

  - The French State and other public institutes involved in the field of GI: 15
  - Local authorities: 8
  - Private sector groups: 4
  - NGOs: 5
  - Trade unions: 2
  - The Chairperson

=> A satisfactory balance between national and local levels
03. ORGANIZATION
The CNIG CHAIRPERSON:

- Roland Courteau, a member of Parliament, senator.
- Report on "The risk of tsunamis on French coasts"
CNIG: 350 contributing members on the various committees and in the working groups which make up this organization.
Chairperson: a former member of parliament, Chairperson of Afigéo (an NGO).

Listing the datasets and services under INSPIRE’s umbrella.

Attachment of scattered working groups:

- Digitize urban planning documents,
- Design a nomenclature for landuse…

➡️ A CNIG label for national recognition.
Design and implement the Very Large Scale Reference Database (RTGE):

- Nomenclature,
- Organization.

CNIG promotes collaboration between stakeholders.
ORGANIZATION: « TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT » COMMITTEE:

- Chairperson: a member of a regional council.
- The committee regroups SDIs to:
  - Coordinate the national and regional levels,
  - Develop circulation of information and exchange of experiences,
  - Promote the creation of new SDIs,
  - Help with seeking funds.

➤ To unite and to get organized, once again the CNIG is the solution.
ORGANIZATION: « IMPLEMENTATION RULES » COMMITTEE

- Chairperson: from the Ministry of Sustainable Development,
- French remarks on the projects of European regulations,
- Formulate recommendations from rules,
- Publish French guidelines,
- 2 working groups attached: metadata and services.

→ The CNIG: an essential link in INSPIRE’s communications.

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04. COMMUNICATIONS CONNECTIONS
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- ABOUT 1500 VISITORS PER MONTH
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04. COMMUNICATIONS CONNECTIONS: A TWITTER ACCOUNT

- MORE THAN 300 FOLLOWERS
MORE THAN 700 SUBSCRIBERS
05. PRELIMINARY RESULTS
The CNIG’s INSPIRE implementation has led to several preliminary conclusions:

- The CNIG provides an essential umbrella group,
- Its structure promotes collaboration among members,
- It is a neutral, representative structure of the powers and the responsibilities, open and fully transparent,
- It is an essential link in INSPIRE’s communications.

CNIG has initiated a new virtuous circle with INSPIRE deployment.
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ANY QUESTIONS?