A banner for the INSPIRE conference 2011 in Edinburgh. It features a dark blue background with a white silhouette of a city skyline on the left and a light-colored architectural floor plan on the right. A large blue arrow points from the skyline towards the floor plan.

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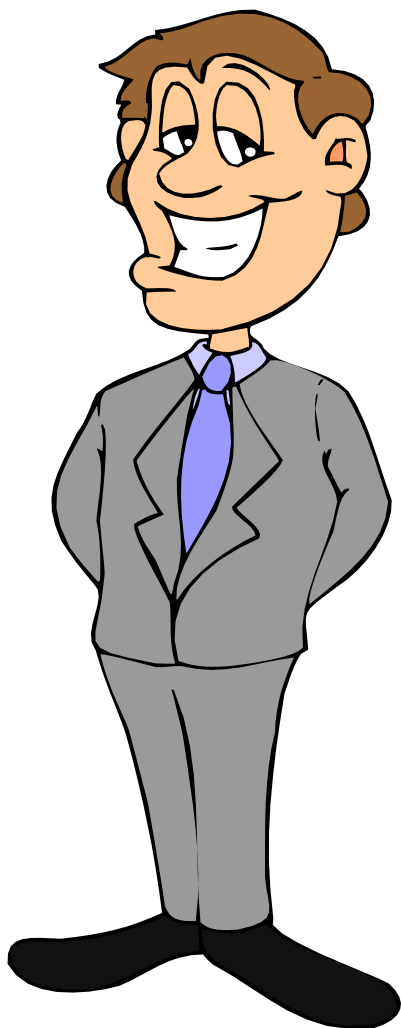
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Q1: Is the AGI a learned society?



Q2: Is the AGI a trade association?



Q3: Is the AGI a public sector group?



Q4: Is the AGI a GI user group?



AGI encompasses all these...

AGI Mission: *“to maximise the use of geographic information for the benefit of the citizen, good governance and commerce.”*



Representing the GeoCommunity



Promotes the value & benefit of GI



a focus for the GI Community

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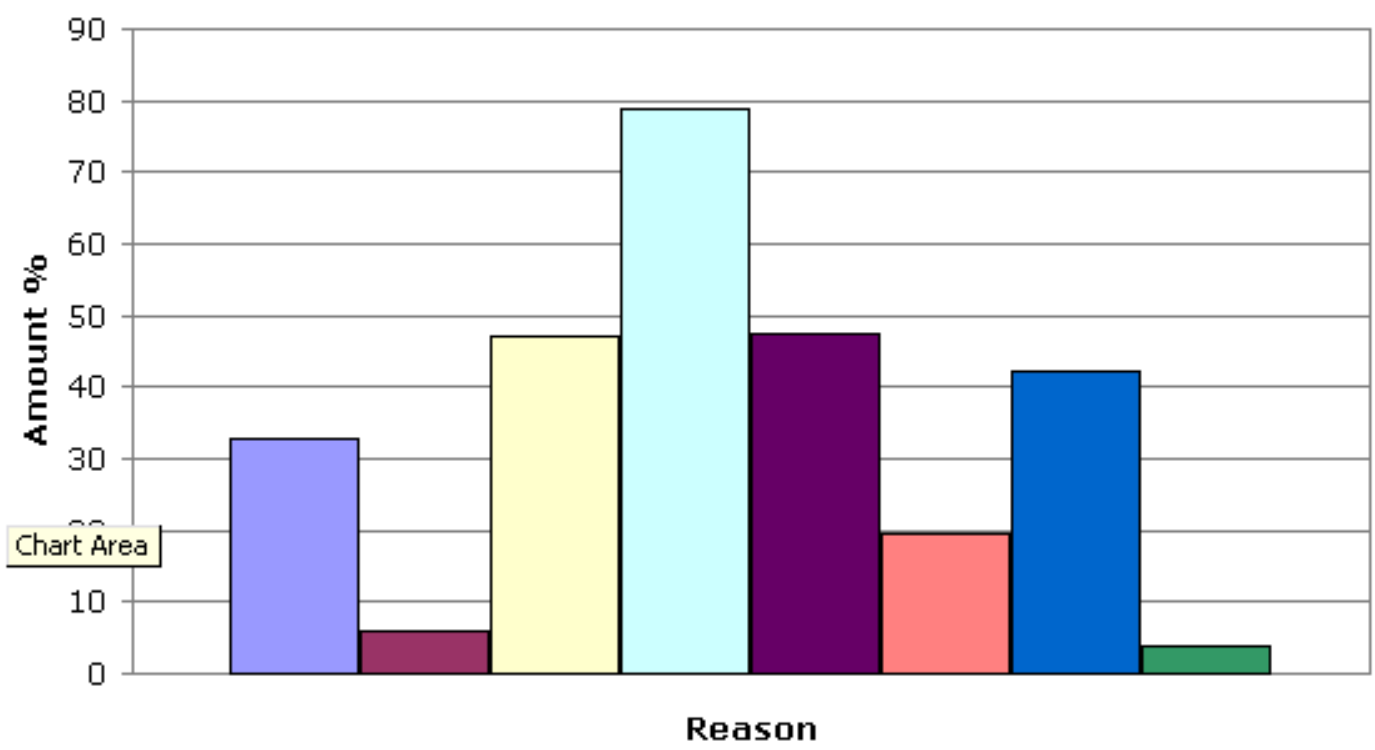
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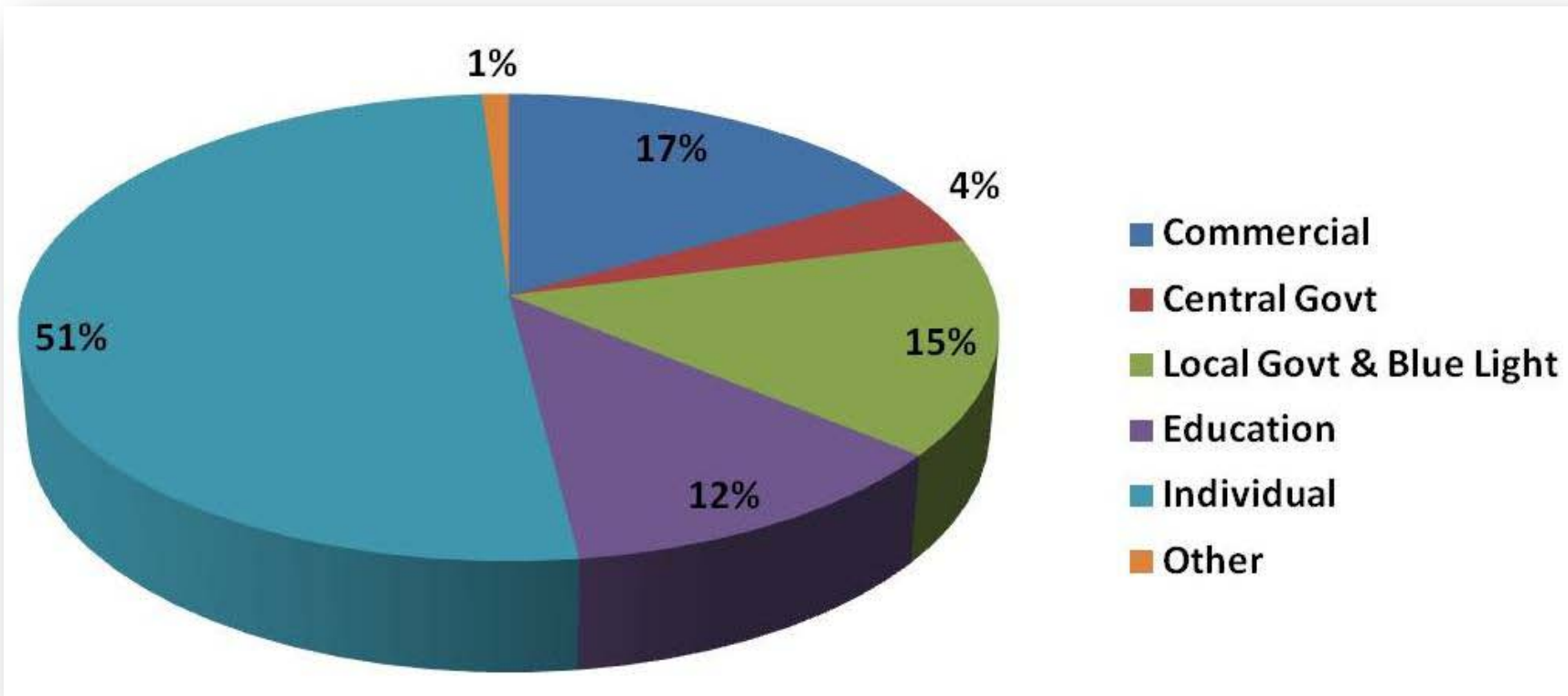
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- To attend an event at the delegate rate (32%)
- As part of a special offer relating to the AGI annual conference (5%)
- Personal professional development/CPD (47%)
- To keep abreast of new developments and industry best practice(79%)
- Networking opps (48%)
- Promotion of your business within the industry (20%)
- Belief in the AGI's aims and objectives (42%)
- Other (4%)



“A Broad Church”



AGI membership categories

AGI Scotland

- 1999 - Founded
- 2002 -Established need for GI strategy
- 2004 – ‘Places, Spaces & Faces’ published
- 2005 – ‘One Scotland – One Geography’ published



*Towards a Geographic
Information Strategy
For Scotland*



Linking Places & Spaces to connect the
Faces of Scotland





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GEOSPATIAL STRATEGY PLAN FOR SCOTLAND (PROPOSED DRAFT)

One Scotland – One Europe – One Geospatial

2011-2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AGI Scotland Events



**INSPIRING
Scotland in 5
Minutes**
14th March 2008



UK Background to INSPIRE

- Government(s) 'stickiness' on all European issues
- Impact analysis on INSPIRE (2004) very negative
- Generally eurosceptic press
- Defra in the lead (Dept. of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs)
- Previously restrictive regime for (some) official datasets
- INSPIRE:
 - Is about data sharing of public sector datasets
 - 'remove obstacles to accessibility at the point of use'
- Westminster + 3 Devolved governments; 400+ Local Authorities;

What about the private sector?

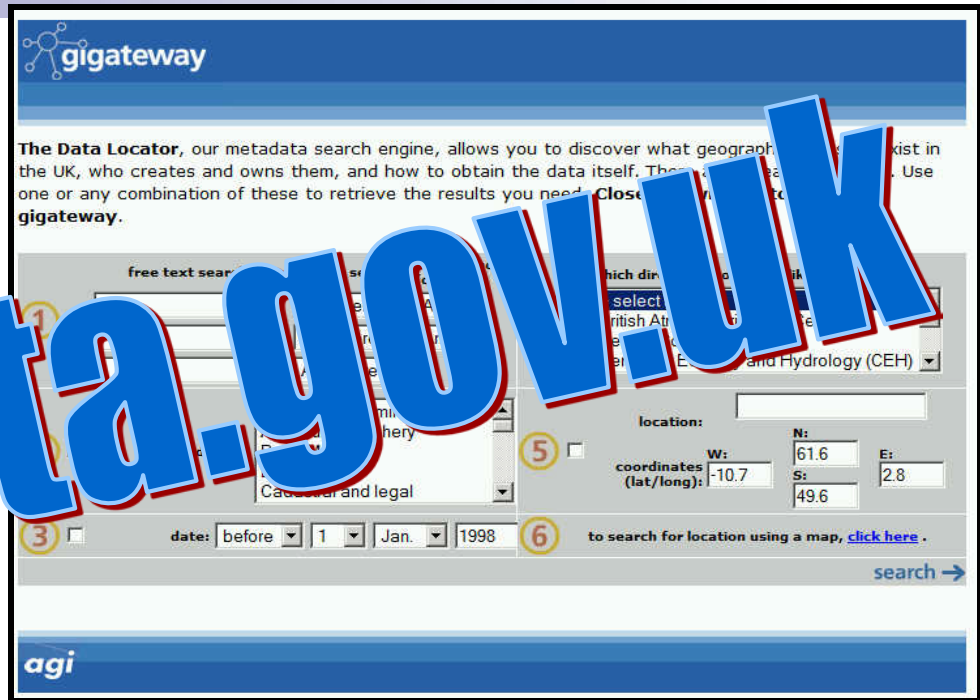
- INSPIRE only applies to public sector data?
- Yes but:
 - many datasets procured commercially
 - all GI systems procured commercially
 - public authorities rely heavily on consultants
 - public authorities often semi commercial
- Private sector therefore has a **VITAL** interest in INSPIRE
- Europe needs a knowledge based economy!

AGI & INSPIRE

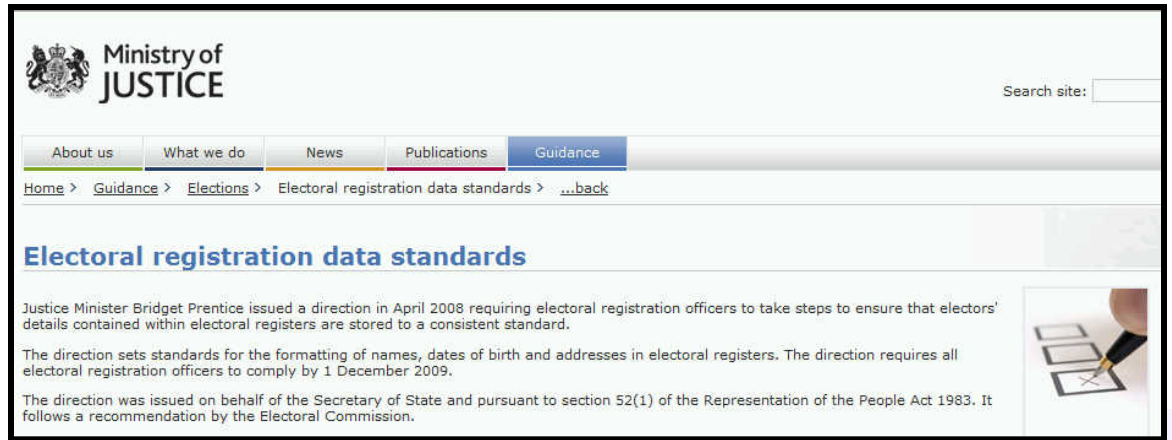
- Various SIGs – European, Public Policy,....
- Policy supporting INSPIRE since 2003
- INSPIRE seminars since 2005
- Regional groups
 - for Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Northern (England)
- Action Working Group set up 2007
- Responded to every call for comment, until 2011!
- AGI ran gigateway metadata service for until 2011
- AGI runs British Standards Committee for GI (IST/36)

gateway[®]
(ISO 19115 Metadata until 2011)

data.gov.uk



BS7666
Addressing standard was INSPIRE proposal



Keeping **INSPIREd**

- INSPIRE & Standards committee have AGI web pages
- INSPIRE AWG email alert service
- AGI news highlights important developments (inc RSS feed)
- Implementation now requires other SIGs attention:
 - System and Service Suppliers – active twitter feed
 - Local Public Services – active blog
 - Environmental
 - Marine and Coastal Mapping and Planning (jointly with IMarEST)
- Annex II & III data need inputs beyond existing AGI membership