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Introduction

The INSPIRE Directive sets the minimum conditions for interoperable sharing and exchange of spatial data across Europe as part of a larger European Interoperability Framework and the e-Government Action Plan that contributes to the Digital Single Market Agenda. Article 21 of [INSPIRE Directive](#) defines the basic principles for monitoring and reporting. More detailed implementing rules regarding INSPIRE monitoring and reporting have been adopted as [Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2019/1372](#) on the 19th August 2019.

This country fiche highlights the progress in the various areas of INSPIRE implementation. It includes information on [monitoring 2019](#) acquired in December 2019 and Member States update.

State Of Play

A high-level view on the governance, use and impact of the INSPIRE Directive in France. More detailed information is available on the [INSPIRE knowledge base](#).

Coordination

National Contact Point

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Coordination Structure & Progress:

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- **Coordination Structure**

- NCP is the permanent secretary of Conseil National de l'Information Géographique- CNIG www.cnig.gouv.fr, which is the coordination structure, composed by 35 members. It chairs 6 Commissions or working groups
- Local level is coordinated by regional platforms of geographic information (law NOTRe of 7 August 2015)

- **Progress**

- Central role of the Conseil national de l'information géographique (CNIG), producing guidelines with recommendations and geostandards in all fields of INSPIRE, for example to prevent the damage of the underground networks, accessibility to disabled people.

Functioning and coordination of the infrastructure

- Extremely sustained dynamics of creating open data catalogues, especially for Themes of Annex III.
- Continuous extension of data available for download.
- Establishment of data interoperability in Annex III by national geostandards meeting concrete needs, in accordance with the Interoperability Regulation.
- Each Region has its own platform.

Usage of the infrastructure for spatial information

- The program « Dites-le nous une fois » started in 2013 to reduce redundancy of information asked to enterprises and administrative burden, IGN developed the mapping component with API Carto to simplify tasks of admin and of the users, based on INSPIRE ; it is used in all electronic forms for different applications (e.g. permits to plan vineyards, automatic calculation of surface of cadastre parcels involved), saving time, reducing errors, reuse authoritative information provided by other public admin implementing INSPIRE.
- Several testimony prove that public admin have been able to explore INSPIRE infrastructure to satisfy the everyday needs of citizens.
- “passerelle Inspire” to the National Open data platform as a set of tools to publish geographic datasets "INSPIRE" on the platform of the French public data data.gouv.fr.

Data sharing arrangements

- There are no procedural obstacles to share data (relevant law exist), only cultural obstacles and technical to a lower extent.

Costs and benefits

- Progress on accessing costs: there are no new elements on costs.
- Progress on accessing benefits: Several examples of benefits are documented with references and contact point.
- Benefits already tangible by using API Carte <http://apicarto.ign.fr/>.
- Benefits already for the citizens and the public services with regional platform like <http://geobretagne.fr>