

# INSPIRE in IRELAND

## A Brief Overview

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# Outline of Presentation

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# Historical Overview

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- **2002**
  - Irish Information Society initiative identified need for and Irish SDI (ISDI)
  - Dept Environment, Heritage & Local Government (DoEHLG) appointed to take ISDI forward
  - DoEHLG set up an ISDI Work Group
- **2002 – 2005**
  - ISDI Work Group focus on overall ISDI Policy Framework
  - DoEHLG represented on INSPIRE Expert Group
  - Input into INSPIRE Directive
- **2006 - 2007**
  - Slower pace ... waiting for final Directive
- **2008 – 2009**
  - Mobilising to address Directive issues and advance ISDI

# ISDI Policy Framework

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- **Contents**

- Vision
- Core data
- Architecture
- Standards
- Access issues
- Etc

- **Final approval ... not yet**

- **Staffing and resources issues**

- **ISDI / INSPIRE distinction**

- ISDI goes beyond INSPIRE requirements
- Difficulty now is funding

# Transposition

- **Transposition** .... due within days
- **Statutory Instrument (SI)**
  - Subordinate legislation
  - SI only requires Minister to sign into law ... doesn't have to go to Parliament for approval
- **SI structure** .... follows Directive closely
- **Guidelines** ... Minister can make guidelines which producers and others would '*need to have regard to*'

# Governance

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- **Minister of Environment, Heritage & Local Government** is responsible Minister
  - Coordination by the Spatial Planning Section
- **Irish SDI / INSPIRE Group**
  - Overall steering of the ISDI / INSPIRE initiative
- **Technical Working Group**
  - Deal with technical issues
  - Advise the ISDI / INSPIRE Group

# Current Activities / Near Future

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- **Portal**
  - Transform Irish Spatial Data Exchange into ISDI/INSPIRE portal
- **Roles and responsibilities** ... clarifying regarding INSPIRE Annex data
- **Datasets** ... survey data producers
- **Securing resources** ... persons & funds
- **User input / consultation**
  - ISDI/INSPIRE Group members ... producers & users
  - IRLOGI
    - Annual conference 2009, possibly in 2010 as well
    - Determining possible role for IRLOGI

# South Dublin County Council

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- **S Dublin**
  - 250 000 population
  - 1600 staff
- **Location information (GI) infuses all aspects of operation**
  - 3 key types data to ensure overall information integration... location, time, activity
  - Stages ... (1) sort out information management internally, (2) outreach to citizens, businesses etc
  - Stages ... (1a) sort out legacy data (1b) real time (1c) prediction ... what is coming
  - Infusing location data into all aspects of Council activities .... Undertaken as part of a wider organisational transformation change process

# Exciting Challenges

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- **INSPIRE**
  - Embed INSPIRE
  - Go beyond INSPIRE (ISDI).... INSPIRE as a springboard
  
- **Global opportunities**

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