

INSPIRE:

an Inspired revolution for a
knowledge-based environmental policy



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The Challenge

- ✓ Improve availability and quality of information needed to develop and implement Community environment policy
- ✓ Reduce administrative burden on Member States



The SEIS is to support policy development, implementation and monitoring at **local, regional to global levels**

What is the SEIS?

- ❖ a common infrastructure rules & tools for data sharing to ensure that data can be easily located, accessed and exploited by a wide range of users
- ❖ cost-effective and coherent monitoring and modelling to ensure adequate provision and quality of the required data
- ❖ updated and streamlined reporting and monitoring requirements, coherent with the overall system

Infrastructure and rules

Y Adoption and implementation of INSPIRE:

commitment to sharing as a foundation for further streamlining

Y Development of common infrastructure

(based on MSs infrast) and tools, underpinned by INSPIRE:

- moving towards a decentralised system of inter-connected data bases with access and sharing
- when infrastructure and sharing in operation, and MSs committed to: no need for reporting



Why do we need Inspire?

Environmental Needs

- **Better information** needed to support policies [6EAP]
- **Diversity across regions** to be considered
- Improvement of existing **information flows**
- Revision of approach to reporting and monitoring, moving to concept of **sharing of information**



Why do we need Inspire?

Situation in Europe

- Data policy restrictions
- Lack of co-ordination across borders and between levels of government
- Lack of standards incompatible information and information systems
- Existing data not re-usable fragmentation of information, redundancy, inability to integrate



INSPIRE: What does it include?

- **INSPIRE** = infrastructure for spatial information in Europe
- Development of an infrastructure based on interoperable data systems
(Implementing rules for achieving this)
- Increasing public access and sharing between authorities



From Commission proposal to Community Directive implementation

- **Preparatory phase (2004-2006)**
 - *Co-decision procedure*
 - Preparation of Implementing Rules
- **Transposition phase (2007-2008)**
 - Directive enters into force
 - Transposition into national legislation
 - INSPIRE Committee starts its activities
 - Adoption of Implementation Rules by Commitology
- **Implementation phase (2009-2013)**
 - implementation and monitoring of measures

Where are we now in the political process?

EP second reading - June 2006

- EP proposed a number of amendments
- These have the aim to address shortcomings with the Council Common Position in relation to the following issues:
 - Procedure for adopting implementing rules on interoperability; uniform application
 - Public access to data: free-of-charge view services; IPR as ground for limiting access
 - Sharing between public authorities: need to ensure charging and licensing practices compatible with this overall objective

Current position and next steps for adoption

- Council has 4 months to react to EP amendments
- Date for formal Conciliation: **21 nov 2006**
- Informal negotiations are underway

For finding compromise on data sharing,

lets be guided by the following **principles**

- we should not undermine the economic viability of data production
- we should ensure full sharing of data needed for development and implementation of environmental policy



Lets strive for an

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Solidaire,

Open-minded,

Europe

