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Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe

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## 1 Welcome & approval of agenda

*The meeting was opened and chaired by Joachim D'Eugenio, Deputy Head of DG ENV Unit E.4 (Compliance and Better Regulation)<sup>1</sup>.*

The meeting was attended by experts of EU Member States (MS), Iceland, Norway, the Commission Services (DG ENV and JRC) and the European Environment Agency (EEA) nominated for the policy sub-group of the Maintenance and Implementation Group for the implementation of the INSPIRE Directive. The following Member States were not represented: Cyprus, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania and Luxemburg. A list of participants is available in Annex 1.

Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea (ACD), the Director for Implementation and Support to Member States at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Environment (DG ENV), welcomed the MIG-P members and set the scene for this important meeting on the implementation of the INSPIRE Directive. The Commission is about to finalise its implementation report and REFIT evaluation and has shared the summary and recommendations of this work for this meeting to give an insight on what the Commission intends to publish in July 2016<sup>2</sup>. ACD hoped that discussions during the meeting would allow for a constructive, solution-oriented dialogue allowing the MIG to start the work on the new work programme. DG Environment together with the partners from JRC and EEA, have taken proactive actions to address the findings from the REFIT. First, a compliance promotion strategy has been developed. As part of this strategy, COM has organised meetings with 19 MS over the past 9 months. Second, we have started developing a multi-annual work programme with a new strategic direction which was developed as a consequence of the REFIT evaluation. We have also increased the importance of good implementation of the INSPIRE Directive in a number of cross-cutting Commission initiatives, e.g. the successful implementation of INSPIRE is an action in the Commission eGovernment Action Plan<sup>3</sup> and will feature in the work on the Fitness Check for Environmental Reporting. DG Environment also had a very constructive meeting with Hans BRUYNINCKX, Executive Director of the EEA, in which was agreed to work out a concept on how INSPIRE can be used in a better way for eReporting. To conclude, ACD counted on the support of the MS to move the common agenda and interests forward in a constructive and

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that this is the result of a re-organisation and re-naming of the Unit responsible for the INSPIRE Directive which took effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

<sup>2</sup> The Commission intends to publish the INSPIRE Art. 23 Report (COM(2016)478) and REFIT Staff Working Document (SWD(2016)243) on 20/07/2016. These documents will be published on <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/> and we will put a link from the INSPIRE web page, once they are available. We will also notify you when the documents are published in the public domain.

<sup>3</sup> INSPIRE features as action N° 19 in the EU eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020, [http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/dae/document.cfm?doc\\_id=15268](http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/dae/document.cfm?doc_id=15268)

ambitious manner. Finally, ACD invited all participants to the next INSPIRE Conference in September in Barcelona.

The MIG-P had no comments on the *agenda* and the *minutes of the 3rd MIG-P meeting*. The meeting agenda and the meeting minutes of the 3rd MIG-P meeting are approved.

All documents and presentations are available at the *collaborative platform of the INSPIRE Maintenance and Implementation Group*.

## **2 INSPIRE Policy**

*Introduction by Robert Konrad (RK), Head of Unit of DG ENV D.4 Compliance and Better Regulation*

Robert Konrad introduced the history and the background to the INSPIRE policy making specific reference to the key findings of the REFIT evaluation (see document 3) and the compliance promotion approach with the series of bilateral meetings. This was complemented by a presentation from DG ENV (Adam Nagy) on the process and the outcomes of the bilateral meetings on INSPIRE implementation (see presentation). The findings of the bilateral meeting have been translated in the MIWP and once the assessments of submitted Reports and Action Plans are available, they will be discussed in the MIG-P and the Commission will then decide on how to continue its compliance promotion efforts in 2017 and beyond.

*Discussion*

Several MS commented that they are waiting to see the full INSPIRE REFIT Report and INSPIRE Implementation Report. It is also indicated that for the priority reporting use case the INSPIRE community should strengthen its collaboration with reporting communities and involve the reporting community in the further development of INSPIRE eReporting solutions. The reporting community should take the lead on the identification of the information requirements, sharing their experience and knowledge with the INSPIRE community. Furthermore MS are interested to know COM's agenda on eReporting streamlining actions (e.g. Fitness Check, Make It Work ...) and how this is coordinated internally.

COM elaborated that there will be 3 documents: the COM INSPIRE Art.23 Report and two annexes (COM REFIT Staff Working Document and an Executive Summary). All these documents are based on the INSPIRE Monitoring and Reporting 2014. Since then MS have already made substantial progress. Once the full documents are published, MS will have the opportunity to send written comments and further discuss them in the next MIG-P in December 2016.

Within ENV, a horizontal cross-policy governance body has been set up for the Fitness Check on environmental monitoring and reporting, the Focus Group. The INSPIRE MIWP has been discussed in the Focus Group to assure internal support. As regards the actions as a result of this Fitness Check, the political level will decide to which extent and within which timeframe exiting legislation will be streamlined. For the moment is not possible to provide more details on the scope and timing of the fitness check exercise other than the target date of early 2017 for its publication. COM is committed to make INSPIRE part of the solution. As one solution cannot fit all requirements, it is recommended to build the necessary flexibility into the INSPIRE framework so that it can be adapted to the needs of the different communities, in this case reporting.

*Conclusion and Action*

COM will share the INSPIRE Art.23 Report and the two annexes (COM REFIT Staff Working Document and an Executive Summary) with the MIG-P as soon as they are available. MIG-P members are invited to send written comments by 15 October 2016.

### **3 Maintenance and Implementation Work Programme**

#### **3.1 Main MIWP document**

##### *Introduction*

The INSPIRE Maintenance and Implementation Work Programme 2016-2020 (MIWP 2016-2020) (DOC 5) and its annexes (DOC6) were briefly introduced. An initial draft version of the MIWP 2016-2020 was circulated to the MS in April (for the MIG-T meeting) as discussed at the 3rd MIG-P meeting in December 2015. Following a revision, the final meeting document was circulated 10 days before the meeting and written feedback was only received from BE, DE, FR and SE, which was appreciated. The assumption would be that no additional comments need to be addressed in the course of the meeting. Some of the feedback provided by the MS could not be addressed in the document, because of the nature of the feedback e.g. comments that directly or indirectly alter the legal obligations under the INSPIRE Directive or comments that imply a commitment from the Commission for which it is not mandated. For the discussion the main part and the annexes were provided separately, in the final document these will be merged in a single MIWP document.

#### **3.2 MIWP Annexes**

##### *Introduction*

COM presented the annexes to the MIWP (DOC6) in more detail (see also presentation). As part of the exercise, the already ongoing actions have been reviewed to have a transition from the old to the new MIWP. For the moment the following actions will be continued:

- Validation and conformity testing
- Thematic clusters

Some other ongoing actions are close to finalization and have not been included again in the new MIWP. The new priority actions of the MIWP are discussed in detail in agenda items 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3.

#### **3.3 Discussion, conclusions and actions on the MIWP 2016-2020 and annexes**

- The MIG-P had an exchange of views on the new MIWP as proposed and welcomed the fact that this preparation took place in a consultative way.
- However, it was noted that a final agreement on the long-term work programme was not possible yet because the Commission had not published its implementation report and REFIT evaluation which are a major driving force for developing this new MIWP. It was agreed that Member States should have a chance to analyse the Commission's documents, once available, and verify whether they translate well in the new collaborative work programme.
- Hence, the MIG-P endorsed the MIWP only on a provisional basis as a basis for work for the remainder of 2016. During its next meeting (foreseen for December 2016), the MIG-P will review, and if necessary, revise, refine and further develop this MIWP (including its annexes) with the view to ensure that it provides the most up to date planning for the collaboration under the MIF for 2017 and beyond. It will take account

also of the progress and the further discussions to take place under the proposed actions so as to further develop or direct them.

- COM will share the revised and endorsed version of the MIWP with its annexes enclosed with the MIG-P together with the meeting minutes.
- In order to allow for a proper preparation of the next meeting so that the MIWP can be fully endorsed, MIG-P members are invited to send written comments (preferably in track changes) by 15 October 2016 (provided that the Commission report and REFIT evaluation are published in July). Should MIG-P members not react in any way in writing, it is assumed that they can endorse the current document without discussion. This applies in particular for the main part.
- As far as the actions in annex 1 are concerned, it is envisaged to update the enclosed actions in the light of progress and with the view of defining the tasks for 2017 and beyond. Moreover, additional actions may be included or, actions discontinued, if the MIG-P decides so.
- For actions agreed in annex 1, work will continue (if they are actions from the previous work programme) or will be started on a provisional basis as regards the new actions 2016.1 and 2016.2.
- As regards action 2016.3 (list of priority data sets), it is not (yet) included in the provisional MIWP despite the widespread support and approbation for this important action. The Commission and the EEA will continue work as outlined and the MIG-P is invited to send any written, detailed comments to JRC and EEA by 30 Sept 2016. In addition, the JRC/EEA will set up ad hoc arrangements, including a possible ad hoc meeting, so to allow those MS already keen to actively engage into this work to do so. The CT will then present a revised action proposal to the MIG-P in Dec taking account this further preparatory work and the feedback from the MIG-P since this was not possible in the shortness of time at the meeting. Overall, it was recognised that this is a useful and beneficial exercise that may also have to be widened beyond the area on environmental spatial data. On how to go about this, would also have to be discussed and agreed at the next meeting.
- MIG-P is invited to nominate experts for the new temporary sub-group under action 2016.1 and 2016.2 by 5 September (at least to ENV-INSPIRE mailbox in copy to Chairs of MIG-P and MIG –T).
- MIG-P are invited to prepare or help prepare, e.g. through the MIG-T, concrete suggestions for additional actions on those issues proposed at the meeting or in areas where there are no actions yet (working area 3). These proposed action sheets must be available at the latest four weeks before the next MIG-P meeting so to allow discussion and, in relevant, endorsement.

## **4 MIG Rules of Procedure – Revision**

### *Introduction*

The MIG-P already had a general discussion in the December 2015 meeting on the need to introduce Rules of Procedure (RoP). The Chairperson presented the proposal (DOC7) which is based on the new general rules from May 2016 which result from an agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission. This RoP would supersede the existing MIG Terms of Reference. The MIG expert group (which is the MIG-P) will have only one permanent sub-group for the moment (MIG-T), but can have more temporary sub-groups in the future. The proposed RoP are generic for all COM expert groups and are centrally enforced which explained the limited room for maneuver of the Chairperson in accepting amendments.

### *Discussion*

Several MS expressed their discontent about the proposal and the limited involvement of MS in the development of these new RoP. The main concerns put forward by the MS are the renaming of the expert-group to "MIG" without any reference to the political body of the MIG (MIG-P), the time required to submit documents in advance of the meeting and the proposed vote by simple majority. It is proposed that COM provides a document explaining the main differences between the old ToR and the new RoP.

COM replied to the MS concerns that COM is only following central Commission procedures which are a result of, also, agreements with the Council. The INSPIRE groups cannot claim an exception to this general rule for all expert groups. Terms of reference are different than Rules of Procedures. In practice, the MIG-P and the MIG-T still have the same mandate as before. The Chairperson underlined his commitment to collaboratively work by consensus and, in principle, not make use of the standard voting procedures. The Chairperson also clarified that MS do not have to nominate their delegates again and that the arrangements for Norway and Iceland and other non-EU countries do not change. An amendment in the beginning of the text can be made to reflect the latter.

### *Conclusions and actions*

The new Rules of Procedure for the INSPIRE MIG were not endorsed by the MIG-P and further reflection and feedback will be possible.

COM will provide a document on the practical application of these Rules of Procedure by the next MIG-P meeting in December which will explain better the practical questions raised by experts. COM also intends to put forward the Rules of Procedure for endorsement again including the clarification regarding non-EU countries.

Whilst the Chairperson acknowledged that an agreement was not possible, he indicated that he will conduct the upcoming meetings of MIG-P according to these rules to show that the practical impact of this will be minimal in comparison to the previous way of working. He encouraged the MIG-T to do the same.

## **5 MIWP implementation**

### **5.1 a) INSPIRE fitness for purpose – review**

#### *Introduction*

COM presented the fitness for purpose review action fiche that has been prepared by COM based on the discussions in the MIG-T and feedback from the MIG-P (see DOC 6).

#### *Discussion*

The majority of the MS expressed their strong support for the INSPIRE fitness for purpose review action. It was proposed that MS nominate their expert for the reflection group. The interoperability implementing act is considered the most relevant part of the framework that should be reviewed in the light of feasibility and cost/benefit.

#### *Conclusions and actions*



The MIG-P endorsed the "INSPIRE fitness for purpose – Analysis" action (action 2016.1 of the MIWP 2016-2020).

Experts were invited to nominate experts for the reflection group by the 5th September 2016 by sending their nomination to the ENV INSPIRE mailbox.

See also "3.3 Conclusions on the MIWP 2016-2020 and the priority actions".

## **5.2 b) Art.21 Monitoring & Reporting**

### *Introduction*

COM congratulated MS for the progress made based on the findings in the 2016 reporting cycle. Only few country reports are still missing. EEA presented the initial results from the 2016 Monitoring exercise (see presentation). COM presented some of the initial results from the tri-annual INSPIRE implementation reports and the action plans submitted by a majority of the MS (see presentation). COM will further assess all reports and action plans in detail and present the results at the INSPIRE Conference.

COM presented the 2019 Monitoring and Reporting action fiche that has been prepared by COM based on the discussions in the MIG-T and feedback from the MIG-P (see DOC6).

### *Discussion*

The majority of the MS expressed their strong support for the INSPIRE fitness for purpose review action. It is proposed that MS nominate their expert for the M&R 2019 sub-group. MS agreed on the need to review the current indicators as they are considered of limited value to express the effectivity and maturity of the INSPIRE implementation (e.g. mainly based on the number of data sets). To be able to provide a meaningful evidence base for indicators, these indicators should be linked to clear COM expectations (e.g. list of data sets for specific themes, with requirements on scale).

The MS concerns on indicators will be taken into account as we review the current reporting system, together with the recommendations from the finished work package (MIWP-16) on monitoring and reporting and the Better Regulation guidance on defining indicators. Besides meaningful and comprehensive indicators that can demonstrate success, benefits and effectiveness, we will also have to elaborate on how to measure compliance for INSPIRE implementations.

### *Conclusions and actions*

The MIG-P agreed on the "Streamlining the monitoring and reporting for 2019" action (action 2016.2 of the MIWP 2016-2020).

Experts were invited to nominate experts for M&R 2019 sub-group by the 5th September 2016 by sending their nomination to the ENV INSPIRE mailbox.

See also "3.3 Conclusions on the MIWP 2016-2020 and the priority actions".

## **5.3 c) List of priority data sets**

### *Introduction*

During the orientation debate at the MIG-P meeting in December 2016, there was support for the proposal to set clearer priorities at EU level (complementing the national priorities) in the further implementation process for INSPIRE. COM presented the Priority list of data sets for

eReporting action fiche that has been prepared by COM based on the discussions in the MIG-T and feedback from the MIG-P (see DOC6).

### *Discussion*

Nearly all experts welcomed and supported the action. The need for further detailing and extending the list is identified by several MS. Furthermore is the participation of reporting and environmental policy communities concerned as a critical success factor for this action. The competence for further development of this list by identifying the necessary data sets and supporting data sets for the selected reporting obligations can be found mainly in the environmental reporting and policy communities, the competence for deepening the list by mapping to INSPIRE spatial objects mainly in the INSPIRE community. EEA is fully in-line with this action and is willing to put efforts in further developing this list together with MS.

One MS had reservations against the approval of this action mainly because the INSPIRE group was not the most competent one to review this list but this would be for reporting experts. To allow for further reflection on this action in this MS with the view to finding a consensus at the next meeting, the Chairperson proposed to not include this action in the MIWP for the moment. There will be no official MIG sub-group for this action, but COM and EEA will continue working on this action as foreseen in the fiche and invited the willing MS to participate, on a voluntary base, by providing feedback on the outcomes. COM and EEA will discuss a possible operational setup for bringing together MS that want to contribute.

Several MS raised the question whether the list should be extended to reflect other use cases than reporting and implementation of environmental policies, e.g. the reference data needed for Copernicus or UN-GGIM. The Chair clarified that environmental data is highest priority to deliver to DG Environment needs. MS are free to pursue other priorities that contribute to INSPIRE and, if relevant, prepare concrete suggestions for additional actions on this issue. As there is no consensus, the introduction of a commonly agreed deadline on MS for making the priority data sets available was abandoned for now but MS were nevertheless encouraged to do so.

### *Conclusions and actions*

The MIG-P did not agree on the "Priority list of data sets for eReporting" action (action 2016.3 of the MIWP 2016-2020) by consensus and therefore the action will not be included in the MIWP 2016-2020 for the moment. Action 2016.3 will be re-evaluated in the 5th MIG-P meeting in December 2016 and practical work will continue by the COM and EEA.

See also "3.3 Conclusions on the MIWP 2016-2020 and the priority actions".

## **5.4 d) Status MIWP work packages**

### *Introduction*

COM presented the status and the planning of the on-going MIWP work packages (Table 1). Most of the work packages will be finished by October 2016 and put forward to the MIG-P for the validation of the outcome.



#	Deliverable	Sub-group review	MIG-T review	MIG-P endorsement
6	Register federation best practices	7/2016	8-9/2016	10/2016* or Dec meeting
7a	TG SOS-based download services	7/2016	8-9/2016	10/2016* or Dec meeting
7a	TG O&M and SWE in INSPIRE v3.0	4/2016	5/2016	9/2016*
7b	TG WCS-based download services	4/2016	5/2016	9/2016*
7b	TG Coverages in INSPIRE	8-9/2016	10/2016	Dec meeting
8	Metadata TG v2.0	4/2016	5/2016	9/2016*
14	TG corrigenda		4/2016	9/2016*
14	IR corrigenda		4/2016	n/a
-	SDS TG v4.0		2/2016	9/2016*

Table 1: Overview, status and planning of on-going MIWP work packages

### *Discussion*

Several MS expressed their appreciation and thanks to the COM, and in particular the JRC and EEA team, for supporting the work on the current MIWP actions and the results achieved. Experts confirmed that a regular update on the status and outcomes of the MIWP actions at MIG-P meetings are useful, but that they should also include a short summary of the rationale and objectives of the actions in laymen terms.

The MIG-P expressed their general need for sufficient time to be able to endorse the outcome of the work packages.

COM proposed to discuss and endorse the work in the December meeting of the MIG-P or in exceptional cases in written procedure.

### *Conclusions and actions*

MIG-P requested the MIG-T to document and share the result of every work package as soon as they are finished.

The approval for all finished work packages in Q3-Q4 2016 will be scheduled for the MIG-P December meeting or in exceptional cases in written procedure.

## **5.5 e) Deliverables of finished MIWP work packages**

### *Introduction*

Two MIG-T documents were shared with the MIG-P for review:

- Technical Guidance for INSPIRE Spatial Data Services and services allowing spatial data services to be invoked (DOC12 and 12bis)
- List of inconsistencies in the Implementing Rules for interoperability & Proposal for changes/additions to the INSPIRE Technical Guidance documentation (DOC13)

COM invited MS to take note of these documents and come back in writing with their feedback by end of July and provide their opinion by 5 September 2016. The list of inconsistencies in the interoperability IR and TG's will be used as input for the review under action 2016.1 (fitness for purpose), any changes to the IR and TG's will be done as result of the outcome of the review.

### *Discussion*

One MS doubted the base for the TG for INSPIRE SDS and will provide more detailed comments in writing. COM invited MS to inform COM about any issue on substance in the documents by end July 2016 (through ENV-INSPIRE@ec.europa.eu). After these issues (if any) are resolved COM will need to review the status of the SDS guidance document in light of the new instructions for guidance documents under the Better Regulation agenda. If and when this can be resolved, a written procedure for the SDS guidance will be launched. In the meantime these documents can be made available in the public domain, with the clear notification that they have not been validated, to facilitate INSPIRE implementers.

### *Conclusions and actions*

MIG-P is asked to provide feedback on both presented documents by end July 2016.

After receiving final feedback, COM will start a written procedure for opinion on the INSPIRE SDS TG. COM will invite MS to provide their opinion by 5 September 2016.

## **6 INSPIRE policy drivers (information)**

### **a) Digital Single Market actions**

The Chair welcomed the guest speakers from DG CNECT and DG DIGIT.

### ***The eGovernment Action Plan***

The eGovernment Action Plan was presented by Andrea Halmos (DG CNECT). The importance of INSPIRE as a main data provider for spatial information and location data was highlighted. An important instrument to test and implement eGovernment principles and building blocks are the Large Scale Projects (incl. CEF building blocks such as ECAS). In summary, eGovernment is a way to communicate with open, digital, inclusive, end-to-end services across borders. In the new action plan a flexible approach is introduced to take into account user needs and allowing for collecting issues from MS and work on them.

### ***Discussion***

One MS has started to use ECAS as a building block. Several MS consider eGovernment as the main driver for the digital government.

*What are the challenges for interoperability in the spatial domain?* DG CNECT: Technology issues are less difficult to overcome. It's more about bringing people together (e.g. Regulation on electronic ID). First we have to test if the concept is technically feasible, then we have to pursue the political will and finally regulate.

*CEF is important (building blocks, funding). INSPIRE might put components into CEF (e.g. ePermitting). How can we bring INSPIRE components into CEF?* DG CNECT: The legal framework of CEF limits the building blocks. There is a working group looking at these building blocks in view of the future of CEF. That is the right place to discuss this.

In the MIWP there is a work area linked with DSM. No actions are identified yet. COM will collaborate with the EC partners to develop the actions. We want to focus on INSPIRE actions in a way that we can maximally benefit from eGovernment. COM is promoting the current call from the CEF very actively. MS are invited to read the call, get in contact with eGovernment colleagues and consider putting together an answer to this call.

### ***European Interoperability Framework (EIF)***

The European Interoperability Framework was presented by Vassilios Peristeras (DG DIGIT). The EIF is meant to be a generic framework applicable to all Member States, EU institutions and policy sectors. It lays out the basic conditions for achieving interoperability, acting as the common denominator for pertinent initiatives at all levels including European national, regional and local, embracing public administrations, citizens and businesses. EIF defines principles and recommendations as part of an interoperability framework providing interoperability governance on legal, organisational, information and technical level. The EIF is focused on achieving interoperability between the National Interoperability Frameworks (NIF) of different Member States, but also between Domain Interoperability Frameworks (DIF) such as provisioned by the INSPIRE Directive.

The INSPIRE Directive is considered to be an interoperability pioneer and a highly valued reference as an operational EU interoperability framework, providing guidance and governance on all interoperability levels (legal, organisation, information and technical). EIF is under revision for the moment and will feature references to INSPIRE as good practice.

### *Discussion*

Discussions are going on with DIGIT colleagues on the inclusion of INSPIRE in the EIF and to explore the possibility to create more synergies. Reviews, and if necessary revisions of the INSPIRE implementation framework and standards used are tools to achieve that synergy.

*What is considered to be “Master data” and “Reference data” in the EIF?* DG DIGIT: e.g. a population registry is considered to be Master data and code lists are considered to be Reference data.

*Does the EIF propose standards for geospatial data that serves our purpose?* DG DIGIT: EIF does not go to this level of detail. This is subject of geospatial DIF. EIF will provide glossaries and ontologies to align different interpretations in different domains. But ISA<sup>2</sup> is running. ISA<sup>2</sup> cannot support the development of systems, but can further elaborate on the development of actions for the spatial data community. A call for interest has been launched recently. We would be very happy to receive proposals from MS on the geospatial domain or INSPIRE implementation.

COM (JRC): We have proposed to set up a work group for the ISA<sup>2</sup> program to support the work on ELISE. We invite delegates from the MS to participate in the work group, in close collaboration with their INSPIRE NCP. We will exchange INSPIRE NCP contact information with the MS eGovernment contacts.

*How can we assure that work on INSPIRE is reported in the eGovernment action plan reports of the NIFO's (NIFO reports)?* DG DIGIT: By providing an action on INSPIRE in the NIFO reports. We might want to link INSPIRE reports to the NIFO reports.

COM: To be able to link the NIFO and INSPIRE reports we will have to define common indicators. This can be taken into account in the MR 2019 action.

*How can we register for participating in the ELISE workgroup?* DG DIGIT: The ISA<sup>2</sup> MS representative should nominate you.

### **6.1 b) Fitness Check on Environmental Monitoring and Reporting**

This information point was not presented in detail again as it was already addressed under agenda item 2 when discussing the INSPIRE REFIT exercise. A Fitness Check stakeholder meeting will take place on the 25th September in Barcelona at the INSPIRE Conference.

## 7 Information points

The Chair invited all MIG-P members to have a look at the information-points document. In case of questions or need for extra information on specific topics, the members are invited to send their requests to the ENV\_INSPIRE ([ENV-INSPIRE@ec.europa.eu](mailto:ENV-INSPIRE@ec.europa.eu)) mailbox.

### *INSPIRE conference*

COM invited everyone to have a look at the *INSPIRE Conference programme* from Monday 26th September till Friday 30th September 2016. The INSPIRE coordination team (DG Environment, JRC and EEA) will be fully represented at the Conference. Besides being available for bilateral meetings and informal contacts, there is also a meeting planned for the reflection group on the fitness for purpose review.

## 8 Any other Business

No any other business topics were proposed.

## 9 Closing of meeting

**The next meeting of the MIG-P is scheduled for 1st and 2nd of December 2016.**

**There will be an INSPIRE Committee meeting after the MIG-P meeting (2nd December 2016, afternoon).**

The Chair thanked all participants for their contributions to the meeting's outcome, wished everyone a safe journey home and closed the meeting.

### Action overview

- MIG-P members are invited to send written comments (preferably in track changes) by 15 October 2016 (provided that the Commission report and REFIT evaluation are published in July).
- MIG-P is invited to nominate experts for the new temporary sub-group under action 2016.1 and 2016.2 by 5 September (at least to ENV-INSPIRE mailbox in copy to Chairs of MIG-P and MIG –T).
- MIG-P is invited to send any written, detailed comments on action 2016.3 (list of priority data sets) to JRC and EEA by 30 Sept 2016.
- MIG-P is invited to prepare action definition sheets for additional actions on those issues proposed at the meeting or in areas where there are no actions yet (working area 3) at the latest four weeks before the next MIG-P meeting.
- MIG-P is invited to provide feedback on the TG for INSPIRE SDS and the list of inconsistencies in the interoperability IR by end July 2016.

## Annex I. List of participants

Country	Surname	Name	Organisation
AT	Fahrner	Wolfgang	Bundesministerium für Land- und Forstwirtschaft, Umwelt und Wasserwirtschaft
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BE	Buffet	Dominique	Département de la Géomatique Direction de l'Intégration des Géodonnées (DIG)
BE	Kissiyar	Ouns	Agentschap voor Geografische Informatie Vlaanderen
BE	Voet	Jan Hendrik	Agentschap voor Geografische Informatie Vlaanderen
BG	Gladkov	Georgi	Military Geographic Service
CZ	Faugnerová	Jitka	CENIA, česká informační agentura životního prostředí
DE	Meinert	Markus	Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety
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