

AGI INSPIRE Action Working Group

**Minutes of 16th meeting held at Environment Agency, Millbank Tower, London
14.00, Thursday 7th July 2011**

Present: Peter Capell (PC), Clare Hadley (CH, national mapping), Robin Gatward (RG, transport), Dan Haigh (DH, secretary), Gareth Jones (GJ, UKLP), Ian Masser (IM), Ian Painter (IP, software vendors), John Pepper (JP, hydrography), Gesche Schmid (GS, local government, by phone) and Rob Walker (RWal, AGI, chair).

1	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies from Robin Waters and Graham Vowles.</p> <p>Action: DH to contact Gayle Gander to see if she still wishes to remain an active member of the AWG.</p>	16/01
2	<p>Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the 15th meeting on 9 February were agreed.</p>	
3	<p>Actions Outstanding</p> <p>None outstanding</p>	
4	<p>Latest INSPIRE activity</p> <p>a. Linked Data workshops, 10 February and 10 March Robin Waters attended, but thought that it didn't take things much further forward.</p> <p>IP: workshops covering both linked data and INSPIRE together can be confusing. GS: it's important to distinguish between linkable and linked data. Linkable is common identifier that enables linking. There's a big gap from linkable to linked.</p> <p>Action: CH to ask John Goodwin (chair of Linked Data working group) to provide a brief (2 page max.) description of distinction between linkable data, linked data and INSPIRE.</p> <p>GS – note that government transparency review will be published soon. This may mention linked data.</p> <p>b. UK Location INSPIRE Dataset Report, 24 March 800 datasets identified. 533 are not INSPIRE-related, but are location data.</p> <p>c. Discovery & View services for Annex I/II data, 9 May deadline Huge discrepancies between the way countries report and record datasets.</p> <p>d. Data & Service Sharing Guidance documents CH: Short consultation on data and service sharing, sent to LMOs and SDICs. Closing data 17 June, but comments are still being accepted. Revised documents unlikely to be published before end of year.</p> <p>e. UKLP Annex II/III data specification workshop, 9 June and f. Consultation on Annex II/III specifications</p>	16/02

	<p>RWat, GS, PC and CH attended workshop</p> <p>PC said that it was well attended. The plenary was helpful as a lead-in; break-out sessions were useful. A lot of work coming out. Worth looking at presentations on UKLP website.</p> <p>GS explained that the aim was for UKLP to start coordination, get a feel of providers, the scope, and the task ahead. Useful to see general structure of papers. What role will AGI play? Useful to have coordination with UKLP.</p> <p>CH said that there weren't people from every theme. AGI could help to find these people.</p> <p>IM said that UK was over-represented in Annex I, but under-represented in II and III TWGs. This means that consultation is more important.</p> <p>GS said that the first step is an initial assessment of what's in and what's out of scope. She will do this for local government datasets.</p> <p>Action GJ: Provide response from UKLP what they want from AGI regarding identification of people / themes requiring people / users. Identifying problem areas.</p> <p>RG asked if the AGI SIGs can help? JP said – yes, this is a legitimate target for SIGs. GS pointed out that the problem now is that people have difficulty travelling (due to financial pressures). AGI can help with co-ordinating webinars and other fora.</p> <p>Action GS: Liaise with Anne Kemp (AGI SIG champion) regarding how can AGI help with consultations.</p> <p>JP said that the Marine SIG has already agreed to produce coordinated response for relevant specs. A combined response will improve the efficiency of the review of comments. CH said that we need to focus on the areas that aren't being looked at.</p> <p>PC explained that a translation job needs to be done to turn spec documents into more easily understandable language, explaining what people have to do to comply.</p> <p>RG said that many people are non-technical. They just need to know what do they need to do, what are timescales, what is overhead?</p> <p>GS said that the Technical SIG should be able to assist with testing specifications. CH said that the AGI can help with usability testing, and cost-benefit analysis.</p> <p>Action RWat and GS: Talk to UKLP regarding overlaps between AGI and UKLP activities. Formalise how AGI can help.</p> <p>Action GJ: Provide information on UKLP's understanding of the definition of conformance.</p> <p>There was agreement that AGI should provide a response, bearing in mind it doesn't want to replicate what UKLP does. CH: Focus on users and application community. (Not data providers.) IP: Difficult – user community is detached from INSPIRE.</p>	<p>16/03</p> <p>16/04</p> <p>16/05</p> <p>16/06</p>
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	<p>UKLP User Group meeting in September. (A bit late for October deadline)</p> <p>Action RWal: Make announcement that AGI will be collecting comments. Note on website. Collate comments.</p> <p>g. 2011 INSPIRE Conference, Edinburgh, 27 June – 1 July Well attended and successful.</p> <p>The key points that CH took were: Lack of user requirements, user engagement, lack of standardisation for services JP said that it's clear that cross-referencing between data specifications is lacking. The issues are now more practical than theoretical, and that the main problems are cultural than technical. IM said that there is a growing divergence between nations – some are steaming ahead, others are not progressing. IP pointed out that there was no provision at the conference for people new to, or unfamiliar with, INSPIRE.</p> <p>Action IM and RWat: Produce a synopsis of key presentations from conference – simple message giving facts and figures. Liaise with David Buck (Defra) who is doing something similar.</p> <p>Roger Longhorn's conference blog is at: http://www.sdimag.com/20110708150/events/event-coverage/inspire-2011-conference-report.html</p>	<p>16/07</p> <p>16/08</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>INSPIRE Governance</p> <p>a. UK Location Council & Programme Current focus on reviewing benefit strategy. Building engagement with user groups, including third sector. Programme running at “amber”.</p> <p>UKLC reviewing location strategy and its relevance, in light of transparency agenda and Public Data Corporation.</p> <p>UKLP guidance on INSPIRE complaints and appeals has now been published.</p> <p>b. Other member states' programmes Now getting a better feel of what's going on in Europe. Engagement with national contact points has been very useful. Lots of data is being collected, but not much has been done with it.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Outreach</p> <p>a. AGI Website Nothing to report.</p> <p>b. UK INSPIRE Interest group – JRC website Not used. It should probably be disbanded.</p> <p>c. INSPIRE Interest group - LinkedIn Growing quite fast. Regularly fed by Karen Fullerton. NSDI LinkedIn group also exists – 1000 members (worldwide).</p>	

