



Krakow Declaration on INSPIRE

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In total 670 scientists, engineers, educators, entrepreneurs, managers, administrators, and representatives of civil societies from 50 countries have assembled here, in the historic city of Krakow, to attend the INSPIRE Conference 2010, organized by the European Commission and the Polish Head Office of Geodesy and Cartography.

Noting that:

- INSPIRE has demonstrated to operate across an increasingly wide range of EU and national policies and strategies, greatly assisting their development, implementation and assessment;
- INSPIRE attracts an increasing interest and support from stakeholders in both the public and private sector;
- the INSPIRE spatial data infrastructures are fundamental for providing the knowledge needed for mitigating natural and man-made hazards, a more efficient use of our natural resources, better protecting our environment and our efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change;
- the INSPIRE spatial data infrastructures underpin and enable a wide range of eGovernment and eEnvironment services leading to important social and economic benefits and cost-savings;
- INSPIRE as a process, emerges as a major framework for cooperation, innovation, and integration across the social, economic and environmental pillars of sustainable development in Europe and beyond.

Recognising in addition that:

- the EU Member States are steadily advancing with the implementation of INSPIRE;
- research and technological development will benefit substantially from the improved access and sharing of spatial data and information that INSPIRE provides;
- international organisations, non-EU countries in Europe and beyond have expressed their interest in using the INSPIRE methodologies and good practices.

We therefore recommend our governments and organisations to

- maintain their efforts and investments needed for reaping the societal benefits that INSPIRE provides;
- increase their international collaboration efforts to create an INSPIREd information society without obstacles or borders;
- support the implementation of INSPIREd spatial data infrastructures in non-EU countries in Europe and beyond.

Krakow, 25 June 2010