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INSPIRE – a burden or a gift

Member states experiences and views

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Thank you for the invitation

Outline

- INSPIRE is a common task and we must all deal with it
- How do we see it in the MS - Same, same but different?
- The dream, the nightmare and reality
- What are the challenges
- What are the benefits
- How can we move forward in a valuable way?

7 years with INSPIRE

- Evaluation and lessons learnt
- How do we look upon INSPIRE in the MS?
- What do we want on the road ahead?
- Are we at a crucial crossroads?

What does it mean to be at a crossroads?

It is easy to choose the road if you know were you´re going

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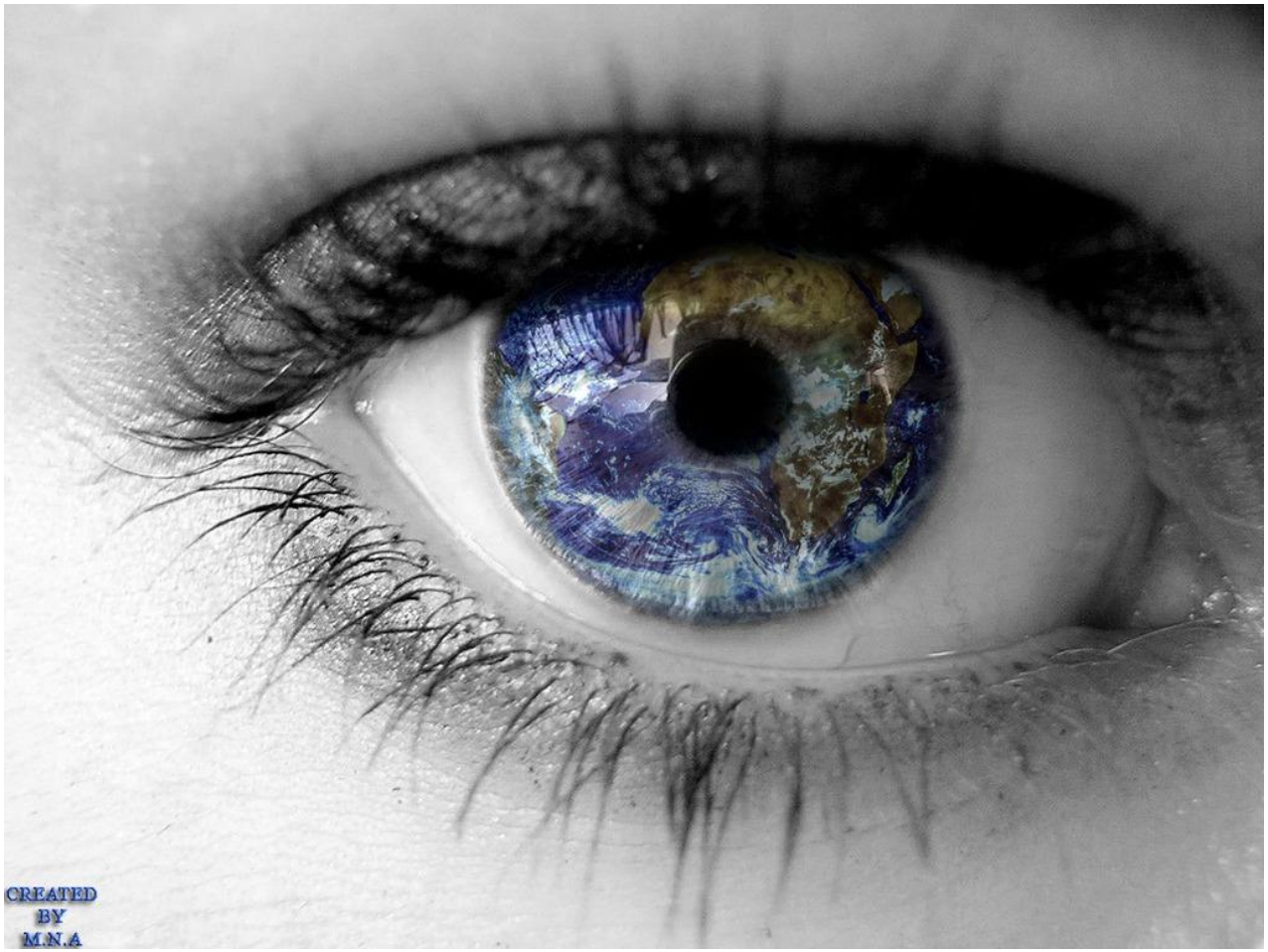
EU COMMISSION !

Are we seeing the same things…?



3 questions in June

- How do you see/define the crossroads that INSPIRE are facing?
- Seven years from now - where do you see INSPIRE? (you are allowed to dream :))
- What is the biggest obstacles in achieving YOUR INSPIRE goal?

Many answers

- Many very interesting and valuable thoughts
- Not room for it all
- I have extracted and condensed

- You are not alone!

I expected to se this…

But……

Common view

- There were a common view on the task we all have
- A common view on the overall direction
- A common view on the challenges

So….are we at a crossroads?

The MS said…..INSPIRE….

- Prove value and usefulness or a dead end road
- Use it - major stakeholder should show the way
- Compliance and complexity v. usability
- Out of SDI silo and face the users
- Value on national, regional and EU level
- New challenges and a fast going world
- Do we need to change strategies?

A wake up call

7 years from now - the dream

- A complete , homogeneous pan-European SDI
- Widely used for decision making
- EU-reporting directives supported by INSPIRE
- No more double work
- INSPIRE integrated into eGov and
  - “Digital Agenda for Europe - Pillar II: Interoperability and Standards”
- Available for everyone free of charge

…and the nightmare

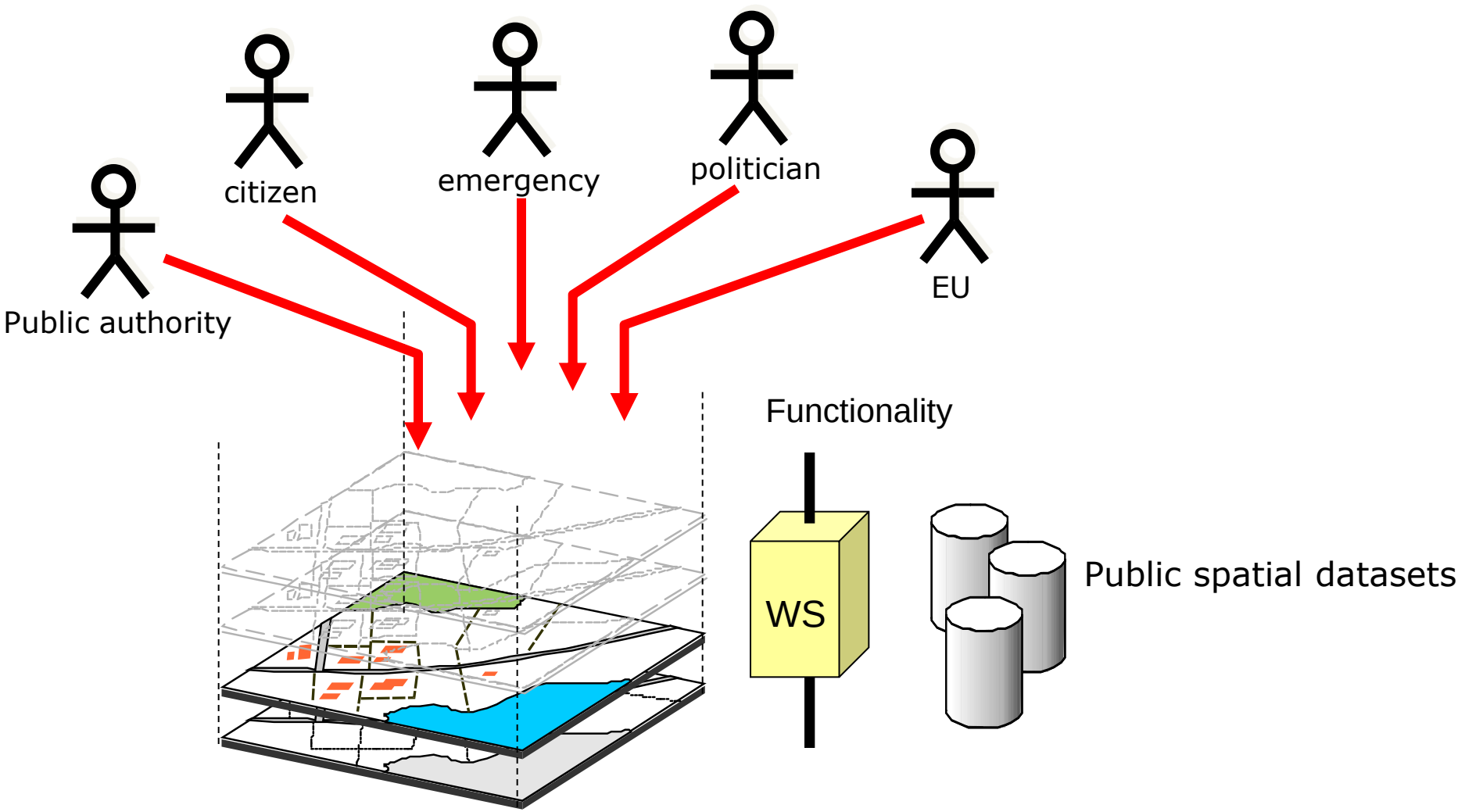
- We still have no costumers and no tangible use cases
  - No reason for harmonization and creating interoperability
- No budget – no action
  - Costly data harmonization
- Larger and larger SDI discontinuity within EU
- No one will care for INSPIRE in 7 years

The reality……..INSPIRE is good for you

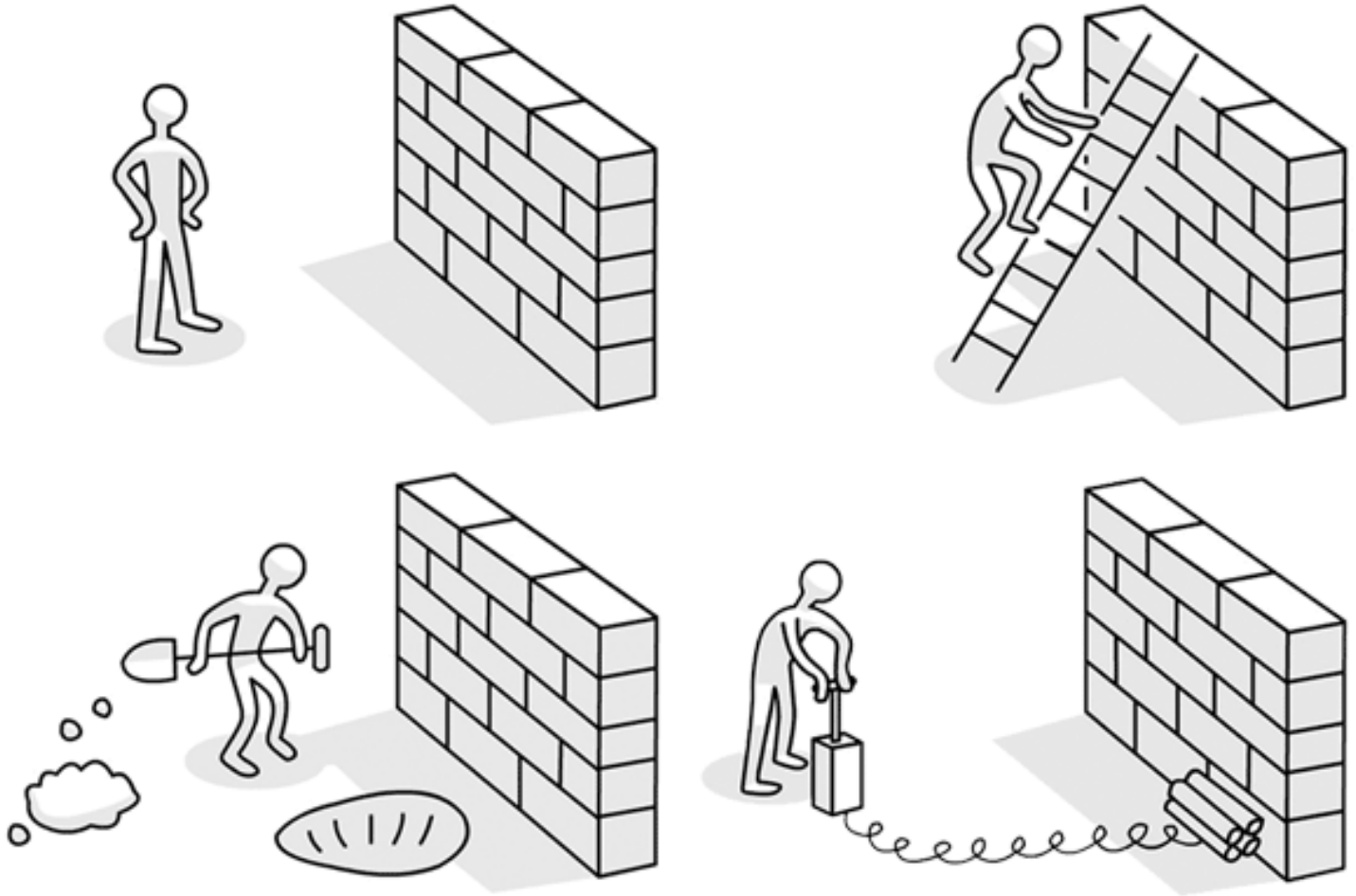
We cannot afford

- Parallel infrastructures
- Gather the same data over and over again
- Sub optimizing and silo-thinking
- INSPIRE is about cross border sharing
  - National borders
  - Administrative borders
  - Sector borders
- And that makes sense….

The concept – a shared information window



Obstacles and challenges



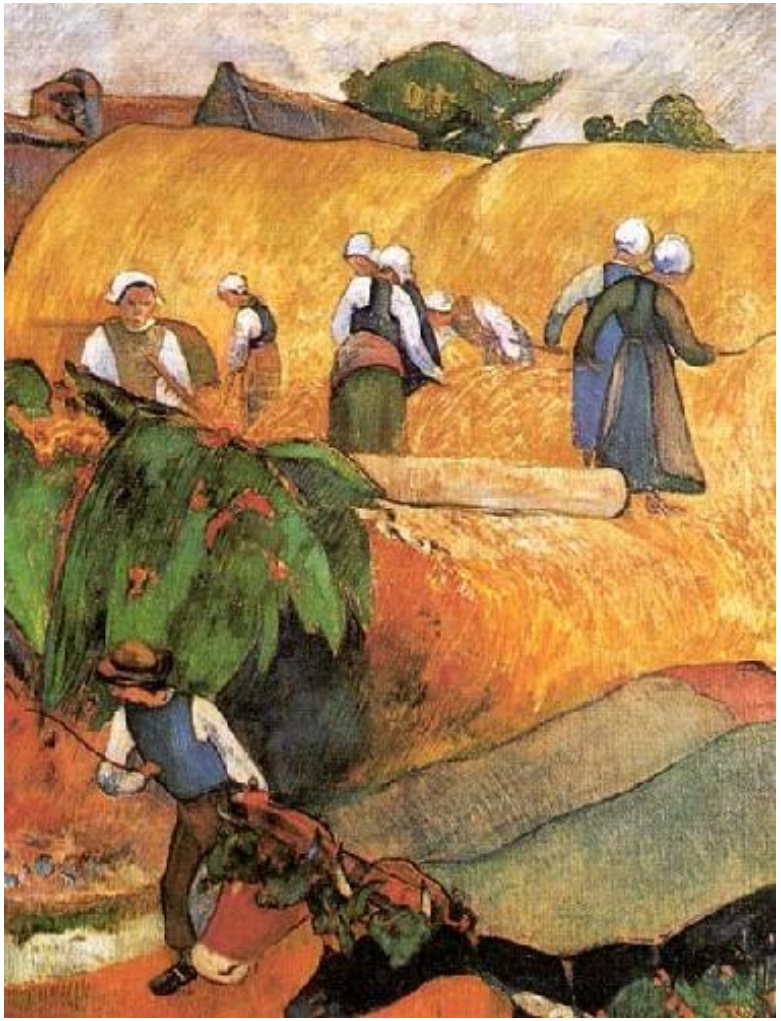
Obstacles to cross or deviate..

- Finance, budget, funding
- Complexity – to high and to expensive and difficult to implement
- Distance to the users – no needs – no requirements
- Harmonisation and streamlining of reporting obligations
- Missing use cases towards the non GI community
- Governance – agreements, licensing…..
- Lack of political support
- Poor involvement of local level
- We need the use cases and Business Cases – now!

But before we go and shoot ourselves and bury INSPIRE

- We share the same dream and we have the possibility to make it come true
- There are already benefits
- There´s more than one possible road to choose

Benefits harvested in DK



INSPIRE benefits in Denmark

- Increased awareness of the importance of Spatial information
- SDI in the common public digitization strategy
- Acknowledge of the INSPIRE principles and framework
- A Coordination board
- eGov has embraced INSPIRE
- Open Data
- Coming up - INSPIRE supporting environmental management

But we must ride many horses at a time

A sum up

- We still have a lot to do in the MS
- Let´s go meet the users
  - From “they might need this” to “what do you need”?
- We must collaborate with other initiatives
  - On all levels!
  - Local, regional and EU
  - ISA program
- The need for results and proven benefits
  - We must collaborate on pilots and showcases
  - We need more research in Business cases and realization of benefits

Sum up

- Political support at highest level – how to make INSPIRE matter
  - Stop telling how and what – tell them why!
- The speed of changes around INSPIRE
  - We must look up from our schemas and face reality
  - We must act before we are fully compliant
- We need to open up our SDI silo and invite others to define new possibilities and user needs
  - The users are not living in our silo
  - The growth and value lies elsewhere

INSPIRE is what we make it

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