

AGI INSPIRE Action Working Group

**Minutes of 13th meeting held at Environment Agency, Millbank Tower, London
14.00, Tuesday 6th July 2010**

Present: Clare Hadley (CH), Dan Haigh (DH, secretary), Ian Painter (IP), John Pepper (JP), Gesche Schmid (GS), Graham Vowles (GV), Rob Walker (RWal), Robin Waters (RWat, chair).

1	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies from Gayle Gander, Peter Capell and Ian Masser.</p> <p>IP (Snowflake Software) was welcomed as a new member.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the 12th meeting on 8 March were agreed.</p>	
3	<p>Actions Outstanding</p> <p>Action 12/06. INSPIRE presence on new web site is missing several pages. See 13/05 below.</p> <p>Action 12/11 JP investigated and reported.</p> <p>Action: DH will now carry forward to ensure EAs National Receptor Database is aware of INSPIRE obligations.</p>	13/01
4	<p>Latest INSPIRE activity</p> <p>a. Data Sharing regulations</p> <p>These regulations are about provision of data from member states to Commission. Guidance document published May. This provides information on how to implement the regulation, but also gives additional information about sharing between/within member states.</p> <p>Good Practice Guide published. This is a collation of good examples of aspects of sharing. PDF at moment, but intended to be a dynamic web document (readers will be able to add new examples) – this new format is being developed. OPSI are aware of this guide.</p> <p>Action GS: Raise at UK LP Comms Group - web links to data sharing and licensing, links to OPSI.</p> <p>Any new agreements to supply data to Commission must be compliant 18months after publication. 3 years for existing agreements.</p> <p>b. AGI Suppliers SIG / OS – Technical Delivery role</p> <p>AGI Suppliers SIG held a meeting on 30 June, where presentations on OS tech delivery role for INSPIRE were presented. CH presented to the AWG and emphasised the two streams – centralised services and data publisher tools.</p>	13/02

	<p>Centralised Services: catalogue services, data publisher registration, resource registration, UK Location Metadata catalogue, and assurance. These will sit on the data.gov.uk platform as will a Discover and View service.</p> <p>Data Publisher Tools will support data publishers and/or providers in meeting their INSPIRE obligations. Nothing in INSPIRE will preclude linked data but immediate obligations on providers/publishers of INSPIRE themes do not include Linked-Data formats.</p> <p>The presentations are on the UKLP website and links have been circulated to the info group. Action CH: Send latest version of presentation to AWG members.</p> <p>c. INSPIRE Conference – Krakow</p> <p>Some thoughts/observations from people who had attended the conference: RWat: Jacqueline McGlade (EEA) plenary very ‘inspiring’, but gave mixed messages. INSPIRE has an influence beyond Europe, and is being used as an example elsewhere. GV: INSPIRE may be being overtaken by other technologies. JP: It’s still unclear what SEIS is going to deliver. IP: The conference had a different type of audience to previous ones. More focused on implementation. ((there were 650 delegates) CH: Others in Europe have a different view to those from the UK, e.g. see benefits before costs.</p> <p>The EC announced the grouping of Annex II and III themes into 17 Thematic Working Groups. Action CH: Send list of groupings to AWG. (Afternote – completed and slides circulated to the infogroup)</p> <p>GV: Education and awareness session concluded that there appears to be little training available on INSPIRE anywhere. JP: AGI Council have approved an outreach programme and one strand is to build ‘closer ties with Europe’. Action JP: Raise issue of education and awareness in this context.</p> <p>It was noted that the 2011 INSPIRE conference would be coming to the UK (to be held in Scotland). GS suggested spreading focus of the conference into the private sector.</p>	<p>13/03</p> <p>13/04</p> <p>13/05</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>INSPIRE Governance</p> <p>a. UK Location Council & Programme</p> <p>The UK Location web site (http://location.defra.gov.uk/) has the latest information and resources. The Location council met on 18th June and a summary of its deliberations is available on the site. It is noted that the scale of the ‘pilot programmes’ have been scaled down.</p> <p>Theme coordination groups have been set up with relevant data providers for ‘protected sites’, ‘hydrography’ (which includes hydrology), and ‘transport’. They will confirm the scope of each theme, identify other possible data providers, identify existing datasets, and explore the sharing of best practices.</p> <p>OPSI is examining INSPIRE’s proposed licensing regimes to identify conflicts between data transparency and charging. This had also been highlighted as an issue by UK Location User Group (which was attended by JP and RWat).</p>	

	<p>b. Other member states' programmes It was noted that Member States reports to the EC under the INSPIRE Monitoring and Reporting regime had been due in May. Most were delivered in native languages. UK's report is published on the UK Location site and was notified in May. The EC will publish a consolidated report when they have been analysed. A parallel 'State of Play' report is being compiled from a questionnaire sent to MS in December last year. UK response is also on the UK Location site. IM is a member of the team working on this. A presentation including both sets of data was given in Krakow. '<i>INSPIRE and NSDI implementation State of Play: status 2009</i>' by Danny Vandembroucke et al. Final results will be available in the autumn. Main conclusion: great variations across MS.</p>	
6	<p>Outreach</p> <p>a. AGI Web site review and revision Some pages have disappeared on the new web site. Action DH: Contact Robert Turner to discuss information missing from AWG pages on AGI website</p> <p>b. UK INSPIRE Interest Group – JRC (INSPIRE Forum) website Dormant. It was agreed to try to get this moving with a discussion on INSPIRE and Linked-Data which had provoked much interest in Krakow – see below. Action IP: Digest forums and provide to AWG.</p> <p>c. Interactive forum Action DH/RWat: Speak to Robert Turner about linking to forums on AGI website.</p>	<p>13/06</p> <p>13/07</p> <p>13/08</p>
7	<p>Future events</p> <p>a. UKLP events The committee still does not fully understand the UKLP position on Linked Data and INSPIRE compliance although it is apparent that use of Linked-Data formats is NOT required for INSPIRE compliance. The AWG suggests that further clarification of the practicalities and implications of using Linked-Data for spatial datasets is urgently required. Views on the costs and benefits appear very varied. Action All: Respond to IP suggestions and RWat to open a forum discussion.</p> <p>b. AGI conference, Stratford upon Avon AWG notes that Stream 1 at the GeoCommunity 2010 conference has several INSPIRE related papers. IP suggested that everyone should attend the 'unconference' (sic) on the day before the main conference begins (28th September)</p> <p>c. Other Discussion on future INSPIRE related events was inconclusive in the light of initiatives from the UKLP and the reluctance of public sector bodies to find money for funding employees' attendance. AWG has an obligation to propose relevant events but agreed to seek advice from the AGI Team/Council. JP suggested high level meeting for Cabinet Office/CBI/Private Sector. Action JP: Raise at AGI Exec. [Afternote: Exec request JP write short outline of framework for event by end July.]</p> <p>Previous suggested event on Transport had not been progressed pending UKLP decisions and Protected Sites was suggested as being a simpler theme in the first instance. It was also suggested that this might be tied to another meeting or SIG.</p>	<p>13/09</p> <p>13/10</p>

	Action CH, GS, : Suggest AGI help for UKLP thematic group public meetings when both data providers and users are invited. Action RWat: Approach SIGs to offer AWG's services in helping with events. Action RWat: Approach Alice Froggatt as coordinator of SIGs to offer our services.	13/11 13/12 13/13
8	Any other business None	
10	Date and place of next meeting 14.00, 11 Oct, LGA offices TBC. Action GS: Confirm LGA venue	13/14

Action Number	Minutes Item	Action	Person	Progress
13/01	3	Ensure that EA National Receptor Database team is aware of obligations under INSPIRE	DH	
13/02	4a	Raise at UK LP Comms Group – web links to data sharing and licensing, links to OPSI.	GS	
13/03	4b	Send latest version of OS Technical Delivery presentation to AWG members.	CH	Done
13/04	4c	Send list of TWG groupings to AWG.	CH	Done
13/05	4c	At Council, raise issue of building closer ties with Europe, especially issue of education and awareness.	JP	
13/06	6a	Contact Robert Turner to discuss information missing from AWG pages on AGI website.	DH	
13/07	6b	Digest forums and provide to AWG.	IP	
13/08	6c	Speak to Robert Turner about linking to forums on AGI website.	DH/RWat	
13/09	7a	Summarise and clarify the issues of INSPIRE and Linked Data. RWat to put on forum.	All/RWat	
13/10	7c	Raise at Exec: event bringing business and government together.	JP	Done
13/11	7c	Feed into UKLP thematic group meetings, suggesting that AWG are prepared to take things forward, bringing together providers and users.	CH, GS, RWat	
13/12	7c	Approach SIGs to offer AWG's services in helping with events.	RWat	
13/13	7c	Talk to Alice Froggatt about AWG having platform at SIG meetings.	RWat	
13/14	10	Confirm availability of LGA offices for 11 Oct mtg.	GS	