Summary of the joint WB/FAO/UNECE/JRC workshop on
“Data Driven Economy in Central and Eastern Europe. Challenges and Perspectives”

- The workshop was well attended even though that it was split in four consecutive sessions.
- It was clear from the workshop that the influence of INSPIRE goes far beyond the borders of the EU.
- Some noteworthy best practices were presented that might have an impact broader than the Central and Eastern European region. They include:
  - Global NSDI diagnostic tool developed by the WB/FAO. The tool is based on INSPIRE state-of-play and aims to show where governments should invest in SDI.
  - Some countries in CEE are forerunners in open data and INSPIRE, such as:
    - Moldova (open data with more than 900 records that also includes geospatial data from the national geoportal)
    - Georgia (use of blockchain for data transactions and piloting for smart contracts)
    - Ukraine (millions of visitors to cadastral data portal, open platform for correction of mistakes)
- Issues discovered:
  - Here is still a dependency on projects and the issue of sustainability should be addressed.
  - Transferability of the best practices is an open issue.
  - No comparable analysis of the socio-economic impact has been conducted in the region.
- Way forward:
  - A joint report will be compiled. All participants will contribute by the end of September.
  - Joint action of international actors is well received and should be continued.