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## 1. Welcome by EEA and COM, setting the scene

The meeting was attended by nominated experts of EU Member States (MS), the Commission Services (DG ENV and JRC) and the European Environment Agency (EEA). From the nominated EU Member States, Austria, Belgium, Finland, Italy, Netherlands, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom participated. An observer was present from Italy. Details are provided in the list of participants.

Prior to the meeting, a set of material was uploaded to the WIKI of the *Collaboration platform of the INSPIRE Maintenance and Implementation Expert Group (MIG)*<sup>1</sup>.

- report on the Eionet survey on the Eionet Core Data Flows (ECDFs) and their relation with INSPIRE implementation,
- public results table of the above,
- draft of an extended version of the list of priority datasets (PDS),
- common and interoperable European data models (*not discussed in this meeting*)

The meeting was opened and chaired by Stefan Jensen (EEA). Joachim D'Eugenio attended from DG Environment through video connection.

## 2. Status reports

EEA (Stefan) started with a review on the status of action since the kick-off meeting in September. Key work items discussed are:

- a) Manage and update the priority list of eReporting datasets
- b) Make data available “as is”
- c) Monitoring the availability of pan-European datasets
- d) *Common and interoperable European data models for reporting (not further discussed in this meeting)*

EEA contracted UBA AT to support this work on a) which is presented later in the meeting.

Joachim confirmed on behalf of DG Environment above four task areas as areas of work for the group and encouraged countries to have as many priority datasets as possible available “as is” by 15. May 2018 (related to countries annual monitoring obligation). He also went quickly through the proposed roadmap until late 2018 (details in the presentation)

Countries had general comments and short questions on the list, which were related to:

- The identification of spatial vs. non-spatial datasets (FI),
- Data which is on the list but actually not reported e.g. on shale gas (NL),
- The future role and set-up of waste reporting after the waste package revision (BE),

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ies-svn.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/2016-5/wiki/2nd\\_meeting](https://ies-svn.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/2016-5/wiki/2nd_meeting)

- Emphasised the priority on providing metadata (UK),
- Questions emerged around the type of data under the noise directive (ES).

JRC (Robert) presented a new application “Priority datasets” that is to enable new access interface to the EU Geoportal’s data. The application is to monitor as well as simplify the use of the priority datasets. Current results (for Biodiversity and Nature protection) are based on advanced thematic searches taking into account the entire MS metadata harvested regularly by the EU Geoportal. It is understood and explained after some country interventions that, based on the (spatial and thematic filtering algorithms the results should be taken as indication. Generally, the tool was welcomed and request for access was made which the JRC confirmed for late November/early December – provided there are no political concerns by DG Environment. The viewer has been made publically available at <http://inspire-geoportal.ec.europa.eu/ThematicViewer/> and group members are invited to test and provide feedback.

Gabriela from UBA Austria presented the work on the extended list. This list includes e.g. an identification of the datasets as they are reported currently by countries - largely into Reportnet. It also includes information on frequency, format and related INSPIRE themes. She raised specific issues as they exist in federated countries where a national dataset is compiled by regional ones and not all those may be available. Nature and biodiversity and water (excl. marine) are the domains where the analysis is mature and can be taken swiftly for further usage.

Anders complemented this by a Swedish analysis which takes the INSPIRE themes as a starting point and aims to identify the (thematic) data related from a reporting perspective. It became clear that from an INSPIRE coordinator perspective, identifying the reporting datasets is not straightforward.

In the final presentation, Robert showed the draft of the new MD codelist – Priority datasets published in the INSPIRE Registry / INSPIRE MD Codelist Register. This control vocabulary is proposed by JRC and basically provides “list of Keywords” to be used for a clear identification of the actual reported dataset(s) belonging to a PDS. This list provides persistent URIs. The short demonstration how the selected keywords from the codelist should be used (i.e. copy/paste) was also given. The feedback on the codelist (e.g. URI structure and labels, completeness) used was requested and agreed by 8.12. 2017.

Robert also showed three further approaches to provide unified keywords/tags addressing spatial, legislation and wider environmental topics based on existing (maintained\_ systems (i.e. NUTs Region identification, Eur-lex (Celex) or GEMET). Those are to be discussed at a later stage.

The proposed tagging list was well received and work brought to the action list.

### 3. Conclusions

After discussion, the group agreed on the following actions:

**Action 1:** Participants are asked to provide comments to the “new INSPIRE MD codelist “priority dataset”<sup>2</sup> by December 8<sup>th</sup>

**Action 2:** Participants to provide comments to the extended PDS list; identify the reported datasets in the EU Geoportal and tag them by using the list referred to under action 1. This action can start asap. It is proposed to use the sub-list on nature and biodiversity (available from the MS EXCEL in the 2016.5 WIKI) to identify the reported data to start with. UBA AT will evaluate how the extended list can be linked with the approach presented by Sweden.

**Action 3:** All Member States / EEA Member Countries are encouraged to apply this to the entire list by 15. May 2018 for piloting purposes starting with the nature and biodiversity datasets in the coming weeks. This will also be discussed at the MIG. To facilitate this, UBA AT will deliver a completed extended list in January 2018.

#### Other outcomes:

Next to this environmental list, the INSPIRE CT plans to propose to the MIG-P a complementary list that includes core datasets that have been developed under the UN-GGIM global process - largely related to Annex I and Annex II. It was noted in this context that the deadline to deliver Annex I is expiring in November 2017.

The INSPIRE CT will also prepare a document for the December MIG-P outlining the above - mentioned roadmap in further detail.

EEA will setup a Doodle to identify a next meeting of the 2016.5 group as a Webinar for the second half of March 2018.

#### List of participants

Surname	Name	Country
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Morrone	Stefania	Italy (observer)
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<sup>2</sup> <http://inspire.ec.europa.eu/metadata-codelist/PriorityDataset>

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## Annex1 Meeting agenda

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<p><b>Draft Agenda – v2</b></p> <p><b>MIG-sub-group on MIWP action 2016.5 "Priority list of eReporting datasets"</b></p> <p><b>23/11/2017, 9:00 – 12:30</b></p> <p>Facilitator: Stefan Jensen EEA</p> <p>Meeting room 8.0.6, EEA Copenhagen</p>
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1	<b>Welcome by COM &amp; EEA, setting the scene, round table (10')</b>
2	<p><b>Status reports (80' incl. discussion)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on the requirements from Monitoring &amp; Reporting Fitness Check (ENV)</li> <li>• Status on EU actions from the kick-off meeting (EEA)</li> <li>• Presentation of thematic viewer to EU geoportal (JRC)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deeping and validating the list of priority datasets (UBA AT)</li> <li>• Short presentation by SE on issues related to the list (SEPA)</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
	<i>Coffee</i>
3	<p><b>Status of Member State actions (90' incl. discussion)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make data available as-is (identify datasets, document metadata, make metadata and data available on the EU geoportal by providing network services) (ALL)</li> <li>• Specific aspects related to publishing data from the nature &amp; biodiversity domain (ALL)</li> <li>• Progress on tagging metadata ( JRC)</li> <li>• Open issues (ALL)</li> </ul>
4	<b>Conclusions</b> (incl. agreed planning & actions for further work programme)