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The Director

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Subject: Implementation of the INSPIRE Directive

Dear Deputy Permanent Representative,

I would like to draw your attention to the obligations set out in Directive 2007/2/EC establishing an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE) (hereafter "the INSPIRE Directive").

There are a number of very important deadlines that have elapsed and that should be respected by the Member States, as the related actions contribute to achieving the objectives of the Directive and to facilitate the work of national authorities.

In view of the above, my services have identified a number of challenges concerning application of the Directive, as explained in detail in the annex to this letter.

Before taking further steps on these, we would appreciate pre-Pilot bilateral exchange with your national experts either in meeting or by way of a written exchange in response to this letter. We would envisage that such an exchange with the national experts involved in the implementation of the Directive would help solving the existing problems without launching further procedures. Please find enclosed a more detailed analysis of the shortcomings that we have identified and our main related questions. It also provides more detail on the overall approach taken by the Commission services.

As a result of these exchanges, every Member State will be asked to draw up an "action plan" for improving the compliance situation and closing acknowledged implementation gaps. Moreover, the Commission services encourage Member States to already identify specific actions to ensure that the ambitious 2017 and 2020 deadlines will be met.

This "action plan" should be presented alongside the next implementation report as required by Article 21 of the INSPIRE Directive and due in May 2016. The Commission services will then analyse those action plans alongside the progress reports in implementation. Based on this analysis after the May 2016 deadline, the Commission services will decide on what further approach it will follow in relation to compliance promotion and insurance of the INSPIRE Directive (2007/2/EC).

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Therefore, we would like you to kindly consider the option of a bilateral meeting or a written exchange and express your preference to us by the 15th January 2016 at the latest. In case of interest for a bilateral meeting, we would appreciate your proposals for possible dates between 1st February 2016 and 15th April 2016.

Should you have any queries, my colleagues are ready to give you further information (Adam Daniel Nagy (02 299 15 40) or the secretariat (02 299 83 85).

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosure: Annotated agenda

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