

Inspire directive

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European contact point	Directorate-General for the Environment (DG ENV) - legislative and policy coordinator Joint Research Centre (JRC) - technical coordinator Eurostat - implementation coordinator	
Competent authorities in Belgium	Federal: National Geographical Institute (NGI) Flemish: Agency for Geographical Information Flanders (AGIV)	
Transposition on the federal level	Wet van 15 december 2011 tot omzetting van de Richtlijn 2007/2/EG van het Europees Parlement en de Raad van 14 maart 2007 tot oprichting van een infrastructuur voor ruimtelijke informatie in de Gemeenschap	
Transposition on the Flemish level	Decreet van 20 februari 2009 betreffende de Geografische Data-Infrastructuur Vlaanderen (GDI-decreet)	

// abstract:

The goal of this directive is to set up general regulations for the installation of an infrastructure for spatial information within the Community, supporting the Community environmental policy and policy measures or activities that can affect the environment.

The Member States ensure that metadata are created for the spatial data sets and services corresponding to the themes listed in the directive. This concerns, inter alia, marine data such as hydrographical elements, protected areas, digital elevation models for ocean surfaces, bathymetry, etc.

This directive stipulates that the Member States need to establish and operate network services (search, consultation, download and processing services), and determines that the government authorities need to have the technical opportunities to connect their data collections and services to this network. This directive also mentions the conditions for limiting public access to these spatial data and services. Moreover, some other clauses regarding data exchanges are also discussed.