Applying the Multi-view framework to assess National Spatial Data Infrastructures with particular focus on the Dutch SDI

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SDI characteristics that determine assessment

- Complexity of SDI
- Problematic definition
- Multi-understanding
- Many players
- Serves multiple purposes







Principles of assessing SDI

- Use multiple assessment methods and approaches;
- Do not oversimplify;
- Incorporate different views/understandings;
- Decide on the purpose of the SDI assessment: accountability, development and knowledge;
- Flexibility;







Multi-view SDI framework



Multi-view SDI framework

- Multi-view SDI assessment framework based on NSDI as CAS reasoning.
- Characteristics
 - several assessment approaches
 - flexible (extensible)
 - multiple methods
 - reduced bias
 - full picture of SDI performance
 - multiple purposes of assessment







Multi-purpose

Link purpose to type of view (approach):

- State of Play accountability, developmental;
- SDI readiness knowledge, developmental;
- Organizational developmental;
- Clearinghouse suitability accountability, developmental;





Countries sampled

Questionnaire distributed to SDI-coordinators (including questions relating to the views)

• Brazil

• Norway

• Nepal

• Spain

- Canada
- Chile
- Colombia
- Cuba
- Denmark
- Ecuador
- Mexico

- The Netherlands
- Uruguay
- USA





Clearinghouse suitability view

- Examination of the developments of the existing national spatial data clearinghouses around the world
- Focus on a systematic description of 15 clearinghouse characteristics described by Crompvoets et al. (2004).



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Clearinghouse suitability view

Clearinghouse characteristics measured:

- 1) Number of data suppliers;
- 2) Monthly number of visitors;
- 3) Number of web references (Google);
- 4) Languages used;
- 5) Frequency of web updates;
- 6) Level of (meta)data accessibility;
- 7) Number of datasets;
- 8) Most recently produced dataset;
- 9) (De)centralised network architecture;
- 10) Availability of view (web mapping) services;
- 11) Mechanisms for searching;
- 12) Use of maps for searching;
- 13) Registration-only access;
- 14) Funding continuity, and
- 15) Metadata-standard applied.





Clearinghouse suitability view



Clearinghouse suitability per country

Organizational view

- Intention to identify, describe and compare the current status of the organizational aspects of the NSDI
- Assessment of characteristics of institutional components:
 - leadership
 - vision
 - communication channels
 - self organising ability of sector
- Four stages of development
 - Stand-alone (stage 1)
 - Exchange (stage 2)
 - Intermediary (stage 3)
 - Network (stage 4)





Organizational view

Stage	Stand- alone	Exchange	Intermediary	Network
Aspect				
Leadership		l	VI	II
Vision	l	V		
Communication		II	VI	l
Self-organising ability		l	VI	II



Organizational view







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State of Play view

- State of Play of SDIs in Europe performed by the Spatial Applications Division of K.U. Leuven (Vandenbroucke)
- Assessment refers to the items that relate to a number of organizational issues and to the six generic components of an SDI (GSDI-Cookbook) + Thematic environmental data
 - Organizational aspects
 - Legal Framework and Funding Mechanism,
 - Spatial data,
 - Metadata,
 - Access and other Services,
 - Standards,
 - and Thematic environmental data





State of Play view

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State of Play view

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State of Play approach

Values calculated without statements 4, 5, 6.

SDI-readiness index view

SDI readiness index is defined as the degree to which a country is prepared to deliver its geographical information in a community.

Aspects:

- organizational
- information
- access network
- human resources
- financial resources







SDI-readiness index view

Integrating factors from several points of view:

- organizational (vision, institutional framework, legal framework);
- information (digital cartography availability, metadata availability);
- access network and technology (communication infrastructure, web connectivity, availability of commercial or inhouse spatially-related software, use of open source service);
- human resources (human capital, Culture/Education on SDI culture, individual leadership), and
- *financial resources* (government funding, funding by means of cost recovery, private and enterprise sector funding).





SDI readiness view results



Results per country

Assessment view Country		Clearinghouse view	Organizational view	<u>SoP view</u>	SDI readiness view		
Brasil		No data	On average	Below average	On Average		
Canada Chile		Above average	Above average	Above average	Above average		
		Below average	On average	Below average	On average		
Colombia		Above average	Above average	Above average	Above average		
	Cuba	Below average	On average	On average	Below average		
Ecuador		Below average	On average	On average	Below average		
	Spain	Above average	On average	Above average	Above average		
Mexico		Above average	On average	Above average	On average		
Uruguay		Below average	Below average	Below average	On average		
1	The Netherlands	Below average	On average	On average	On average		
Norway		On average	On average	Above average	Above average		
	Denmark	Around average	On average	On average	Above average		
	Nepal	Below average	Below average	Below average	Below average		
	JSA (Minnesota state)	Above average	On average	Below average	No data		

Results

- Canadian, Colombian and Spanish SDIs in each assessment view performs relatively better than others
- Nepalese SDI in each assessment view performs relatively worse than others.
- Differences between approaches results, but not very high





Results

SDI readiness view vs. Clearinghouse suitability view

- Correlation coefficient = 0,69
- SDI readiness view vs. State of Play view
 - Correlation coefficient = 0,54
- SDI clearinghouse suitability view vs. State of Play view
 - Correlation coefficient = 0,44

Different views are not highly correlated which means that they measure different aspects of SDI (are not redundant)





Conclusions

- Multi-view assessment framework shows broader picture of each country SDI
- This allows for more objective and less biased NSDI assessment
- Multi-view framework application will be continued using more than 4 assessment views, using experts that evaluate a selective number SDIs, and sampling more countries.





Conclusions/Recommendations

- Assessment cannot be too simple
- ...but must be simple enough to be applicable
- Use more than one method/approach
- Make assessment not to punish but to help
- Use the results in a proper way







GIDEON - Vision and implementation strategy

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Objectives (2008-2011):

- Geo-information accessible for citizens and private sector;
- Private sector is able to create economic added value;
- Integrated use of geo-information by the public sector;
 - Continues and ongoing development and innovation.



Implementation strategies

Embedding geo in e-Government

Legal geo basic registers

INSPIRE implementation

Supply optimization

Cooperation/Connection

Value adding

Knowledge, innovation and education



Monitoring and implementation

Current Status GIDEON: adopted by GI council and send by the Minister to the parliament (2 June).

Monitoring and implementation under discussion:

- Progress monitoring and reporting to GI council and parliament;
- Communication and promotion of GIDEON in geo-sector and to establish links to other (ICT) initiatives;
- Observe ongoing developments and identify bottlenecks (proactive);
- Support and facilitate the implementation for stakeholders.

Challenge: Use multi-view framework to facilitate the monitoring of GIDEON – under discussion.





Questions?

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