

# New technical specifications for the national cartography

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## **The need for this review was mostly driven by :**

- the current users' needs;
- the new technological developments, which significantly changed the way how we use and explore geographic information nowadays;
- the need to align the national technical specifications to the standards and rules defined by the INSPIRE Directive.

# New technical specifications for the national cartography

## Roadmap:

- Decision on the need to reformulate the technical specifications of cartography;
- Establishment of a work team;
- Consultation of external experts;
- Cartography of other European countries;
- Analysis of other adaptations to the INSPIRE Directive;
- 1st version of the technical specifications document;
- Interaction with data producers (e.g. central and local public administration, private sector) and academy;
- Consultation with the user community;
- Final version of the technical specifications document;
- Capacity building and awareness sessions for the user community.

# New technical specifications for the national cartography

**Directorate-General for the Territory multidisciplinary team, with expertise in:**

- The elaboration of cartography technical specifications;
- The verification and validation of spatial data;
- The preparation of technical advice on the cartography used in the territorial management documents;
- INSPIRE Directive;
- Web services;
- Adapting spatial data sets to the INSPIRE specifications.

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## Consultation of external experts

Several meetings with external experts coming from:

- Local Public Administration;
- Central Public Administration;
- Academy;
- Private sector.

Main topics discussed:

- Analysis of the data model;
- Characteristics of the feature catalogue;
- Characteristics of the Cartography Model – model for visual representation of spatial data.

# New technical specifications for the national cartography

## General guidelines for the national cartography:

- Revision and global reorganization of the feature catalogue and creation of a dictionary that characterizes the several features;
- Definition of clear rules for the acquisition and representation of each feature;
- Take into account that the Local Public Administration identifies that the main themes are the transports and hydrographic networks and also the buildings;
- The multicodification model of the current specifications should no longer be considered;
- The solution to be implemented must be supported by open source software and include the formats PostgreSQL/PostGis, Shapefile and Dwg;
- A specific and simple model should be considered for printing;
- The new technical specifications must take into account the procedures for updating the spatial data;

# Current technical specifications

# Current technical specifications

## Data model structured with multi-codes

NOME DO FICHEIRO										Direção-Geral do Território					
XXX_XHID				Modelo Numérico Topográfico para a Cartografia 1:10 000						DIMENSÃO 2D					
CÓDIGO				CARACTERÍSTICAS GRÁFICAS DO ELEMENTO					REPRESENTAÇÃO	Nome do Símbolo					
Dm	Sub	Fam	Obj	TIPO	NÍVEL	Tipo	ESPESSURA	COR	Gráficas	Nome do Símbolo					
12	01	01	01	HIDROGRAFIA											
			01	NASCENTES E CURSOS DE ÁGUA											
			01	NASCENTES											
12	01	01	01	NASCENTE A CÉU ABERTO		PONTO	1	0	39	Símbolo pontual					
12	01	01	02	NASCENTE MINERAL A CÉU ABERTO		"	1	0	55	"					
12	01	01	05	MÃE DE ÁGUA		"	2	0	71	"					
			02	RIOS											
12	01	02	03	EIXO DO RIO NAVEGÁVEL OU FLUTUÁVEL		LINHA	40	4	0	1	POLIGONAL				
12	01	02	04	EIXO DO RIO NÃO NAVEGÁVEL NEM FLUTUÁVEL		"	41	4	0	1	POLIGONAL				
			03	CANAIS											
12	01	03	00	CANAIS EM GERAL		LINHA	10	0	0	87	POLIGONAL				
			05	AQUEDUTOS											
12	01	05	01	AQUEDUTO SUPERFICIAL		LINHA	12	0	0	18	POLIGONAL				
12	01	05	03	AQUEDUTO SOBRE ARCADAS OU PILARES		"	12	0	0	39	"				
12	01	05	04	AQUEDUTO SUBTERRÂNEO		"	12	2	0	55	"				
			06	RIBEIRAS (LINHAS DE ÁGUA)											
12	01	06	03	EIXO DA LINHA DE ÁGUA		LINHA	43	2	0	47	POLIGONAL				
12	01	06	04	EIXO DA RIBEIRA		"	42	2	0	247	POLIGONAL				
			07	VALAS											
12	01	07	01	VALA		LINHA	13	0	0	39	POLIGONAL				
			08	FORMAS ESPECIAIS											
12	01	08	02	QUEDA DE ÁGUA		PONTO	4	0	0	18	Símbolo pontual				

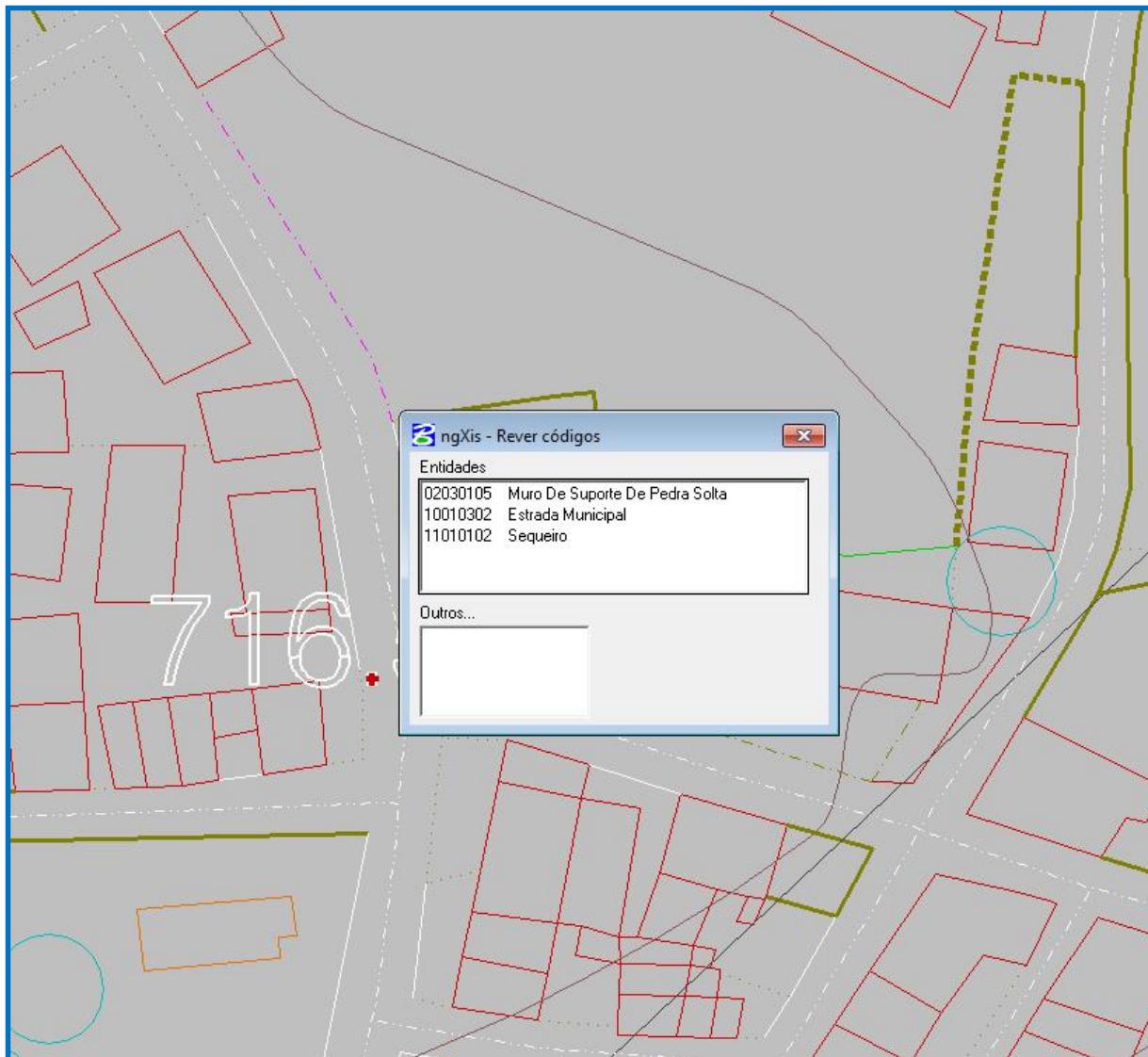
## Current technical specifications

### Data model structured with multi-codes

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		01		<b>NASCENTES E CURSOS DE ÁGUA</b>
		01		<b>NASCENTES</b>
12	01	01	01	NASCENTE A CÉU ABERTO
12	01	01	02	NASCENTE MINERAL A CÉU ABERTO
12	01	01	05	MÃE DE ÁGUA
		02		<b>RIOS</b>
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		03		<b>CANAIS</b>
12	01	03	00	CANAIS EM GERAL

## Current technical specifications

### Data model structured with multi-codes



## Current technical specifications

### Data model structured with multi-codes

Main characteristics:

- Initially designed for a CAD environment;
- Possible later conversion of the spatial data to *shapefiles* or to geographic databases;
- Rules for the creation of a cartographic model for visual interpretation or for possible graphic printing.

# **Process of Restructuring the Technical Specifications of Cartography**

## Restructuring Process

- Reformulate the feature catalogue taking into account INSPIRE;
- Create a dictionary for the feature catalogue;
- Define the Digital Terrain Model specifications;
- Define the Orthophotos specifications;
- Define the characteristics for the cartographic model (model for visual interpretation or eventual printing)

# INSPIRE Directive

# INSPIRE Themes

## ANNEX: 1



[Addresses](#)



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[Geographical grid systems](#)



[Hydrography](#)



[Transport networks](#)



[Administrative units](#)



[Coordinate reference systems](#)



[Geographical names](#)



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## ANNEX: 2



[Elevation](#)



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## ANNEX: 3



[Agricultural and aquaculture facilities](#)



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# Restructuring the Feature Catalogue

## INSPIRE Themes to consider

### Annex I

<a href="#"><u>GN</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Geographical Names</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>TN</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Transport networks</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HY</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Hydrography</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>PS</u></a>	Protected Sites
<a href="#"><u>AU</u></a>	Administrative Units

### Annex III

<a href="#"><u>BU</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Buildings</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>PF</u></a>	Production and industrial facilities
<a href="#"><u>US</u></a>	Utility and governmental services

### Annex II

<a href="#"><u>EL</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Elevation</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>LC</u></a>	Land Cover
<a href="#"><u>OI</u></a>	Orthoimagery

[Around 75% of the features are in 5 main themes](#)

# INSPIRE Documents analyzed

## INSPIRE Conceptual Model



INSPIRE  
Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe

### INSPIRE Generic Conceptual Model

<b>Title</b>	D2.5: Generic Conceptual Model, Version 3.4
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<b>Creator</b>	Drafting Team "Data Specifications"
<b>Date</b>	2014-04-08
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<b>Coverage</b>	Project duration

## INSPIRE Documents analyzed

## ***Data Specification – Technical Guidelines***

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## *Data Specification – Technical Guidelines*

### Strategy

- Study in detail the Application Schemas of each theme :
  - Analysis of UML diagrams;
  - Analysis of the Feature catalogues, their attributes and enumerations
- Establish a relationship between the current model of technical specifications and the models for each theme of the INSPIRE Directive.

# INSPIRE Documents analyzed

## Data Specification – Technical Guidelines - *Hydrography*



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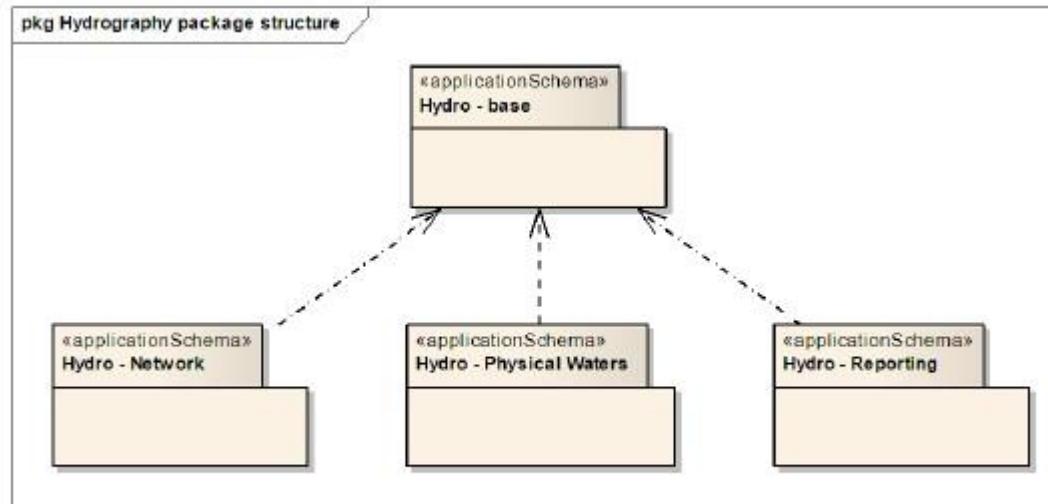
### D2.8.I.8 Data Specification on Hydrography – Technical Guidelines

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Title	D2.8.I.8 Data Specification on <i>Hydrography</i> – Technical Guidelines
Creator	INSPIRE Thematic Working Group <i>Hydrography</i>
Date	2014-04-17
Subject	INSPIRE Data Specification for the spatial data theme <i>Hydrography</i>
Publisher	European Commission Joint Research Centre
Type	Text
Description	This document describes the INSPIRE Data Specification for the spatial data theme <i>Hydrography</i>
Contributor	Members of the INSPIRE Thematic Working Group <i>Hydrography</i>
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# Data Specification – Technical Guidelines

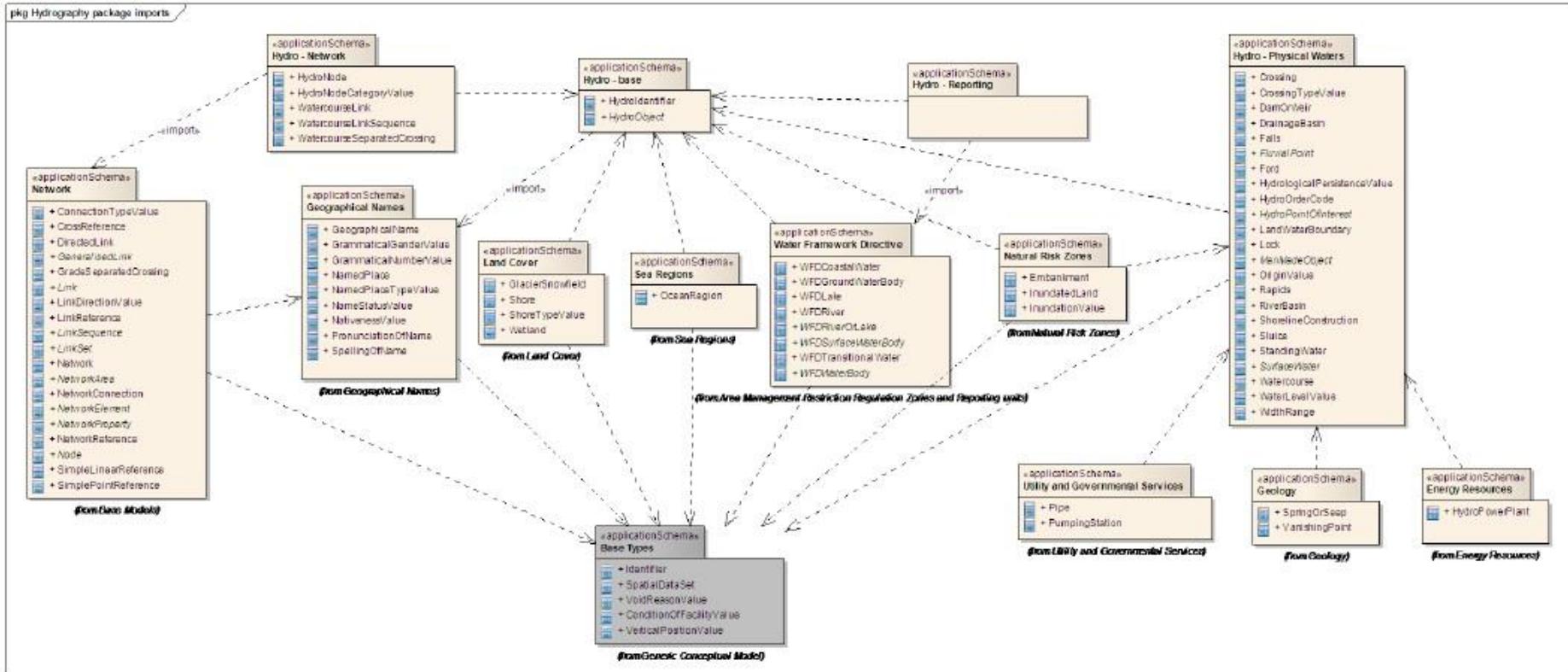
## Application Schemas - Hydrography



Package structure of the Hydrography application schemas

# Data Specification – Technical Guidelines

## Application Schemas - Hydrography

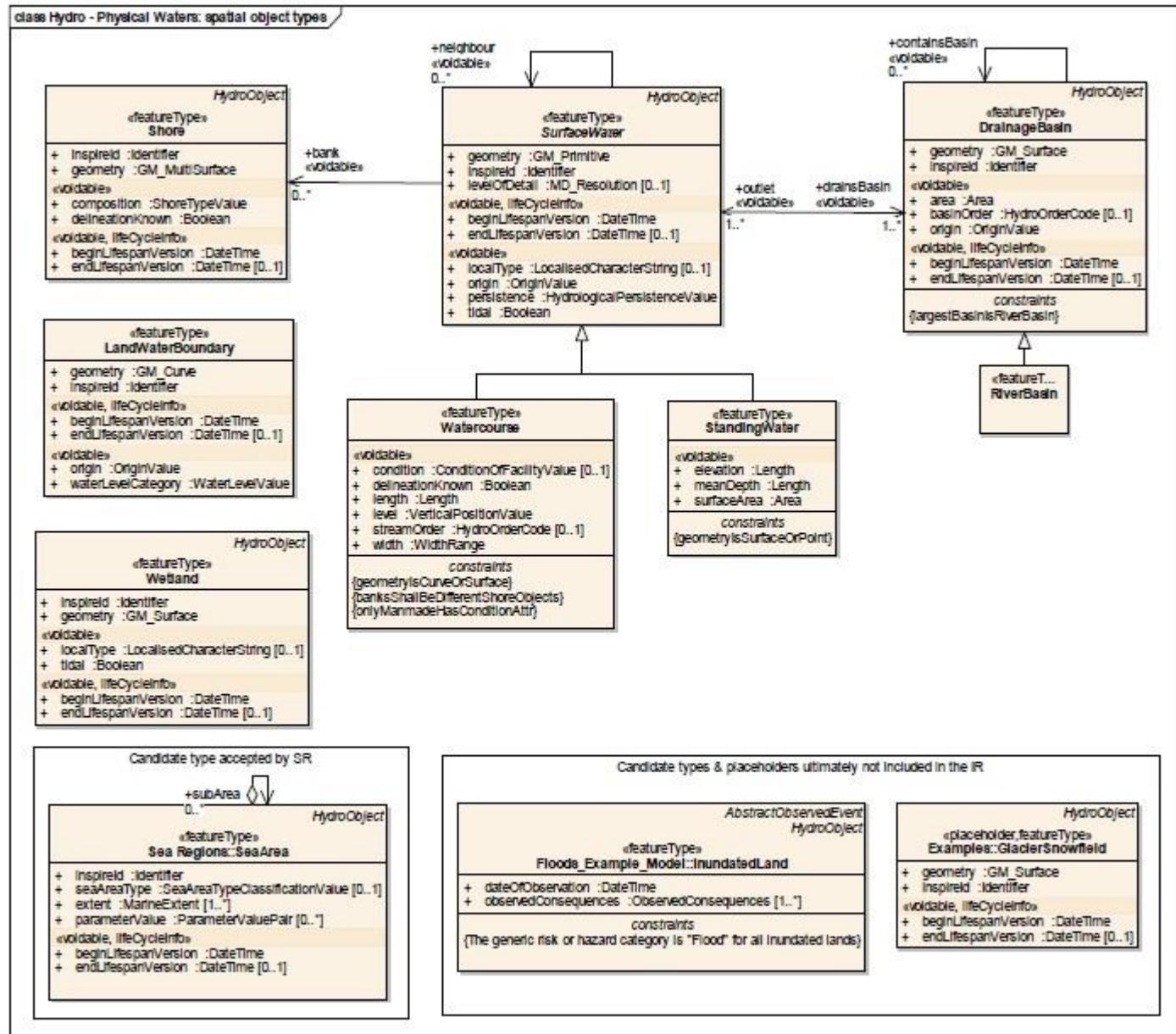


Package relationships in the Hydrography application schemas

# *Data Specification Technical Guidelines*

## Application Schemas –

# Hydrography (Physical Waters) UML Diagram



## UML class diagram: 'Physical Waters' spatial object types (including related classes from other themes)

# Data Specification Technical Guidelines

## Application Schemas –

### Hydrography (Physical Waters) Feature Catalogue

#### 5.5.2 Feature catalogue

##### Feature catalogue metadata

Application Schema	INSPIRE Application Schema Hydro - Physical Waters
Version number	3.0

##### Types defined in the feature catalogue

Type	Package	Stereotypes
<i>Crossing</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«featureType»
<i>CrossingTypeValue</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«codeList»
<i>DamOrWeir</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«featureType»
<i>DrainageBasin</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«featureType»
<i>Embankment</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«featureType»
<i>Falls</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«featureType»
<i>FluvialPoint</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«featureType»
<i>Ford</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«featureType»
<i>HydroOrderCode</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«dataType»
<i>HydroPointOfInterest</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«featureType»
<i>HydrologicalPersistenceValue</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«codeList»
<i>LandWaterBoundary</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«featureType»
<i>Lock</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«featureType»
<i>ManMadeObject</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«featureType»
<i>Rapids</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«featureType»
<i>RiverBasin</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«featureType»
<i>Shore</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«featureType»
<i>ShoreTypeValue</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«codeList»
<i>ShorelineConstruction</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«featureType»
<i>Sluice</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«featureType»
<i>StandingWater</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«featureType»
<i>SurfaceWater</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«featureType»
<i>WaterLevelValue</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«codeList»
<i>Watercourse</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«featureType»
<i>Wetland</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«featureType»
<i>WidthRange</i>	Hydro - Physical Waters	«dataType»

# Data Specification Technical Guidelines

## Application Schemas –

### Hydrography (Physical Waters) Feature Catalogue

StandingWater
<p>Subtype of: SurfaceWater</p> <p>Definition: A body of water that is entirely surrounded by land.</p> <p>Description: SOURCE [DFDD].</p> <p>NOTE It may occur in a natural terrain depression in which water collects, or may be impounded by a dam, or formed by its bed being hollowed out of the soil, or formed by embanking and/or damming up a natural hollow (for example: by a beaver dam). It may be connected to inflowing / outflowing watercourses or other standing waters.</p> <p>Stereotypes: «featureType»</p>
<p><b>Attribute: elevation</b></p> <p>Value type: Length</p> <p>Definition: Elevation above mean sea level.</p> <p>Description: SOURCE [Based on EuroRegionalMap].</p> <p>Multiplicity: 1</p> <p>Stereotypes: «voidable»</p>
<p><b>Attribute: meanDepth</b></p> <p>Value type: Length</p> <p>Definition: Average depth of the body of water.</p> <p>Multiplicity: 1</p> <p>Stereotypes: «voidable»</p>
<p><b>Attribute: surfaceArea</b></p> <p>Value type: Area</p> <p>Definition: Surface area of the body of water.</p> <p>Multiplicity: 1</p> <p>Stereotypes: «voidable»</p>

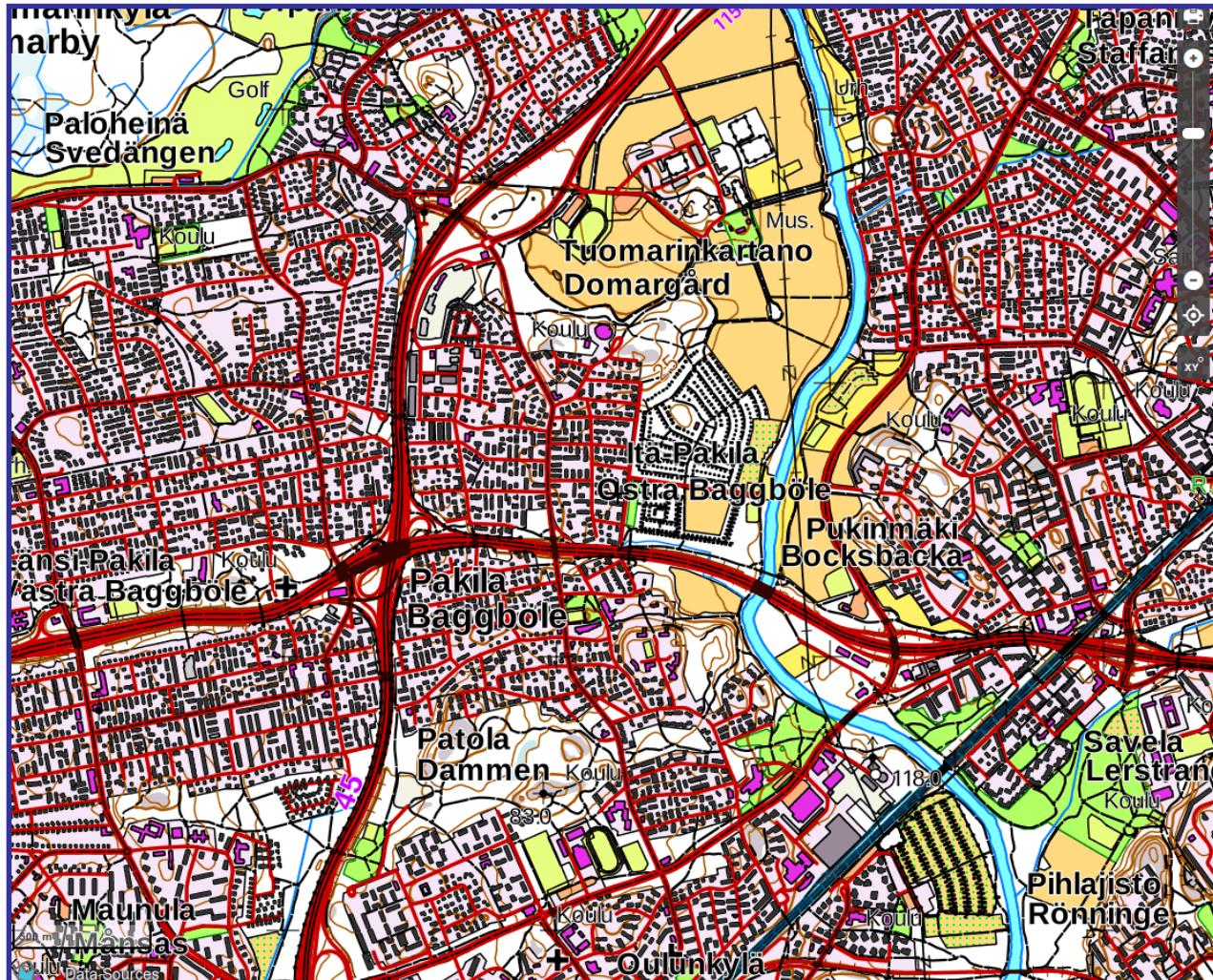
## Other Documents studied - Analysis of maps from other European countries

### Maps from other *National Mapping Agencies (NMA)*

- IGN, Belgium, Top10 Vector
- Land Survey Office, Czech Republic, State Map 1:5000
- National Land Survey, Finland, Basic Map
- Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre Authority, Slovakia, ZBGIS
- Lantmäteriet , Sweden, GSD-Topographic Map
- Swisstopo, Switzerland, Swiss Map Vector 10
- Kadaster, Netherlands, TOP10N

## Other Documents studied - Analysis of maps from other European countries

### National Land Survey - Finland



*Basic Map*

## Other Documents studied

### Analysis of INSPIRE adaptations done by other entities

- Spain

Transformation guide for adapting Spanish spatial data to the INSPIRE specifications



The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'Infraestructura de Datos Espaciales de España' (IDE) website. The top navigation bar includes links for Castellano, Catalá, Galego, Euskera, Valencià, Portuguès, Français, and English. The main header features the 'Consejo Superior Geográfico' logo and the text 'Infraestructura de Datos Espaciales de España' with the subtitle 'El portal de acceso a la información geográfica de España'. The menu bar includes Inicio, Mundo IDE, Inspire (which is currently selected), Servicios Web, and Recursos. The 'Inspire' section contains a sub-menu for 'Guías para implementar' which is highlighted. The main content area displays the 'Guías para implementar' page, which includes a breadcrumb trail: Inspire / Guías para implementar / Guías para implementar. The page lists several categories: 'Guías para implementar', 'Reglamentos' (with sub-links for Datos, Servicios, and Metadatos), 'Grupos para la implementación' (with sub-links for MIG and Tematic Cluster), 'Herramientas de validación', 'Seguimiento e informes', and 'Marco legal' (with sub-links for Europeo (Inspire) and Español (LISIGE)). A red box highlights a note: 'Estos documentos no constituyen unas especificaciones de datos, sino simplemente una ayuda y guía para adaptar los conjuntos de datos a las especificaciones Inspire definidas en las Directrices Técnicas (Technical Guidelines)'. Below this note is a table with two columns: 'Grupo de Trabajo' and 'Guía de transformación'. The table lists 12 items, each with a red box around the 'Guía de transformación' link. The items are: GTT Nombres Geográficos (Guía de transformación de CDE de «Nombres Geográficos»), GTT Parcela Catastral (Guía de transformación de CDE de «Parcela Catastral»), GTT Hidrografía (Guía de transformación de CDE de «Hidrografía»), GTT Transporte (Guía de transformación de CDE de «Redes de Transporte»), GTT Lugares Protegidos (Medio Ambiente) (Guía de transformación de CDE de «Lugares Protegidos (MA) y otros documentos»), GTT Lugares Protegidos (Patrimonio Histórico-Cultural) (Guía de transformación de CDE de «Lugares Protegidos (PH-C)»), GTT de Ocupación del Suelo (Guía de transformación de CDE de «Cubierta terrestre»), GTT de Edificios (Guía de transformación de CDE de «Edificios»), GTT de Servicios de Utilidad Pública y Estatales (Guía de transformación de CDE de «Servicios de Utilidad Pública y Estatales»), and GTT de Regiones Marinas (Guía de transformación de CDE de «Regiones Marinas»).

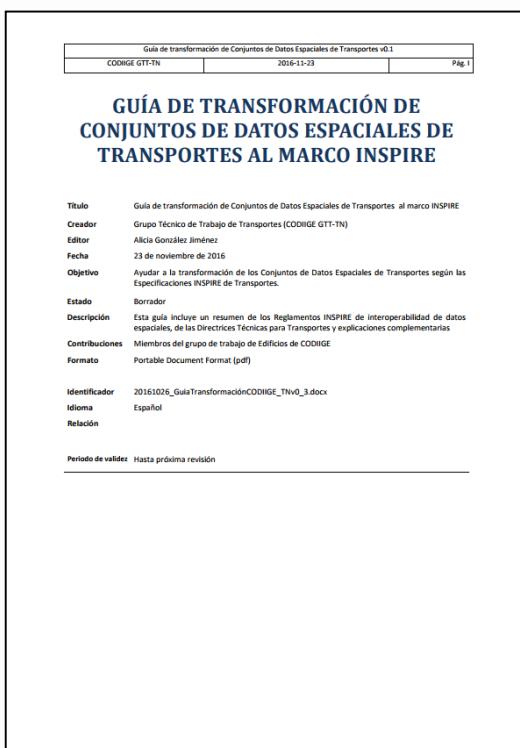
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GTT Hidrografía	Guía de transformación de CDE de «Hidrografía»
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# New Technical Specifications

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## Spatial Data format

Data in spatial databases – open source format **PostgreSQL/PostGIS**

### Main Advantages

- more suitable for applying the INSPIRE data models;
- closer to have a centralized and national database with spatial data.

# New specifications – Data Model structure

## Data Model structured by:

- Theme
- Feature

The spatial data will be structured by theme and organized as follows:

Theme Name

    Feature Name

The specifications will be defined for two degrees of detail

# New Technical Specifications – Themes

## Themes:

Themes
Geodetic Network
Administrative Units
Geographical names
Transports network
Hydrography
Elevation
Land Cover
Buildings
Production and Industrial Facilities
Utility and Governmental Services
Points of interest

# New Technical Specifications – Themes

Theme : Elevation

Feature	Geometry	Dimension
Contour Line	Line	3D
Spot Height	Point	3D
Breakline	Line	3D

# New Technical Specifications – Themes

Theme : Elevation   Feature: Contour Line

## Main Attributes

Contour Type	
Value	Description
1	Master
2	Ordinary
3	Auxiliary

# New Technical Specifications – Themes

Theme : Buildings

Feature	Geometry	Dimension
Building	Poligon	2D
Linear Constructions	Line	2D
Other Poligon Constructions	Poligon	2D

# New Technical Specifications – Themes

Theme : Buildings   Feature: Building   **Main Attributes**

Current Use *		Building Nature		Name
Value	Description	Value	Description	Value
1	residencial	1	arch	
11	Individual Residence	2	bunker	
12	Colective Residence	3	canopy	
13	residenceForCommunities	4	caveBuilding	
2	agriculture	5	chapel	
3	industrial	6	castle	
4	commerceAndServices	7	church	
41	office	8	dam	
42	trade	9	greenhouse	
43	publicServices	10	lighthouse	
5	ancillary	11	mosque	
21	agricultura	12	shed	
22	pesca	13	silo	
31	indústria extrativa	14	stadium	
32	indústria transformadora	15	storageTank	
44	turismo	16	synagogue	
45	transportes	17	temple	
46	comunicações	18	tower	
47	parques de estacionamento e interfaces	19	windmill	
		20	windTurbine	
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		22	armazém	
		23	hangar	
		24	espigueiro	
		25	azenha	
		26	praça de touros	

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## Conclusion

- The new technical specifications for the national cartography will have a more structured data model, adapted to the current users' needs;
- The spatial data sets obtained with the new technical specifications will be more aligned with the data models defined by the INSPIRE Directive.

## Roamap

- Interaction with data producers;
- Consultation with the user community;
- Final version of the technical specifications document;
- Capacity building and awareness sessions for the user community.

# Thank you