

Proposal for GDPR cooperation between the Nordic National Mapping and Cadaster Agencies

Background

The Directors Generals have acknowledged that the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 ("GDPR") poses common challenges in the Nordic countries in relation to geospatial data and their classification.

The NIC Working Group was asked at Store chefsmøde in Tórshavn to come up with a proposal of a way to move forward for exchanging knowledge and challenges in respect of GDPR in the Nordic countries. The proposal shall be considered by the Directors Generals at "Lilla Chefsmøte" in Copenhagen on 3 April 2019.

A group of GDPR experts from the Nordic NMCAs has discussed the aforementioned proposal in connection to the Nordic IT and Development Working Group meeting in Helsinki on 23 and 24 January 2019. The GDPR experts and the Nordic IT and Development Working Group agree that there is a need to exchange knowledge on GDPR issues for geospatial data and suggests the following work plan.

Proposal for the Directors Generals

The GDPR Experts suggests to focus on a relevant scenario in order to achieve useful results for the organisations. The proposed scenario is:

How to handle dissemination of geospatial data such as addresses, buildings and oblique images, taking into account different methods of providing the data as a service and conditions for access.

Suggestion for work plan:

1. The GDPR experts from each Nordic country will explore the legal and practical issues of this scenario pursuant to GDPR in the country in question and produce a report on this.
2. The group will ascertain the common issues with this scenario and propose common solutions or joint statements that can be derived from this.
3. The group shall present a proposal on how to go forward in implementing the results in point 2 (on a national, Nordic or European level).

It is suggested that the work mentioned in point 1 is conducted by e-mail and the work in point 2 and 3 at a meeting in one of the Nordic countries in May/June 2019. The resources for the work should include experts on the scenario as well as legal experts from each participating country.

The GDPR Experts suggests that the final report including the results in points 1, 2 and 3 is presented at "Stor Chefsmøte" in September 2019.