

PolKEN webinar on High Value Datasets

meeting summary

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Introduction

Mick Cory welcomed participants, introduced agenda and provided update from EGHO. The full presentation is available at [PolKEN Meetings & Events members only webpage](#).

Following the update and information on the lead Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CNECT) activities after entry into force of the Open data & PSI directive, such as:

- Letter sent out to MS asking for information on Company Registration and Statistics data;
- Another recent letter requesting information from MS on Geospatial data;
- Over summer – tender process to appoint consultants to carry out an Impact Assessment study on the list of high-value datasets to be made available by the Member States under the PSI Directive. Impact assessment is required by REFIT regulation; the study will feed into the design of the Digital Europe projects. Timetable is nine months and we see ourselves as playing a key role in this;
- Formation of the Commission's Committee on Open data and the reuse of public sector information having its first meeting 30-10-2019;

participants were asked:

What is the state of play nationally?

Have you made contact with your national representative?

To what extent do members want EG to coordinate a combined position on HVD to the Commission?

Key points of the replies

Spain

Have often contact with national representatives so they are aware of what do we do.

Agree that EG has a role to play, want to collaborate and support.

Denmark

Geodata agency will get back when gathered more details, but got information who is representing them, just yesterday. People are aware that they have to coordinate and they are also aware this is a big task; interested in EG playing a role of coordination with them and having role to provide more info to Commission.

Denmark digitations agency is sitting in the committee on the review PSI directive, have joint meetings, now they need to coordinate with Geodata agency and also agencies on environment. Will use the INSPIRE structure for HVD. Very much in touch with their national representative. A combine position - devil lies in the details, hard to get a coordinated position, a high-level one is maybe more possible, but hard to say no to EG contribution role.

In Denmark- open data since 2013 and INSPIRE themes are playing a leading role. Do not what standards that do not comply and also have concerns about APIs.

Poland

Already met with their representative more than, not involved in the PSI revision. After the MIG meeting in June, aware of the committee meeting today, and are in touch about help for datasets in geodesy.

Germany

Looking at the impact of the PSI from federal and lander level. Already had a contact with the representative from the Ministry of economy, and reporting to Ministry of interior and back to Min of economy to Commission.

A lot of internal country discussion before giving and view and response on HVD at national level. Geospatial is coming from the lander so a lot of discussion with lander before communicating to the federal. There are groups of different levels who will discuss it. Difficult way to go before establish HVD, no common position yet national so cannot support European position,

Aside: Mick: "Our common position is not the member's countries position. EG can support its members position not national position, when we say combine position it is from members not Members Countries."

EG information of the PSI directive was very helpful, would like EG to continue to be a platform to exchange views on HVD and socio-eco impact and share the experiences of others, what is considered as HVD etc.

Bavarian administration of high digit as member authority responsible for geodata team and working on the strategy of the HVD, is still charging feed for data which might be on the HVD list – this will impact them in the future.

The Netherlands

Coordinated by Ministry of Interior and have a good connection with them and they are also active on European level. Not very clear how this will be approached, the question is whether to approach this from users' side - what users think what is of high value for them, not for the providers, not sure that is a good approach and not know whether the question is laid down correctly and how/what is the impact. Impact assessment study might clarify this.

Look at INSPIRE, language on how to define data, been in contact with statistic and chamber of commerce. Different approach – statistic is comfortable since data is open, wait to see what users will say. Chamber of commerce – their umbrella origination provided a narrow definition on what could be open.

Have good contact internally – do not have all geo data in the Netherlands, so need to coordinate with other originations-

Role for EG - to clarify our position towards Commission to have the common language on what we talk about. INSPIRE standards done some, but other datasets?

Sweden

Since May they are working on governmental mission on defining HVD, they have a leading role to coordinate the lists across the all six themes; working together with other agencies; established and met with other colleagues across government in Sweden; deal mainly with same issue as it is sets in tender. All municipalities are involved, and now dealing from users prospective.

Agree about coordaining role for EG, still have some questions and would appreciate a forum to discuss.

Great Britain

HM LR working on programme of data releases for England and Wales and programme to release more data in next few years, need to establish which datasets fall under HVD. Very keen to be involved in impact assessment. Nervous on completely opening them because of fraud issues – need better understanding.

OS GB made contact with their lead on this issue - department for culture media and sport! And also raising the issue with Geo6 (the ones who are partners to Geospatial Commission), early days for discussions in the UK. Don't have an org view on coordination role for EG, but personally thinks it would be useful to have a common position.

Finland

They are in a good position already have an open data in this scope and discussing the directive but still have issues which they are worried about – more or less the services and their financing. The whole process is led by the Ministry of the Finance, which they have done independently and not yet

contacted the institutions which provide the data and services. Hoping that after today's committee meeting, they will coordinate things.

What they expect from EG - it is mentioned in the Directive that HVD should be accessible through APIs – what does it mean? It is a lot of costs and difficult to implement. If we could discuss this and have common understanding on it of what is needed to provide this service.

Slovakia

The open data policy is implemented in Slovakia nationally. We have already some standards for the open data and they are extended also for spatial data. Our NMCA already provides some spatial data as open data.

We have contacted the national representative just today and we will have a common meeting with other spatial data stakeholders on 5 November 2019.

At present do not know in which extent would be EG support needed, maybe later after the meeting we will find something out. But for sure we appreciate a lot the way how EG informed us regarding the preparation of the directive and the HVD. Thank you very much for that.

Final remarks.

This summary will be distributed and final version will be uploaded to the webpage.

Please send your written comment by the end of the week.

We need to have a further meeting, at least for information sharing - proposed date is 6 February 2020 at 10:00 CET – TBC.

EuroGeographics will continue to keep an eye on Commission process, through policy monitoring activity.

We might consider a collective project on API through the CEF or the new European Digital programme.
