# Environmental reporting obligations and INSPIRE

*A practical concept to support the identifying process*

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# BACKGROUND

- INSPIRE REFIT evaluation: significant implementation gaps identified in the MS provision of INSPIRE datasets related to environmental reporting
- Finland has set up a Member State Action Plan for the years 2016–2020, to bring these datasets available
- Finnish Environment Institute SYKE is one of the biggest spatial data providers & environmental reporters in Finland

**The goal:**

- To search and identify “new” spatial data sets related to the environmental reporting obligations
- To create a concept for the identification process
- To create methods to define and publish datasets according to INSPIRE obligations

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# Practical concept for the identification

***Base for the exercise:*** *Priority list of data sets related to environmental reporting obligations, "minimum list" by Commission and MIG-P*

**T1. Updating of Commission priority list** e.g. with responsible national institutes & reporters

**T2. Classification of reporting obligations** based on the known spatial datasets and implementation level of INSPIRE

**T3. Identification of spatial datasets** related to each environmental obligation together with thematic experts (reporters)

**T 4. Development of data management system for environmental reporting**

**T5. Prioritization of reporting obligations for the next tasks** according to e.g. reporting timetables, dataset readiness

**T6. Creating an action plan** for adding reporting datasets to national catalogue of INSPIRE data sets and for publishing "as-is" data

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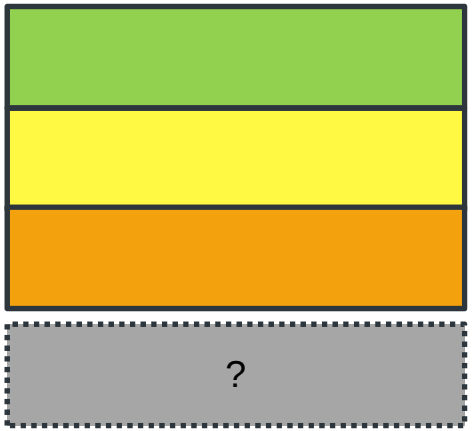
# T3. Classification of reporting obligations according to the INSPIRE implementation level

- The reporting obligations/directives were classified based on the known spatial datasets and according to the status of INSPIRE implementation

1. Identified and reported as INSPIRE datasets
2. Partly identified and reported as INSPIRE datasets
3. Identified, but not reported as INSPIRE datasets
4. **Spatial datasets not yet identified**

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# Spatial datasets not yet identified

| Reporting obligation | Reporter | INSPIRE theme ? | Next reporting period |
|---|---|---|---|
| Industrial Emission Directive (2010/75/EU ) | SYKE | PF | annually |
| Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (91/271/EEC) – UWWT * | SYKE | AM, US, EF | 2018 |
| Nitrates Directive (91/676/EEC) – NID | SYKE | EM, AM | 2020 |
| Landfill of Waste (1999/31/EC) | SYKE | * | One-off |
| Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008/56/EC) – MSFD | SYKE | AM, EM, PS | 2018, -20, -22 |
| Drinking Water Directive (98/83/EC) – DWD | THL/SYKE | * | 2018 |
| EU Regulation (1143/2014) on Invasive Alien Species | LUOMUS | - | 2019 |
| EMAS-regulation (EC) N:o 1221/2009 | SYKE | * | Monthly |
| Mining Waste Directive ( 2006/21/EC) | SYKE | * | 2018 |
| Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EU) | SYKE/TUKES | * | |
| E-PRTR Regulation (EC 166/2006) * | SYKE | PF | annually |

** Eionet Core Data Flows*

*SYKE= Finnish Environment Institute*

# Example UWWTD

**Starting point:**

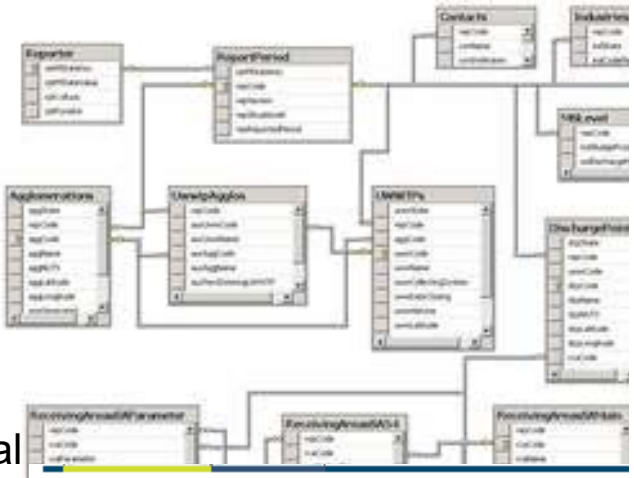
- Information for the reporting is gathered from various data sources
- Reported datasets are xls and xmls files, not in spatial data formats, stored in Reportnet/CDR

**Identification process:**

- Reporting obligation has been inspected together with reporters/thematic experts
- Preliminary identified data with location information: agglomerations (*id*), UWWT plants, discharge points *(coordinates*) and sensitive areas (*FI*)
- Data specifications of reporting obligation will be compared with INSPIRE data specifications

**Lessons learnt:**

- Identification process with thematical experts is not easy, as experts don't speak same language
- Ownership and responsibilities of the data are unclear
- **Reported datasets are not stored and maintained in national level**



**2015 UWWTD Data**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Description** | |
| **Obligations** | Urban Waste Water Treatment |
| **Period** | 2014 - Whole Year |
| **Coverage** | Finland |
| **Reported** | 30 Jun 2016 15:50 |
| **Status** | Envelope is complete |

**Note**

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dataflow(s).

Files in this envelope

1. Export.xml
2. t_agglomerations.log
3. t_contact.log
4. t_dischargepoints.log
5. t_industries.log
6. t_mslevel.log
7. t_receivingareas_lsa.log

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# Development of data management system for environmental reporting

**1. National ”metadata” of the reporting obligations is produced to SYKEs metadata catalogue**

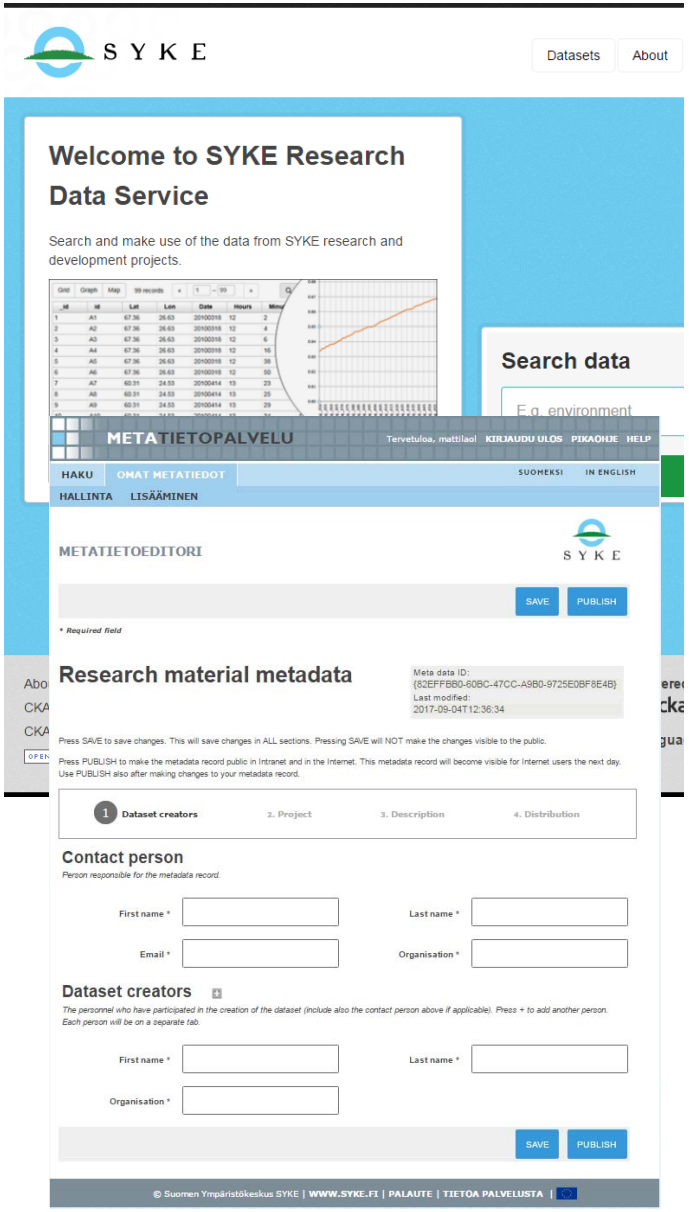
- Relevant issues for managing reporting obligations selected
- Links to Reportnet ROD & CDR
- Spatial datasets and network services can later be linked to the profile

**2. Reported data is stored and shared using data portal platform (CKAN)**

- Data is open and easily acsessible for public use

**3. Selected reported data are transformed to spatial datasets**

**4. Implementation steps of INSPIRE can start**

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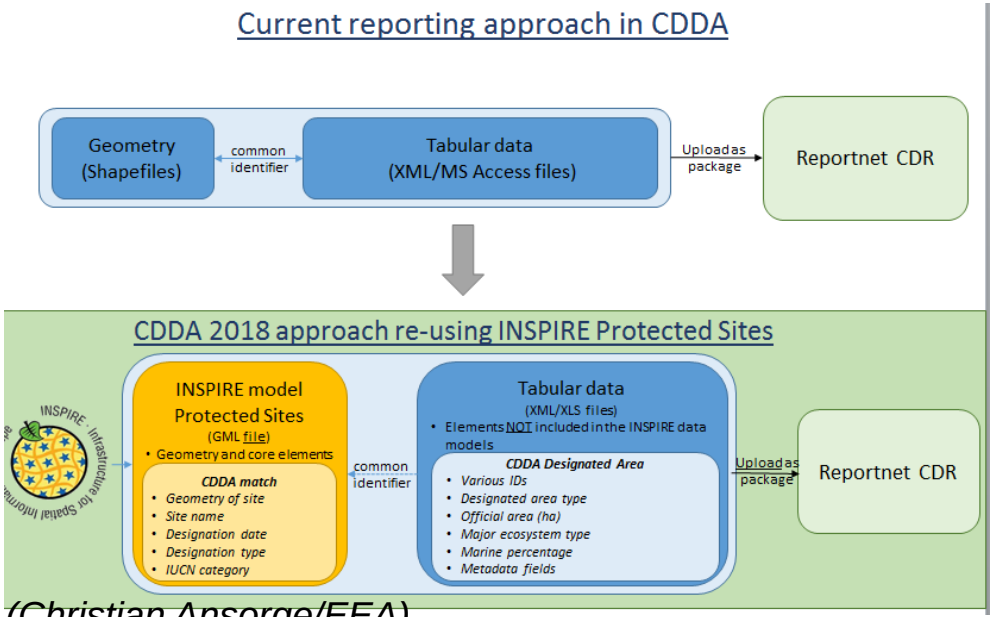
# Main conclusions

- Spatial datasets related to the framework directives are mostly organized to SDIs
- In major part of the environmental reporting obligations, location information is in *non-spatial* form
- INSPIRE requirements should be taken into account when making reporting guidelines
- **EU-level guidance needed to insure the interoperability and harmonized datasets in EU-level**
  - For each reporting obligation INSPIRE themes have to be defined
  - EEA /Commission could provide data models each reporting obligation as in CDDA

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# Thank you!

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