

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
 - There 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