

COPERNICUS REFERENCE DATA

FRENCH & SPANISH PROPOSAL FOR COORDINATED ACTIONS WITH MEMBER STATES

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BACKGROUND

■ CURRENT SITUATION OF COPERNICUS REFERENCE DATA

- Duplicate, coexist and compete with national reference data
- Inconsistent with national reference data

■ FRANCE AND SPAIN

- prepared a paper "Copernicus Reference Data: Proposal for Coordinated Actions with Member States"
- presenting this joint proposal to the 6 September meeting of the Copernicus User Forum

FRENCH & SPANISH PROPOSAL

PROPOSED APPROACH

■ SETTING A CONVERGENCE MECHANISM

- towards consistency between European and national reference data, at least for voluntary Member States
- Copernicus reference data specifications would be determined
- Member States would be encouraged to supply reference data compliant with such Copernicus specifications

■ BUILD A TASK FORCE

- composed of experts from EEA, voluntary MS, and other relevant experts
- Set detailed specifications of homogeneous reference data meeting the requirements from Copernicus services

GENERAL SUPPORT FROM MEMBER STATES

■ SE, PT, DE

- welcomed the paper presented by France and Spain

■ UK

- agreed there is an issue of duplication and inconsistency

■ IT

- supported that this problem has to be faced

CREATION OF A DEDICATED TASK FORCE COORDINATED BY EEA

■ SE

- supported its creation and would be interested to take part

■ DE

- underlined the need to clarify the mandate and output compared to already developed INSPIRE activities and existing workgroups

■ UK

- supported its creation on condition it is clear there is a solution

■ IT

- supported its creation and considered technical solution exist

■ PT

- supported the position of the Commission although relevant issues posed in the document should be taken into account

■ PT

- suggested that the results of this discussion should be made available to the Maintenance and Implementation Group for Policy issues (MIG-P)

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CONCLUSION FROM COMMISSION

■ COMMISSION RECOMMENDED NOT CREATING A SEPARATE TASK FORCE

- to avoid new structures
- to avoid the duplication of tasks

■ COMMISSION INVITED THE EEA

- according to its responsibilities per Copernicus Regulation and the Delegation Agreement
- to analyse the proposal made by France, Spain and the requests from other Members of the User Forum
- to discuss and agree on a way forward with the relevant Member States
- to report back on the conclusions reached by the end of the first quarter 2017

OUTCOMES OF THE MEETING

■ MEMBER STATES

- brought a good support to the FR-ES action proposal

■ THE COMMISSION NOW BETTER UNDERSTANDS

- the issues related to duplication and inconsistency between Copernicus reference data and national reference data

■ BUT COOPERATION NOT YET IN PLACE

- regarding geospatial reference data

■ MEMBER STATES TO REQUIRE MORE COOPERATION

■ NMCAs TO STRIVE TO DEMONSTRATE

- Their ability to supply harmonised data and services
- ELF
- European core data

THANK YOU
