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Bulgarian experience in organization of INSPIRE transposition

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Overview

Since 2004, efforts have been made to structure the Bulgarian SDI elements. Despite Bulgaria is a new member state, and the Directive 2007/02.EU - INSPIRE is the first one, officially published in Bulgarian language, the Bulgarian administration, supported actively by the civil society sector fulfilled the required actions. The work is coordinated by two agencies and they are playing an important role in this process:

- **The State Agency for Information Technology and Communications (SAITC) and,**
- **The Agency for Sustainable Development and Eurointegration (ASDE).**

The objective is to coordinate activities of different ministries that produce and use spatial data, the specific state agencies, regional and local authorities, etc. The collaboration with the private sector is also seen as important. Major efforts are made to develop new datasets which are basic components for the building the INSPIRE oriented Bulgarian SDI.

State of the transposition of INSPIRE in Bulgaria (1)

- **Premises:**
 - Directive 2007/2/EC – published in EC OJ on 25 April 2007, in force since 15 May 2007.
 - Resolution of Council of Ministers on 19 April 2007
 - E-governance Act accepted by the Parliament on 30 May 2007 (S.G. № 46/12 June 2007)
 - Order by the Prime Minister (17 September 2007) to form Inter-ministerial work-group
 - Resolution of Council of Ministers on 31 January 2008 for approval of ACTION PLAN for INSPIRE DIRECTIVE (SPATIAL DATA) implementation
 - Resolution of Council of Ministers on 22 February 2008 – nominates SAITC as an institution responsible for transposition and implementation of the Directive INSPIRE.

State of the transposition of INSPIRE in Bulgaria (2)

General actions done till now:

- Formed work-group which elaborated a draft program (Action plan) for integrated spatial data bases
- Formed Inter-ministerial work-group which approved the draft program, considered some templates of questionnaires, selected one, and asked governmental institutions, spatial data holders, to fill and return them
- Resolution of Council of Ministers for approval of a program (ACTION PLAN) for INSPIRE DIRECTIVE (SPATIAL DATA) implementation
- The Council of Ministers nominated SAITC as an institution responsible for transposition and implementation of the Action plan and the Directive
- SAITC formed expert group to prepare a new law – Spatial data access
- The expert group proposed a draft law to the Council of Ministers.

Conclusions

- One significant piece of Bulgarian NSDI is the new e-governance act. The act aims to provide public services with use of datasets from different public organizations. To cover however all the requirements of INSPIRE it was not enough and the government decided to develop a new act – Spatial data access law.
- The drafts of the Action plan and the law were done by use of the principles of public private partnership, and are examples of “good practices”.
- Many texts of local regulations will require synchronization with the European ones, which are still in draft mode. Such iterations are not so useful.
- Some of the new tendencies in the implementation of INSPIRE require significant budgeting; for some MS (smaller and purer) it is an additional financial overload; from the other side there are some overlaps with some other EU initiatives (like GMES) with good financing. Therefore:

We propose coherence with such initiatives.

Thank you for your attention!