Reviewing the EU Member States’ Governance of INSPIRE

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Objective

Governance?
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Review the past and ongoing governance efforts of Member States of the European Union to successfully implement INSPIRE

Contribute to enhance the understanding of governing (future) INSPIRE (and SDI’s in general) in the different EU MS

INSPIRE as a unique and interesting case for the study of public sector governance

‘INSPIRE Governance Dashboard’ ( = INSPIRE country fiches?)
INSPIRE Governance

Structures, policies, actors and institutions **by which INSPIRE is managed** through decisions on accessing, sharing, exchanging and using the relevant available spatial information.

Establishment and implementation of appropriate **governance instruments** applicable to the various levels of government and taking account of the distribution of powers and responsibilities within the Member States.

Focus on **coordinating** the activities of all involved parties (also outside the public sector).
How to map governance?

Governance instruments

1) Strategic planning
2) Establishment of coordinating functions/entities
3) Division (re-shuffling) of competences
4) Collective decision-making
5) Establishment of partnerships
6) Information and knowledge sharing
7) Performance management
8) Regulated markets (internal, external)
9) Financial management
10) Legal framework

Review approach

3-Year Qualitative Country reports (2013 & 2016)

Many references to governance issues and instruments: coordination structures, third parties, role of stakeholders, quality assurance, vision & strategies, ways of cooperation, sharing arrangements

First explorative analysis: applicability of the governance instruments for a set of countries

Selected countries: Croatia, Malta, Netherlands, Slovenia, Spain, United Kingdom, Belgium & Czech Republic
Review outcomes I

Strategic planning
- Diversity: from SDI/INSPIRE implementation plans to ‘Location information strategies’
- Non-government actors included or not (in development & implementation)?

Establishment of coordinating functions/entities
- Creation of new organization or entity for coordinating SDI/INSPIRE implementation
- Coordinating = Executing?

Division (re-shuffling) of competences
- Each data provider responsible for its own data
- Re-allocation of tasks to geo-broker
- What about private sector?
Review outcomes II

**Collective decision-making**
- Establishment of a kind of council with representatives of key (public) stakeholders
- Involvement of local government?
- Level of ‘formalization’

**Establishment of partnerships**
- Some best practices
- Content of the partnerships: what do partners agree on?

**Information and knowledge sharing**
- Several measures implemented: geoportals, INSPIRE Days, INSPIRE Fora, Newsletters, websites…

**Legal framework**
- Beyond the transposition of the INSPIRE Directive, or not?
- Impact of ‘Open Data’ legislation
Review outcomes III

Performance management
- Diversity: automated vs. manual / continuous vs. ad hoc
- INSPIRE M&R as a very important driver
- Difficulties to measure use and benefits (especially by actors outside government)

Regulated markets (internal, external)
- Originally strong focus on creating an internal market, with different (often unclear and non-harmonized) conditions for private sector etc.
- Open Data policies in many Member States to create an external market

Financial management
- Different types of funding models
- With different contribution to ‘governance’ (i.e. bringing actors together)
Conclusions

Strong similarities: ‘basic’ INSPIRE governance in place in almost all Member States

Differences in the timing of implementing the governance instruments (2010 → 2013 → 2016)
Conclusions

More detailed ‘operationalization’ of governance instruments (and precise way in which they are used)

Towards more advanced implementations of traditional governance instruments

More ‘Open’ SDI/INSPIRE

Challenge: integration with e-government governance

Warning: Just an example … (no real data)
Next steps

Question

• What kind of governance instruments are needed for the successful and efficient implementation of INSPIRE?
QUESTIONS?

Many thanks for your attention.

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