

INSPIRE Workshop on validation and conformity testing (MIWP-5)

Scope

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- What should be tested?
 - Implementing rules requirements and technical Guidelines requirements and recommendations based on the content of technical guidelines
 - Focus should be on testing the requirements based on the technical solution(s)
 given by the TG
 - Classify requirements and recommendations of TG and derive ATS:
 - Requirements of IR
 - Additional Requirements of TG
 - Additional recommendations of TG
 - Not testable requirements/recommendations (tests should be fully-automated)
 - Build different conformance classes to distinguish between IR and TG compliance/conformance; start with IR requirements
 - Propose update of TG if necessary

Discussion

- What should be tested against?
 - Instances, not products should be tested
 - Metadata, discovery service, view service, download service
 - one or more commonly agreed validators based on existing solutions
 - Develop ATS first?
 - Spatial Data Services, Data Sets (Annex I themes, Annex II/III themes)
 - Develop ETS based on ATS of data specifications; distinguish between automatic and manual tests
- Initial work on metadata, service and data validation in parallel, but common software development based on common requirements



Discussion

- Endorsed reference implementation of validator(s) as work in progress
 - Who endorse the reference implementation? MIG → needs to be discussed
 - Process/governance of developing and maintaining the tests is needed
- Reference metadata, services, data would be helpful

- What will be done with the test results?
 - No final legal statement from the validation tool because the validator is based on one technical solution; but it's the strongest technical statement a data provider can get; if you passed all the test related to the regulation you are "allowed" to fill in the conformity statement as "conformant" to the regulation; ask DG Env
 - Improve TG
 - Elaborate use case of monitoring dashboard
 - Support data providers to improve their ressources
- Who is able to perform tests? Who is the user?
 - Data providers
 - Other stakeholders, needs to be explored by use cases

Requirements

- Validator(s) should be reusable and extensible (additional specific conformance classes) by MS (Open Source?)
- Validator(s) should have appropriate interfaces to be used by other applications
- Tests should be versioned
- All tests (ATS, ETS) should have the same structure (testsuite → conformance classes → test cases)
- Tests should be multilingual? → to be decided later
- Tests should be well documented and transparent to the user
- Other requirements will be defined by use cases

actions actions

- Set-up sub-group (before summer)
 - Draft ToR for sub-group on validation and conformity testing (outcome, actions, timeline, resources, ...)
 - Identify the lead
 - Call for participants to the MIG and PoE
- Use case definitions for the common tool based on a template (Giacomo, Michael Sch.)
 → derive requirements
- Review TG for metadata and classify the requirements based on a template of data specs. (Paul, Etienne, Antonio, Michael O., Alejandra)
 - Compare different implementations of the requirements based on this review
- Review TG for services and classify the requirements based on a template of data specs.
 (Angelo?, Michael L., Michael Sch., Thijs?, Ilkka?, Etienne?); Alejandra will provide document as an input
 - Compare different implementations of the requirements based on this review



- From ATS to ETS: explore ATS on how the tests could be implemented; pilots: protected sites, natural risk zones, land use (Angelo, Giacomo, Robert, Carlo, Markus, Darja)
- Overview about existing solutions for comparison
- Regular teleconferences: every two weeks