

# British Standards Committee IST/36 Geographic Information

## Mission and Terms of Reference

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### **Status**

IST/36 is a Technical Committee of the British Standards Institution (BSI) under the Standards Policy and Strategy Committee (SPSC). It also functions as the Standing Committee on Standards for the Association for Geographic Information (AGI). The Secretariat of IST/36 is provided by AGI.

### **Mission**

The mission of IST/36 is:

*to ensure that (i) UK has an agreed portfolio of relevant and trusted standards for the better exploitation and sharing of geographic information and (ii) these are maintained and promoted.*

### **Terms of reference**

Within the field of geographic information in the UK to:

- understand and specify the stakeholder requirements, through the Association for Geographic Information (AGI);
- on behalf of BSI, propose and provide technical approval of British Standards;
- monitor and prioritise the overall effort on UK standards;
- promote the adoption of national standards, through AGI;
- obtain funding for standards work and liaise with sponsors;
- maintain a network of relevant UK domain and standard experts
- coordinate UK input into the work of ISO/TC 211, CEN/TC 287 and other relevant *de jure* national, European and International Standards bodies and *de facto* bodies such as the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC);
- provide technical input on standards to the INSPIRE (Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe) programme through AGI, (i) on behalf of the UK and (ii) within UK during transposition and implementation.

### **Constitution**

The Committee shall comprise representatives from organisations having an interest in standardization in the field of geographic information within UK. These may, exceptionally, include individual companies. Such organisations should be corporate members of AGI.

Each organisation on the Committee shall nominate a single representative who will be responsible for advocating the interests of their organisation and for the dissemination of information within that organisation. Alternates may be sent where representatives are unable to attend meetings. The Secretary should be informed prior to the meeting.

Membership shall be reviewed periodically by the Committee. The addition of other representative organisations shall be encouraged where that representation appears relevant and maintains a balanced committee.

The Committee may also co-opt individuals with specialist expertise. They should also be corporate or individual members of AGI.

The admission of observers or liaison persons from other BSI committees shall be at the discretion of the Committee.

The Chairman shall be nominated by the Committee for approval by the SPSC. The appointment will be for a period of not exceeding three years. An existing Chairman can be re-nominated. The Secretariat is provided by AGI in agreement with BSI.

The Committee may form sub-committees, working groups or panels as required. The Chair and membership of these shall be agreed by the main Committee. To allow wider input to the work, individuals who are not members of the Committee may be co-opted.

### ***Meetings***

The Committee will normally meet once a quarter and will usually allow remote dial-in for relevant parts of the agenda.