

Proposal: to create an ad hoc group on High Value Datasets under the Open Data PSI Directive

The European Commission appointed consultants carrying out an impact assessment study into High Value Datasets in Member States under the Open Data PSI Directive. Implementation of the directive is expected within next 2 years. Member States will have one year of the implementation period *after the publication of the Implementing act*.

The consultant's study team has presented the concept, methodology of work on data collection and analysis, and timeline. Spring months 2020 are key for data collection activity in the study: contacting key stakeholders, such National Mapping Agencies, who will help determining the value of datasets. For each thematic area (such as geospatial and earth observation) there is one thematic expert or coordinator who will be in contact with national data providers and re-users. In order to get as comprehensive information as possible they will create focus groups and conduct interviews.

The same study team will support DG CNECT (Communications Networks, Content and Technology) in the organisation of the public consultation and public hearing planned for the summer, with a final report and workshop planned to take place in September 2020.

Therefore it would be beneficial for the Nordic NMCA's concerned to have a group of experts ready for cooperation and exchange of information, and be able to activate an ad hoc group on PSI quickly, when necessary. The group could consist of the same persons nominated towards EuroGeographics and Consultants of the Commission on the subject. The ad hoc group provide reports to the Director Generals, and Nordic NMCA's in general, of the status and implementing of the Open Data PSI Directive.

Proposal is that the activating of the ad hoc group would be in hands of the IT & Development Working Group but does not mean that the members of the expert group should consist of members of that WG.