



Fifth Session of the Committee of Experts on UN-GGIM

SIDE EVENT

UN-GGIM: Europe INSPIRE / ELF Workshop

Monday, 3 August 2015

4:00 pm – 5:45 pm

**Venue: Conference Room 2 (CR-2)
UN Headquarters, New York**

Objectives

The aim of this side event is to provide a global audience with an overview of how Europe is dealing with the management, sharing and dissemination of harmonised, dependable and seamless geospatial information across a trans-boundary regional context.

Directive 2007/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2007 establishing an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community - INSPIRE - entered into force on the 15th May 2007 with a period of transposition into member state laws. It establishes an infrastructure for spatial information in Europe to support Community environmental policies, and policies or activities which may have an impact on the environment. INSPIRE builds on the infrastructures for spatial information established and operated by the Member States of the European Union. To ensure that the spatial data infrastructures of the Member States are compatible and usable in a Community and trans-boundary context, the Directive requires that common Implementing Rules (IR) are adopted in a number of specific areas (Metadata, Data Specifications, Network Services, Data and Service Sharing and Monitoring and Reporting). The Commission is assisted in the process of adopting such rules by a committee composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by a representative of the Commission.

The drive for the development of national spatial data infrastructures is implementing the INSPIRE Directive within the EU member states and beyond. The core aim of INSPIRE is ensure that [34 spatial data themes](#) needed for environmental applications share common information frameworks which are defined, endorsed and used by all data holders in both the public and private sector, and should be collected and maintained once and used many times.

Launched in March 2013, the European Location Framework (ELF) project takes INSPIRE to the next level by providing the practical means for delivering operational cross-border and pan-

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European services. Europe's National Mapping, Cadastre and Land Registry Authorities are developing ELF to meet the demand for a single access point to countries' geospatial reference data and services. As both a technical infrastructure and a delivery platform, ELF delivers INSPIRE compliant, dependable and seamless geospatial information for understanding places and features. By harmonizing European geospatial information it will help the free movement of interoperable data within a digital single market. All new geo-information policies in the EU should be INSPIRE compliant, therefore the European Location Framework is important in helping to meet user needs whilst reducing costs, creating new business opportunities and increasing the reuse of public sector information.

Agenda

Moderator: Mr. Bengt Kjellson, Chair, UN-GGIM: Europe

1. Welcome and Introduction (10 minutes)

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2. Presentations (65 minutes)

- a. INSPIRE – A legal framework for cooperation – Alessandro Annoni, European Commission
- b. Implementing INSPIRE at a National Level – Tomaz Petek, Slovenia
- c. ELF – Realising INSPIRE at a Regional Level – Olaf Ostensen, Norway
- d. Impact of ELF at a National Level – Ingrid Vanden Berghe, Belgium

3. Moderated Discussion (25 minutes)

- Does INSPIRE offer global inspiration?
- Is ELF a model for regional UN-GGIM?
- Is ELF a model for Sustainable Development?

4. Conclusions and close (5 minutes)

Mr. Bengt Kjellson, UN-GGIM: Europe

Background Documents

INSPIRE Directive - <http://inspire.ec.europa.eu/>

ELF Project - <http://www.elfproject.eu/>

Organizers

The workshop is being coordinated by UN-GGIM: Europe.

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