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2024

Third Working Group webinar on the revision of GeoDCAT-AP

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Agenda



Introduction



GeoDCAT-AP issues



Codelists



Guest speakers: National experience



Next steps

Workshop practicalities

Audio

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Chat

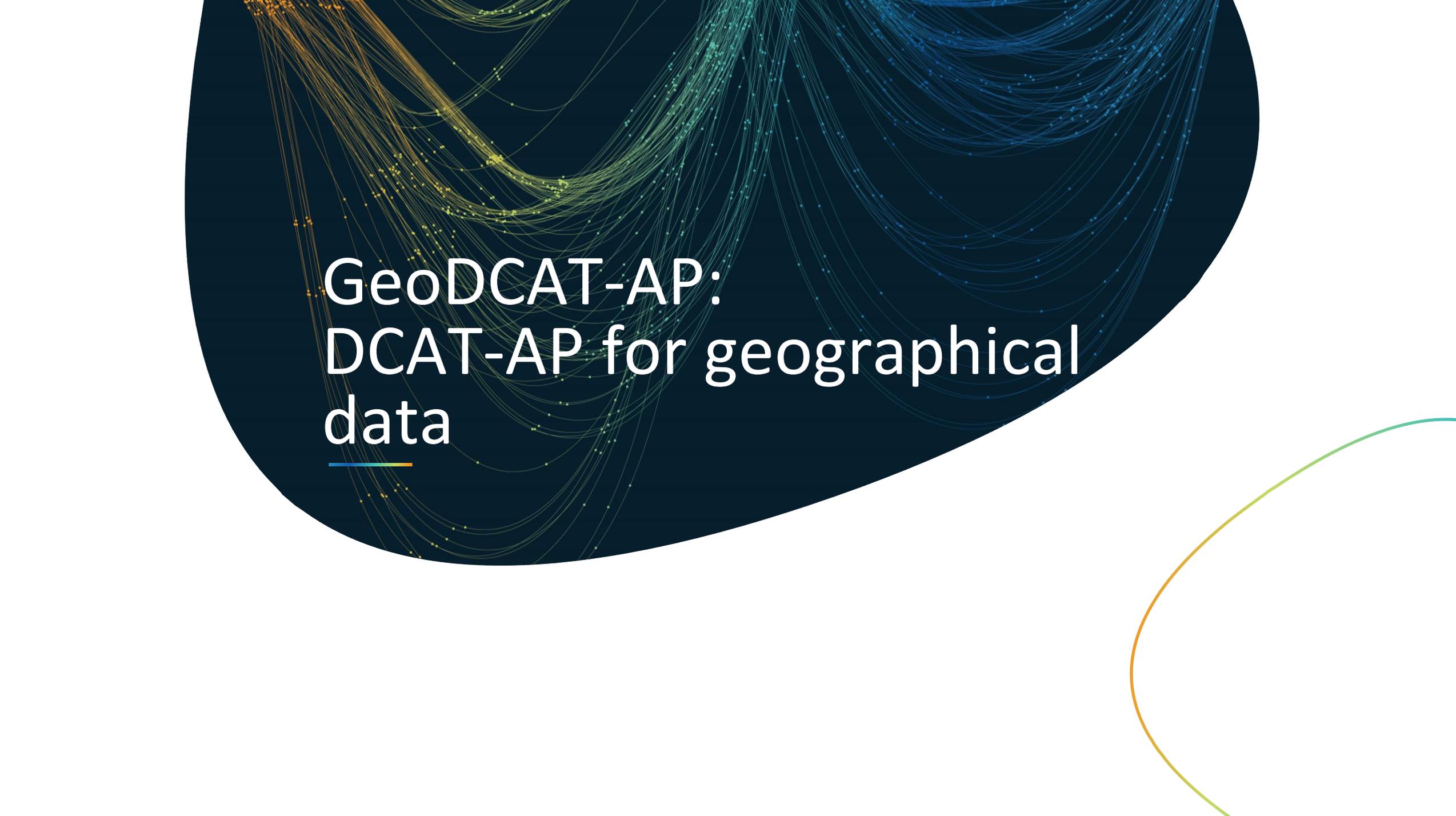
You can also share your questions for the Q&A session via the chat



Recording

The workshop will be recorded

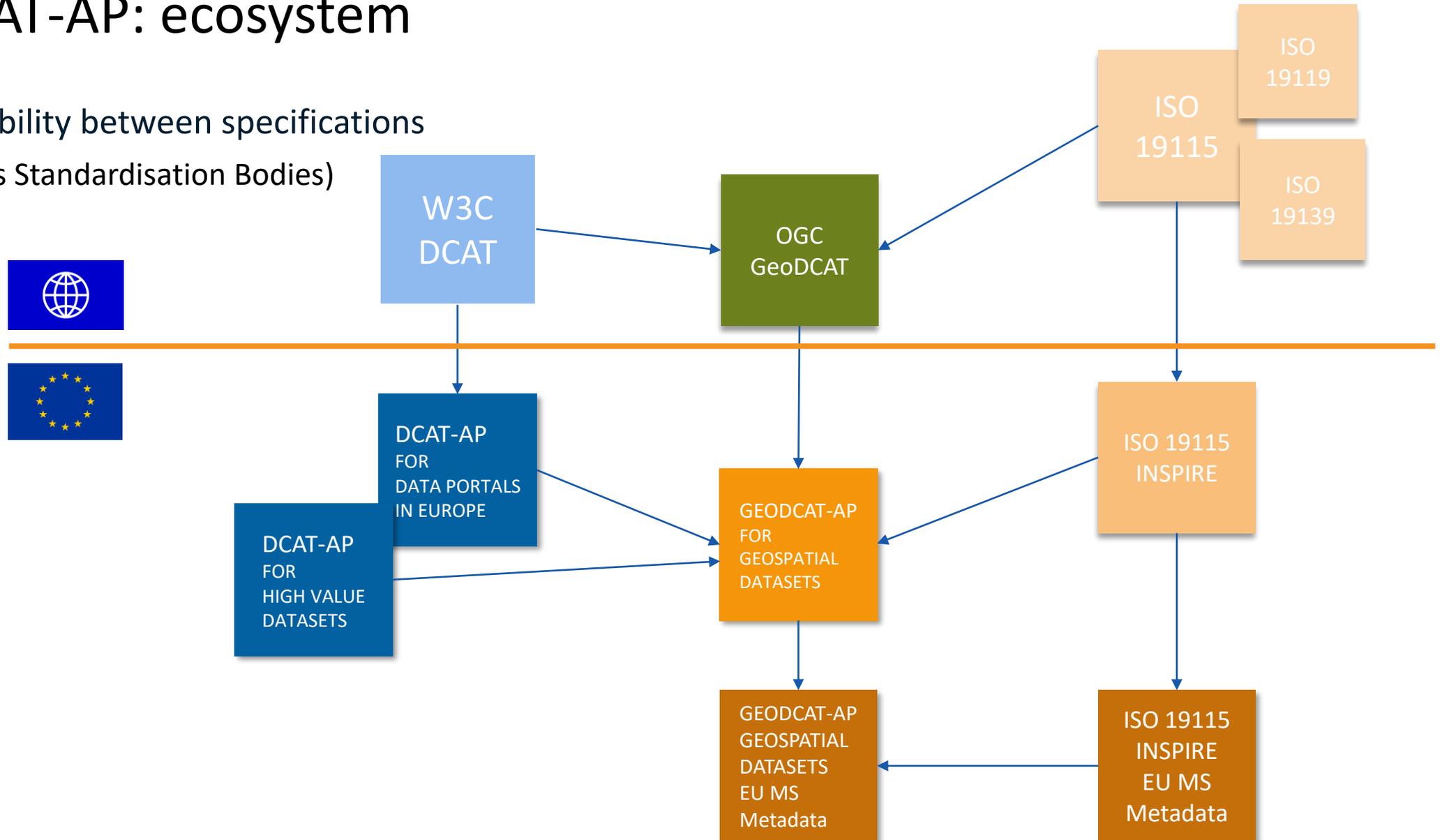




GeoDCAT-AP:
DCAT-AP for geographical
data

GeoDCAT-AP: ecosystem

Interoperability between specifications
(even across Standardisation Bodies)





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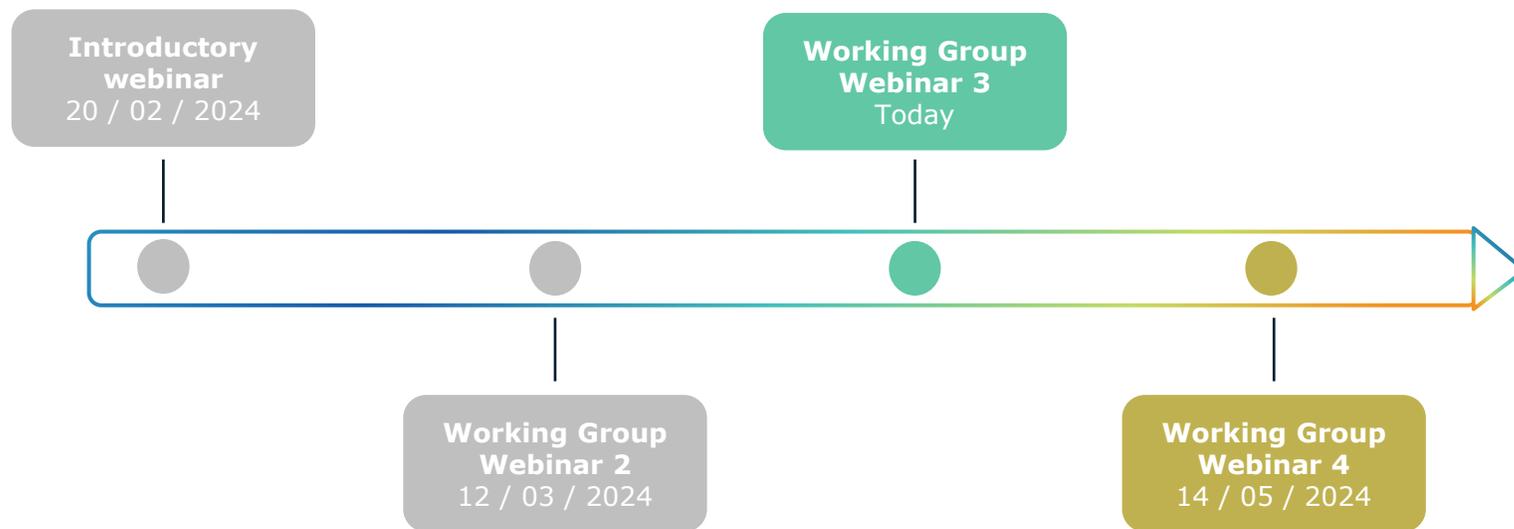
- 128th OGC member meeting 27 Mar 2024: progress report during SWG
- Content wise limited progress: additional hands are welcome
- SWG core team considers organising hands-on workshops in the autumn
- Continued collaboration between OGC GeoDCAT SWG and SEMIC & JRC



GeoDCAT-AP 3.0.0
revision plan



GeoDCAT-AP Timeline



GeoDCAT-AP 3.0.0: revision plan

Revision on-going in <https://github.com/SEMICeu/GeoDCAT-AP/issues>

Working Group Webinar 2 - Concerning generic organisation & findability (12/03/2024)

- Datasets, Distributions and their relationships
- Categories (alignment with DCAT-AP 3.0): keywords, categories, themes

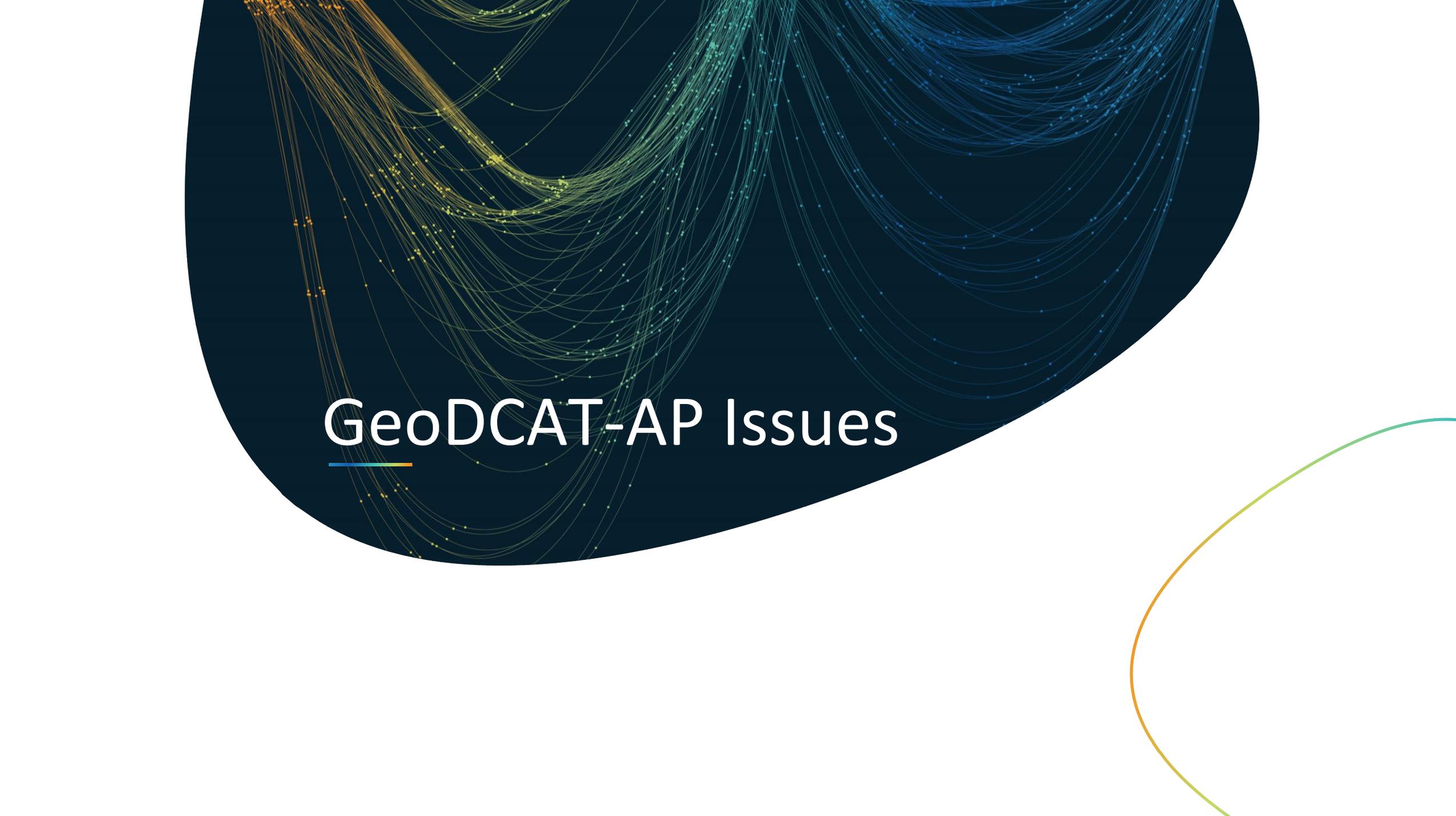
Working Group Webinar 3 – specific geo-aspects (today)

- Geospatial coverage & resolution
- Guest speakers on existing implementation of GeoDCAT-AP

Working Group Webinar 4 – relationship with INSPIRE (14/05/2024)

- Discussion on Codelists
- HVD and remaining issues
- GeoDCAT-AP related tools: XSLT

We are interested in which issues you are facing and we encourage you to post them as issues on the [GeoDCAT-AP GitHub repository](#).



GeoDCAT-AP Issues

Currently 57 issues

- 25x resolution provided
- 3x to be discussed today
- 3x to be re-discussed today
- 6x scheduled for May webinar
- 5x Flanders GeoDCAT-AP implementation experience
- 14x other issues
 - 3x editorial
 - 4x straight-forward DCAT-AP 3.0 alignment
 - 1x alignment with INSPIRE
 - 6x feedback requested
 - Will be closed unless feedback received

<https://github.com/SEMICeu/GeoDCAT-AP/issues>

51 Open ✓ 29 Closed

Author ▾ Label ▾ Projects ▾ Milestones ▾ Assignee ▾ Sort ▾

- ☉ Revise usage of Licenses and Rights release:3.0.0 type:improvement webinar:2024-05
#113 opened on Mar 8 by jakubklimek
- ☉ Relation of various Agent classes used throughout the specification next-webinar release:3.0.0 status:resolution-provided type:improvement webinar:2024-04-23
#112 opened on Mar 8 by jakubklimek
- ☉ Improve notes on using embedded objects vs. references feedback-requested release:3.0.0 status:postponed type:improvement webinar:2024-03-12
#111 opened on Mar 8 by jakubklimek
- ☉ Remove example for Media Type as it is confusing next-webinar release:3.0.0 status:resolution-provided type:improvement webinar:2024-04-23
#110 opened on Mar 8 by jakubklimek
- ☉ Required / Recommended properties of supporting classes feedback-requested release:3.0.0 status:postponed type:improvement webinar:2024-03-12
#109 opened on Mar 8 by jakubklimek
- ☉ Change `rdfs:label` to `dct:description` for representation of potentially long texts release:3.0.0 status:resolution-provided type:improvement webinar:2024-03-12
#108 opened on Mar 8 by jakubklimek
- ☉ Clarify the meaning of multiple values of spatial coverage next-webinar release:3.0.0 type:improvement webinar:2024-04-23
#107 opened on Mar 8 by jakubklimek
- ☉ Clarify meaning of `DataService.language` release:3.0.0 status:resolution-provided type:improvement webinar:2024-03-12
#106 opened on Mar 8 by jakubklimek
- ☉ Split current usage notes into definitions and usage notes as in DCAT-AP alignment:dcat-ap-3.0 next-webinar release:3.0.0 status:resolution-provided type:editorial webinar:2024-04-23
#105 opened on Mar 8 by jakubklimek
- ☉ Geographic name optional, yet `1..n` next-webinar release:3.0.0 status:resolution-provided type:bug webinar:2024-04-23
#104 opened on Mar 6 by jakubklimek
- ☉ Multiple character encodings for Catalogue Record next-webinar release:3.0.0 status:resolution-provided type:bug webinar:2024-04-23
#103 opened on Mar 6 by jakubklimek

GEODCAT-AP FOR GEOSPATIAL DATASETS



Issue types and their handling

1. Regular issues to be discussed and/or voted on (👍 👎) during webinars

webinar:2024-05-14

- Use the `webinar:<webinar-date>` label
 - 2024-03-12
 - 2024-04-23
 - 2024-05-14

2. Minor issues to be discussed and/or voted on (👍 👎) in GitHub

webinar:2024-05-14

status:resolution-proposed

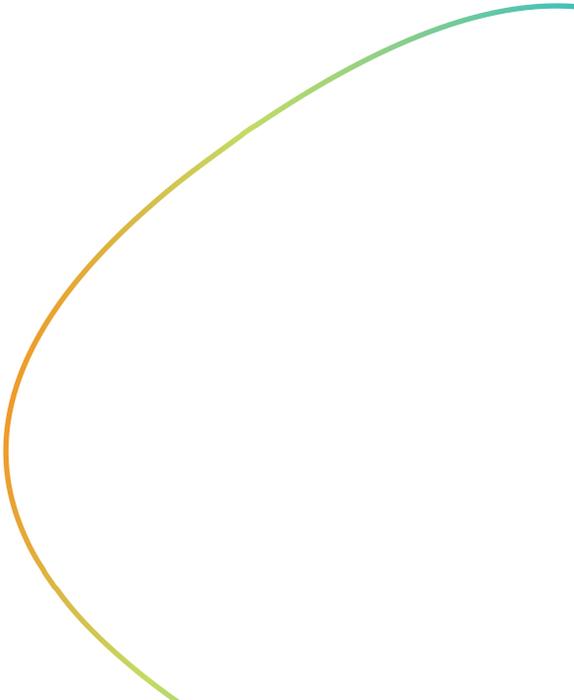
- Listed in webinar slides
- To be resolved before the indicated webinar
- To be escalated to regular issues in case of bigger discussion



<https://github.com/SEMICeu/GeoDCAT-AP/issues>



Specific geospatial aspects



Relation of spatial resolution on Dataset, Distribution and Data Service (#100)

Description

Spatial resolution – optional property on Dataset, Distribution, Data Service.

What are the relations of spatial resolution specifications on these classes?

+spatial
resolution

dqv:hasQualityMeasurement

dqv:QualityMeasurement

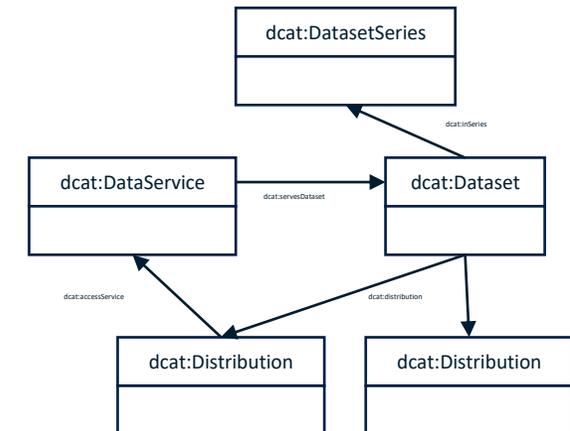
Refers to the performed quality measurements.

In GeoDCAT-AP, this property is used to specify "spatial resolution", as defined in [\[INSPIRE-MD-REG\]](#), [\[ISO-19115\]](#), and [\[ISO-19115-1\]](#).

0..n

Questions

1. Can a Distribution have a different spatial resolution than the Dataset?
 1. If no, why do we need the property both on a Dataset and a Distribution?
 2. If yes
 1. Should all Distributions of a Dataset have the same spatial resolution as the Dataset?
 2. Should the Dataset be tagged by all the different spatial resolutions found in its Distributions?
2. Do all datasets served by a Data Service have the same spatial resolution as the Data Service?



Clarifying the meaning of multiple values of spatial coverage ([#107](#))

Description

With multiple values for spatial coverage are allowed e.g. for a dataset, it may not be clear enough, what the interpretation of those multiple values should be based on the current usage note:

spatial / geographic
coverage

`dct:spatial`

`dct:Location`

This property refers to a geographic region that is covered
by the Dataset.

0..n

Examples

Possible spatial expressions

```
<ds> dct:spatial _:Belgium .
```

```
<ds> dct:spatial _:Brussels .
```

```
<ds> dct:spatial _:Antwerp .
```

Different ways of representation. What does this mean?

```
<ds> dct:spatial _:Belgium .
```

```
<ds> dct:spatial [ dct:identifier _:Brussels ] .
```

```
<ds> dct:spatial [ skos:prefLabel "Antwerp"@en ] .
```

```
<ds> dct:spatial [ dcat:bbox ""{ "type": "Polygon", "coordinates": [[  
    [ 2.345693352852237, 51.705922095507674 ],  
    [ 2.345693352852237, 49.478466262366766 ],  
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    [ 2.345693352852237, 51.705922095507674 ]  
]]}""^^
```

```
<http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#geoJSONLiteral>
```

```
]
```

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This property refers to a geographic region that is covered
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0..n

Proposition

Explicitly say in a usage note that:

“when multiple values are used for spatial coverage, this may be interpreted as a spatial union, or as alternative representations of spatial coverage that might fit, with no explicit spatial relation”

to give guidance to implementers as to how to treat the multiple values of spatial coverage.

Clarifying the meaning of multiple values of spatial coverage ([#96](#))

Description

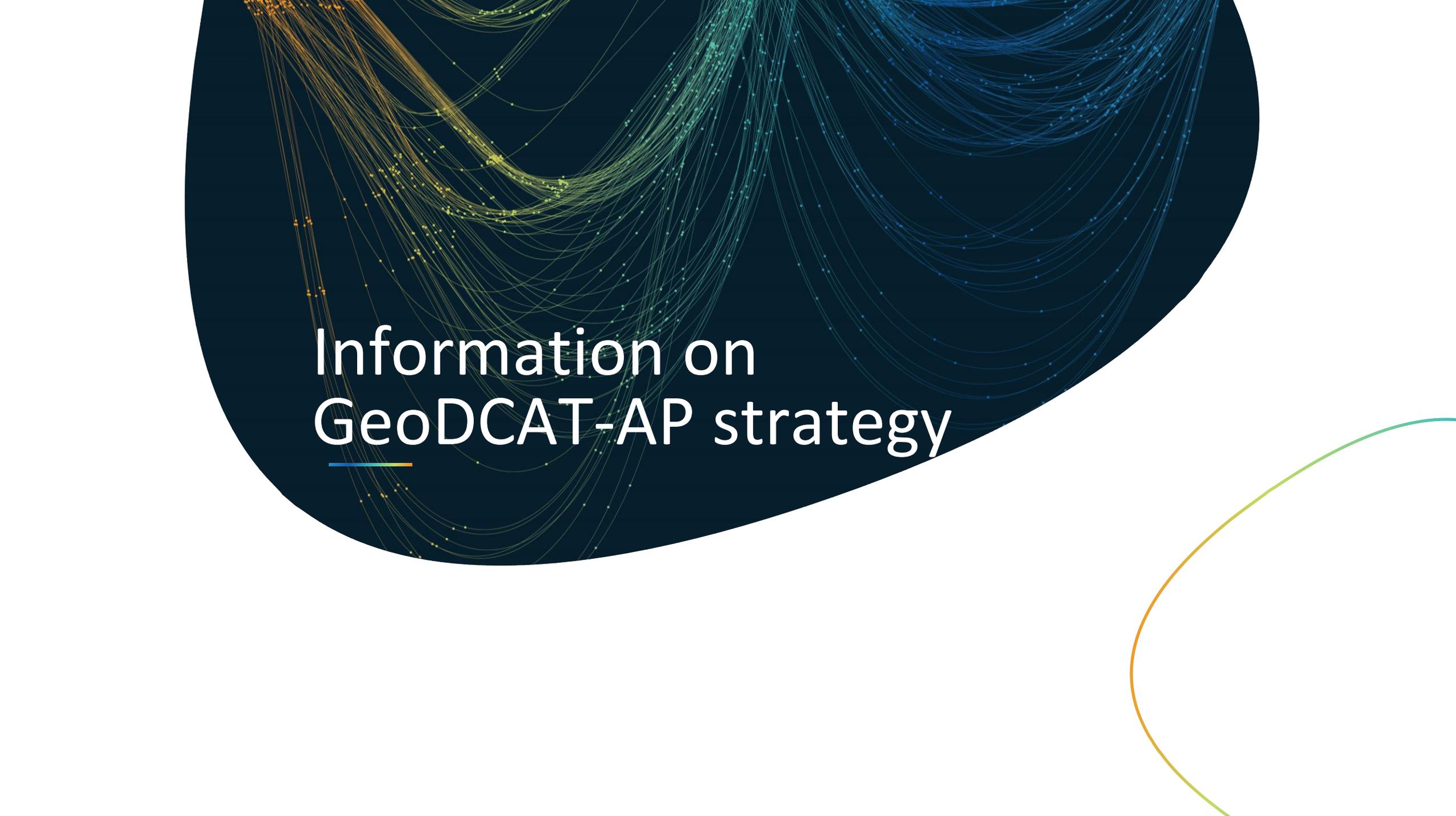
The meaning of having multiple spatial / geographic coverages specified on one Data Service may not be clear enough.

+spatial / geographic coverage	<code>dct:spatial</code>	<code>dct:Location</code>	This property refers to a geographic region that is covered by the Data Service.	0..n
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Proposition

Explicitly say in a usage note that:

“If the Data Service provides access to multiple Datasets, then this will be the union of the spatial coverages of these Datasets.”



Information on GeoDCAT-AP strategy

Use case implementation strategy: abstraction vs precise

Abstraction/Aggregation

```
_:d dct:subject codelist1:a.  
_:d dct:subject codelist2:x1.
```

property	definition	Card
subject	A topic of the resource.	1..n

- + One property to implement.
- Label and definition are very abstract.
- Cardinality constraints unclear, certainly in combination with codelists.
- Extensive usage notes needed to explain the semantics.

Precise

```
_:d ex:subject1 codelist1:a.  
_:d ex:subject2 codelist2:x1.
```

```
ex:subject1 rdfs:subPropertyOf dct:subject.  
ex:subject2 rdfs:subPropertyOf dct:subject.
```

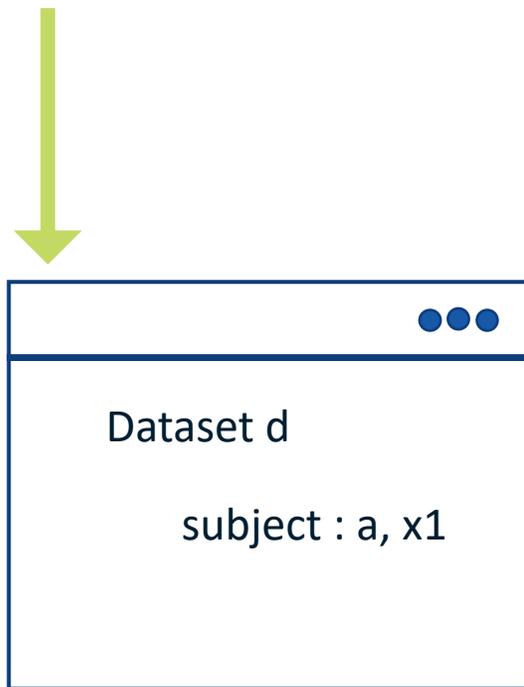
property	definition	Card
subject1	A category defined by System1	1..n
subject2	A topic defined according legislation A	1..n

- For each case a specific property to implement.
- + Label and definition are very precise.
- + Cardinality constraints unambiguous.
- + In case of codelists the usage note is simpler.
- + Automation of constraint generation in artifacts is simpler.

Use case implementation strategy: abstraction vs precise

Abstraction/Aggregation

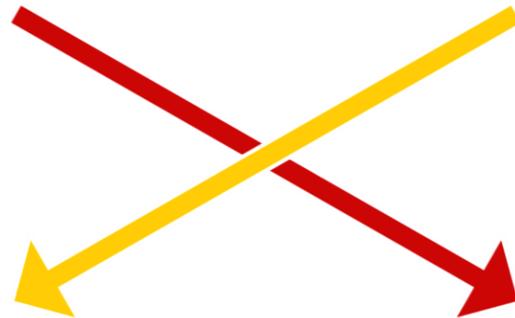
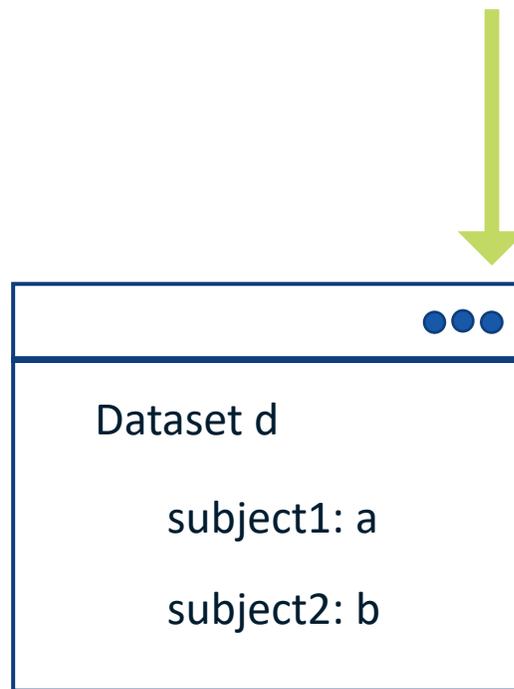
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```



Precise

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```



Implementation effort:

- **Green** = specification and visualisation are identical.
- **Orange** = visualisation can be automatically derived from the specification, specification provides a default approach by information of subproperty.
- **Red** = implementers have to interpret the values to get the visualisation.

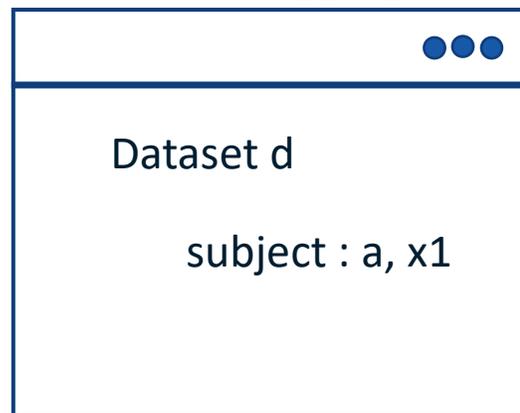
Automation

Precise to Abstraction/Aggregation

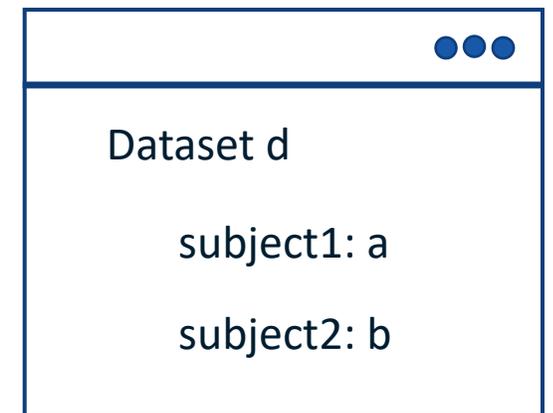
1. Export the Catalogue to RDF (GeoDCAT-AP).
2. Textually replace the subproperty with the superproperty.

```
sed -i :s/ex:subject1/dct:subject/g
```
3. Done.

Abstraction/Aggregation



Precise



Strategic decision

- Strategy 1: GeoDCAT-AP is derived from INSPIRE metadata.
 - It may aggregate and condense information from INSPIRE.
 - Doing so the conversion from GeoDCAT-AP to ISO INSPIRE is **impossible**.
- Strategy 2: Use GeoDCAT-AP natively for INSPIRE metadata.
 - It must express INSPIRE metadata as precise as possible.
 - A **two-way conversion** should be **possible**:
 - From ISO INSPIRE to GeoDCAT-AP.
 - From GeoDCAT-AP to ISO INSPIRE.

Strategic decision

Strategic Approach 1 allows abstraction implementation strategy.

Strategic Approach 2 imposes precise implementation strategy.

Design of a profile cannot be created based on a dual Strategic Strategy approach.

Future impact:

- If chosen for S.A.1 then a shift to S.A.2 is a major rewrite.
- If chosen for S.A.2 then a shift to S.A.1 can be automated.



Postponed issues from last webinar

Postponed issues from webinar 12/03

1. Ambiguous mapping of *dct:type* on Data Service ([#77](#))
2. Profile specific sub-property of *dct:subject* ([#78](#))
3. Mapping of reference system to *dct:conformsTo* ([#94](#))
 - Identical: Data Service Protocol mapped to *dct:conformsTo* ([#114](#))



Ambiguous mapping of *dct:type* on Data Service (issue [#77](#))

Description

In GeoDCAT-AP 2.0.0 *dct:type* on Data Service is used in three different contexts.

1. [service category](#) with "Classification of spatial data services" code list
2. [service type](#) with "Spatial data service types" code list
3. [type](#) with "Resource types" code list. (this one also appears in Dataset)

Motivation

- Correct assignment of usage notes, labels and required code lists rather difficult, as well as validation
- Not in line with guidelines of the SEMIC Style Guide
 - [Reuse of a property with terminological adaptations](#) or
 - [Reuse of a property with semantic adaptations](#).
- Even more problematic in a cross-profile environment - incompatible requirements can be easily made

+service category	<i>dct:type</i>	<i>skos:Concept</i>	In GeoDCAT-AP, this property <i>SHOULD</i> take as value one of the URIs of the "Classification of spatial data services" code list operated by the INSPIRE Registry [INSPIRE-SDSC] .	0..1
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+service type	<i>dct:type</i>	<i>skos:Concept</i>	In GeoDCAT-AP, this property <i>SHOULD</i> take as value one of the URIs of the "Spatial data service types" code list operated by the INSPIRE Registry [INSPIRE-SDST] .	0..1
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+type	<i>dct:type</i>	<i>skos:Concept</i>	In GeoDCAT-AP, this property <i>SHOULD</i> take as value one of the URIs of the "Resource types" code list operated by the INSPIRE Registry [INSPIRE-RT] - namely the one corresponding to "Spatial data service".	0..1
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Proposition

Introduce subproperties of *dct:type*

- `geodcat-ap:serviceCategory` for "Classification of spatial data services" code list
- `geodcat-ap:serviceType` for "Spatial data service types" code list
- `geodcat-ap:resourceType` for "Resource types" code list with the domain of `dcat:Resource` to accommodate both for Datasets and Data Services

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Reference system mapped to *dct:conformsTo* ([#94](#))

Description

The generic property `dct:conformsTo` is used in a specific context for a Reference system.
(Catalogue, Dataset, Distribution, Data Service).

Motivation

- Same as before (style-guide)

§ 4.6.3 Optional properties for Catalogue

Property	URI	Range	Usage note	Card.
+conforms to	<code>dct:conformsTo</code>	<code>dct:Standard</code>	This property refers to an implementing rule or other specification.	0..n
+reference system	<code>dct:conformsTo</code>	<code>dct:Standard</code>	This property <i>SHOULD</i> be used to specify the reference system used in the Catalogue. Spatial reference systems <i>SHOULD</i> be specified by using the corresponding URIs from the “EPSG coordinate reference systems” register operated by OGC [OGC-EPSS].	0..n

Proposition

- 1) Merge usage notes to *conforms to*, or
- 2) Introduce subproperty of `dct:conformsTo`: `geodcatap:referenceSystem`

Data Service Protocol mapped to *dct:conformsTo* ([#114](#))

Description

The generic property `dct:conformsTo` is used in a specific context for a Data Service Protocol.

Motivation

- Same as before (style-guide)

+`dct:conformsTo`

Data Service	OGC EPSG Coordinate Reference Systems	http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSSG/0/	GeoDCAT-AP extension.
Dataset	Register [OGC-EPSSG]		
Distribution			
Data Service	INSPIRE Protocol Values [INSPIRE-PV]	https://inspire.ec.europa.eu/metadata-codelist/ProtocolValue	

Proposition

- 1) Merge usage notes to *conforms to*, or
- 2) Introduce subproperty of `dct:conformsTo`: `geodcatap:dataServiceProtocol`



Minor issues

Additional issues

webinar:2024-05-14

status:resolution-proposed

1. CRS support in GeoJSON ([#6](#))

To be voted on (👍 👎) or discussed on GitHub
and resolved before the next webinar



<https://github.com/SEMICeu/GeoDCAT-AP/issues>



Resolved issues

Additional alignment with DCAT-AP 3.0

webinar:2024-04-23

status:resolution-provided

alignment:dcat-ap-3.0

1. Using dcat:landingPage also for services ([#9](#))
2. Maintenance frequency code list ([#56](#))
3. Add dcat:DatasetSeries ([#71](#))
4. Add properties for dcat:DatasetSeries ([#72](#))
5. Agent.Type definition alignment ([#85](#))
6. Distribution availability vocabulary update ([#86](#))
7. CatalogueRecord.changetype definition difference ([#87](#))
8. Checksum usage alignment ([#89](#))
9. Distribution byte size range change ([#91](#))
10. Temporal literals ([#93](#))
11. Split current usage notes into definitions and usage notes as in DCAT-AP ([#105](#))



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Minor/editorial issues

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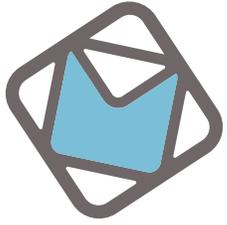
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Break



Guest speakers on their implementations



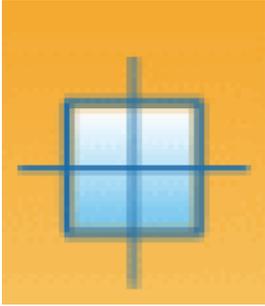
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National implementations

SEMIC GeoDCAT-AP webinar 23. April 2024

Lena Hallin-Pihlatie

National Land Survey of Finland



National Metadata Catalogue Paikkatietohakemisto

- Service provided by National Land Survey for publishing metadata for **geospatial data sets and services**
- Based on GeoNetwork
- The official discovery service of INSPIRE in Finland
- Metadata templates based on the ISO/INSPIRE metadata profiles

Paikkatietohakemisto Hae metatietoja Kirjautu sisään Suomeksi

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[Tietosuojaseloste](#)
[Saavutettavuusseloste](#)

Jos sinulla on mitä tahansa kysyttävää, ota yhteyttä metatieto@maanmittauslaitos.fi.

Hae valitun ehdon mukaan **Aiheluokka**

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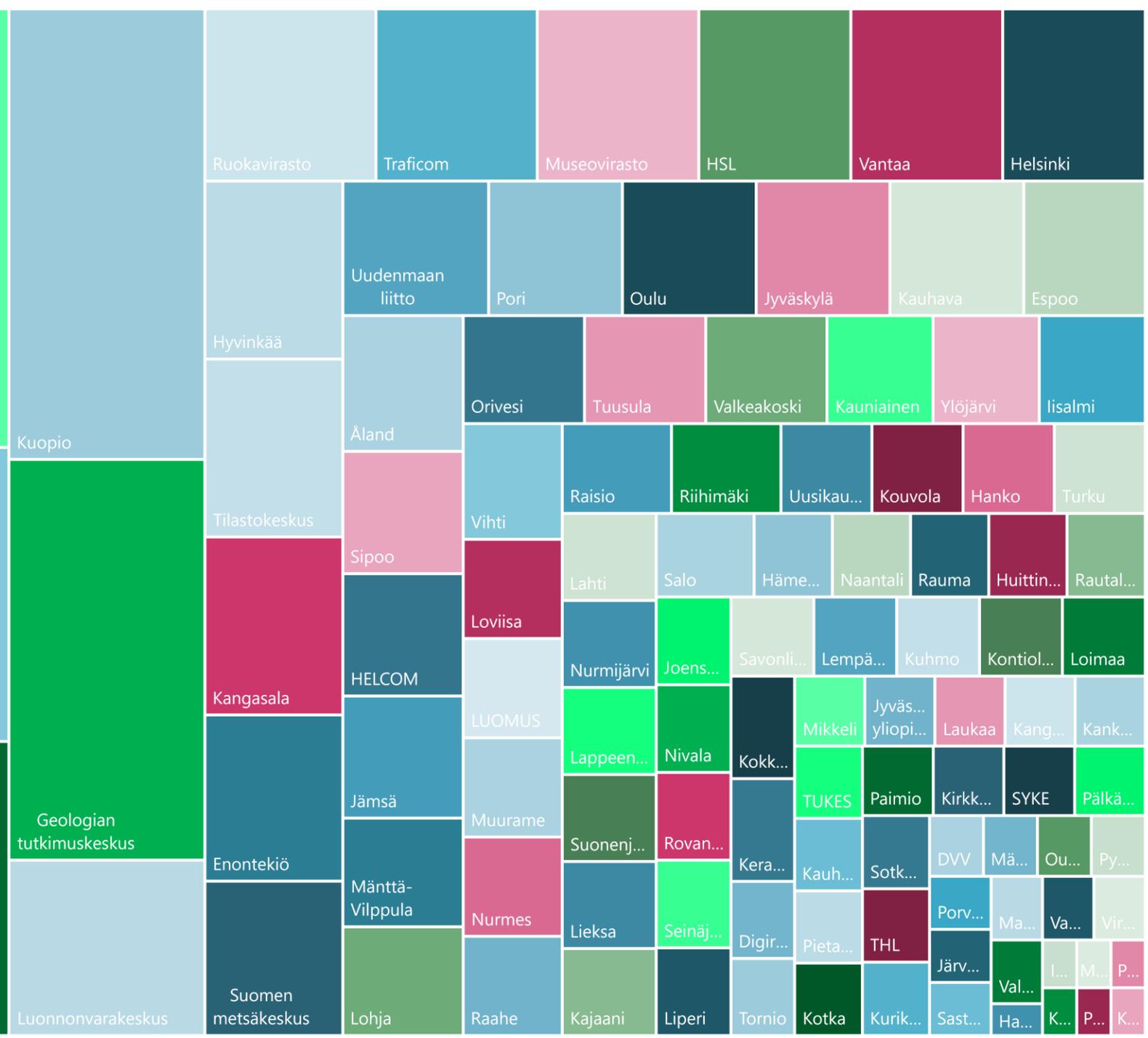
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Palvelu perustuu avoimen lähdekoodin ohjelmistoon: [GeoNetwork](#) [Github](#) [API](#)



~ 100 organisations
~ 1 800 published
metadata

~ 650 INSPIRE
~ 700 Open Data



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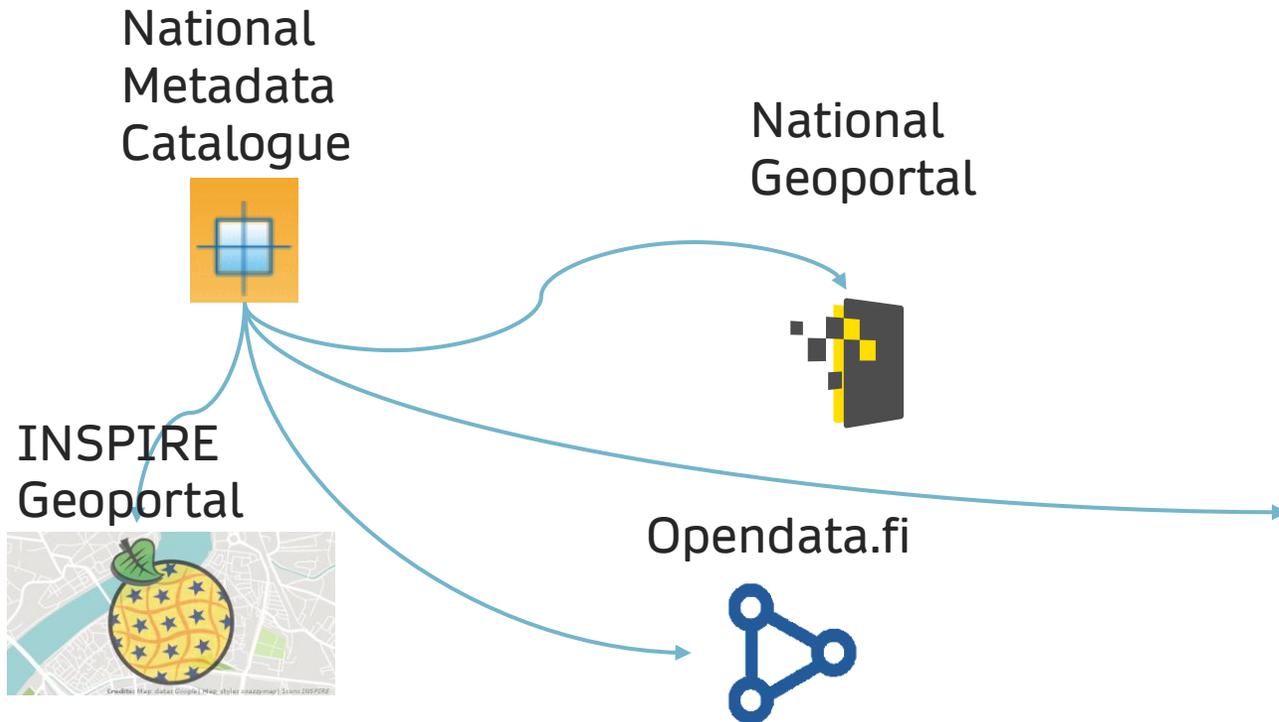
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How it works - Catalogue Service for the Web (CSW)



Product descriptions on NLS-FI web site

The screenshot shows the NLS-FI website interface. The URL is <https://www.maanmittauslaitos.fi/en/maps-and-spatial-data/datasets-and-interfaces/product-descriptions>. The page title is "Product descriptions". The content includes:

- A search bar with the text "FIND".
- Navigation links: REAL PROPERTY, APARTMENTS, MAPS AND SPATIAL DATA, RESEARCH, E-SERVICES, NEWSROOM.
- A sidebar menu with the following items:
 - + Maps
 - × Datasets and interfaces
 - Topographic data and how to acquire it
 - Product descriptions** (highlighted)
 - General information about interface services
 - + Coordinates and positioning
- Main content area:
 - Product descriptions**: The National Land Survey maintains topographic data and produces maps, aerial photos and laser scanning data from the entire country. The product descriptions present the data content of products, quality information and the formats in which data is available.
 - See our product descriptions**: Most of the products are available at downloading service in [MapSite](#).
 - Background map (raster)**: The Background map is a dataset product series in raster format that depicts the whole of Finland and that is meant for web use as a background material for thematic data. Its key objects are road names, roads and railways, buildings and constructions, administrative borders, geographical names, waterways, land use and addresses of buildings (the Digital and Population Data Services Agency).
 - Buildings 3D**

Opendata.fi

- Based on CKAN
- Operated by Finnish Digital and Population Data Services Agency (DVV)
- Opendata.fi service has created an extension to the DCAT-AP application profile recommended by the European Data Portal (EDP)

The screenshot shows the Opendata.fi website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo 'AVOINDATA.FI', a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search Suomi.fi Open Data...', and buttons for 'Log in', 'Register', and a language dropdown set to 'EN'. Below the navigation bar, there is a main header with the text 'All Finnish open data from one place'. Underneath this header, there are four statistics: 2352 Datasets, 68 APIs, 746 Publishers, and 97 Showcases. A search bar is located below these statistics with the placeholder text 'Type what you are searching for' and a 'Search' button. To the right of the search bar, there is a link for 'Use advanced search'. Below the search bar, there is a section titled 'Open data categories' which displays 16 categories with their respective icons and counts: Regions & Cities (552), Energy (32), Government & Public Sector (200), International Issues (9), Education & Sport (68), Arts, Culture & Leisure (118), Transport (476), Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry & Foods (14), Tourism & Travel (5), Justice, Legal System & Public Safety (9), Built-up areas & Infrastructure (370), Economy & Finance (155), Health (68), Science & Technology (73), Population & Society (271), and Environment & nature (423).

Metadata is harvested to Opendata.fi portal

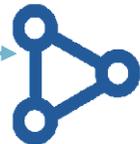
National Metadata Catalogue



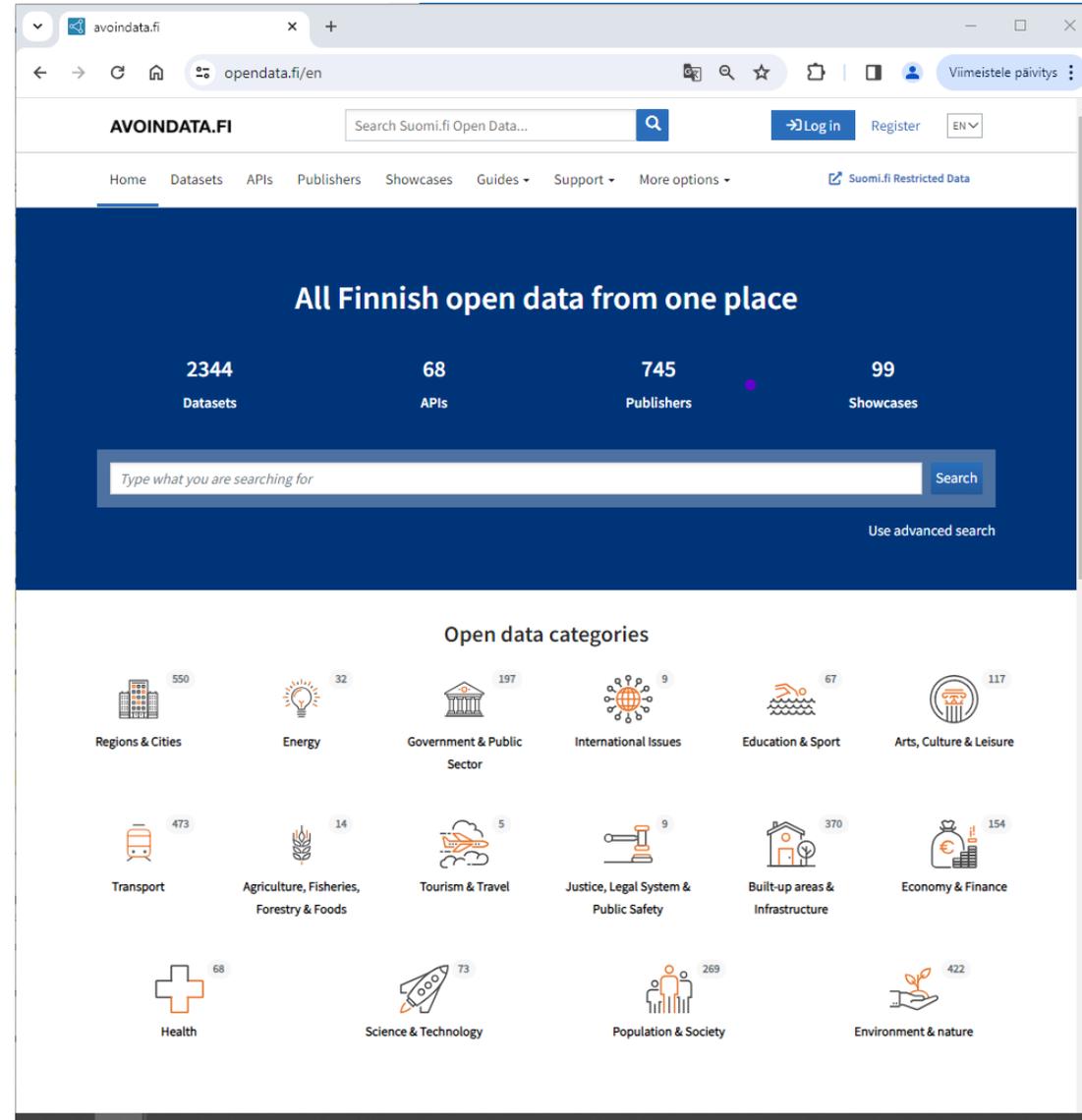
Virtual CSW interface providing metadata with Opendata.fi (Avoindata.fi) key word

Filter by license:

- CC BY 4.0 or Public domain
- Mapping to Opendata.fi DCAT-profile taking into account GeoDCAT-AP



Opendata.fi



NLS-FI & DVV: Mapping from ISO to DCAT

	Heading	Technical name	DCAT AP	Compulsory	Correspondence in ISO XML
2	Dataset title	title	dct:title	yes, in Finnish	title
3	Title in Finnish				
4	Title in Swedish				
5	Title in English				
6	URL	name	dcat:Dataset	yes	
7	Dataset description	notes	dct:description	yes, in Finnish	abstract
8					
13	Keywords	keywords	dcat:keyword	yes, in Finnish	keyword
14					
15	Keywords in Finnish Keywords in Swedish Keywords in English				
16					
17	Dataset maintainer	maintainer	dcat:contactPoint vcard:fn	yes	responsible party
18	Maintainer email	maintainer_email	dcat:contactPoint vcard:hasEmail	yes	contact email
19	Maintainer website	maintainer_website	dcat:contactPoint vcard:hasUrl	no	
20	Publisher	owner_org	dct:publisher	yes	Paikkatietohakemisto or responsible-party
21					
22	License	license_id	resurssien dct:license	yes	licence
23					

ISO/INSPIRE category (Google translate)	DCAT/Open Data topic category (Google translate)
Agricultural	Agriculture, fisheries, forestry and food
Fauna and flora	Environment and nature
Bounds/borders	Built environment and infrastructure
Climatology/meteorology/atmosphere	Environment and nature
Economic	Economy and finance
Height	Built environment and infrastructure, Environment and nature
Environment	Environment and nature
Geosciences	Environment and nature, Science and technology
Health	Health
Images/base maps/land cover	Regions and cities, Environment and nature, Built environment and infrastructure
Intelligence/defense	Law, legal system and public safety
Inland waters	Environment and nature
Location	Built environment and infrastructure
The oceans	Environment and nature
Spatial planning/real estate system	Regions and cities, Built environment and infrastructure
Society	Population and society
Structure	Regions and cities, Built environment and infrastructure
Transport	Transport
Networks/communications	Built environment and infrastructure

DEMO

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paikkatietoaineistojen ja -palvelujen kuvailut. CSW-rajapinnan kautta Paikkatietohakemistoon tallennetut kuvailut voidaan hakea esimerkiksi toisen organisaation omille www-sivuille, ja näin
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Links to the "Background map" example

- Example in XML in the National Metadata Catalogue (INSPIRE)
 - <https://www.paikkatietohakemisto.fi/geonetwork/srv/api/records/aa5d9171-1f47-4434-bd28-183ebe2117a1/formatters/xml?approved=true>
- Example in OpenData.fi [opendata.fi/opendata.fi/data/fi/dataset/taustakartta-rasteri.ttl](https://opendata.fi/data/fi/dataset/taustakartta-rasteri.ttl)
 - dcat:Dataset, dcat:Distribution, foaf:Agent ja dct:Location
- Example in European Data Portal:
 - [Background map \(raster\) - Data Europa EU](#)
 - <https://data.europa.eu/data/datasets/c897e7db-a106-4e52-9634-dc0543456ae5.ttl>

Future

- Mapping of High Value Dataset Category between the two services

- National Metadata Catalogue



- Geonetwork version update (3.12.-4.2.x)

- Opendata.fi portal



- Present version based on CKAN 2
- CKAN 3.0 update wishlist
 - Implementaion of DCAT-AP 3.0 and Geo-DCAT-AP metadata profiles

Concluding remarks

- The metadata standards of ISO contain a broad range of information
 - De facto standard and rich for describing geospatial data
- Present systems are complex and involve a vast number of metadata and data providers
 - Implementing changes take time and resources
 - Standards -> software -> uptake by data providers

Knowing the Earth – Securing the future



How GeoDCAT-AP is part of a federated ecosystem of metadata and portals in Belgium

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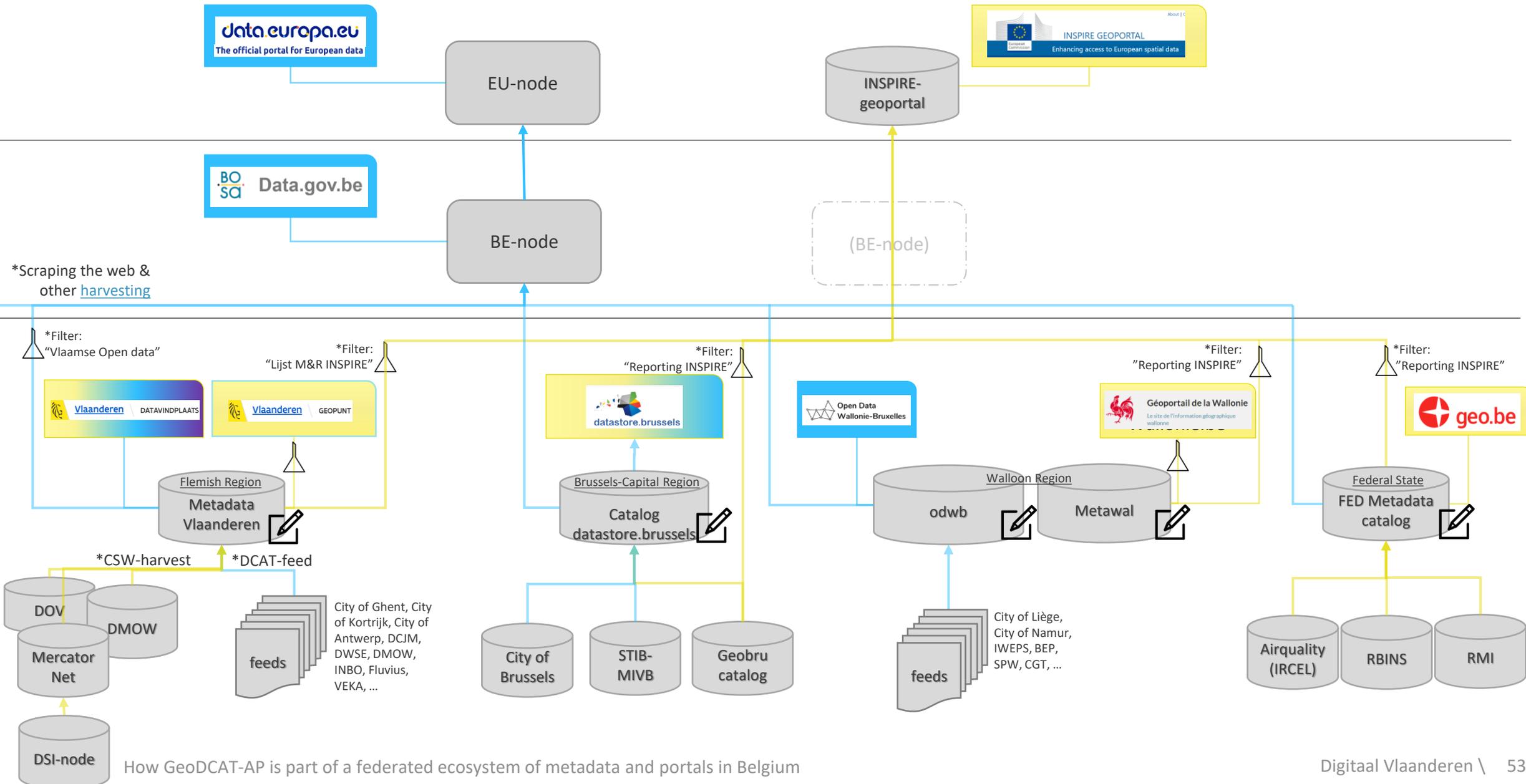


Overview on Metadata Nodes & Portals

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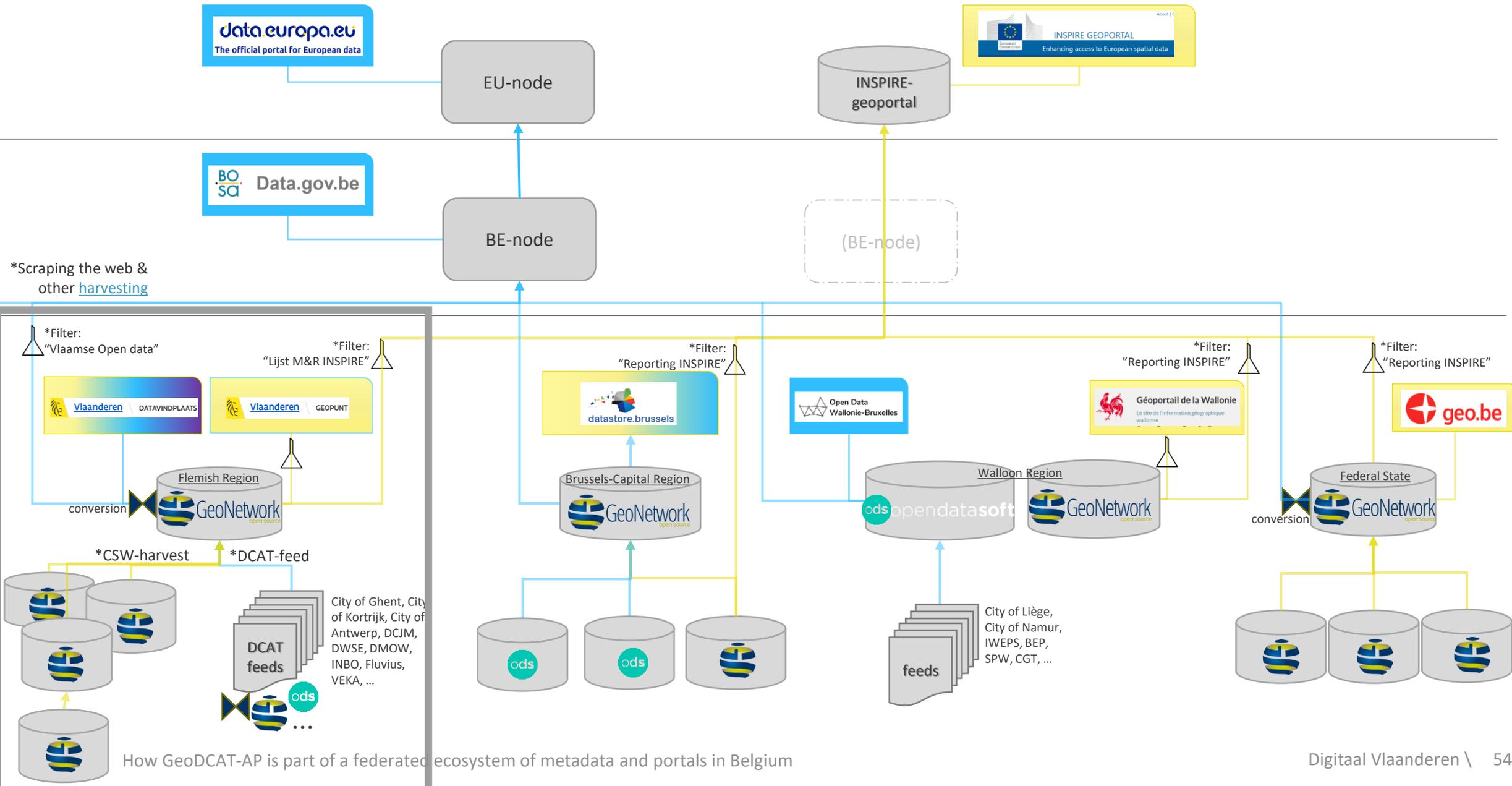
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Implementation of Metadata Nodes & Portals

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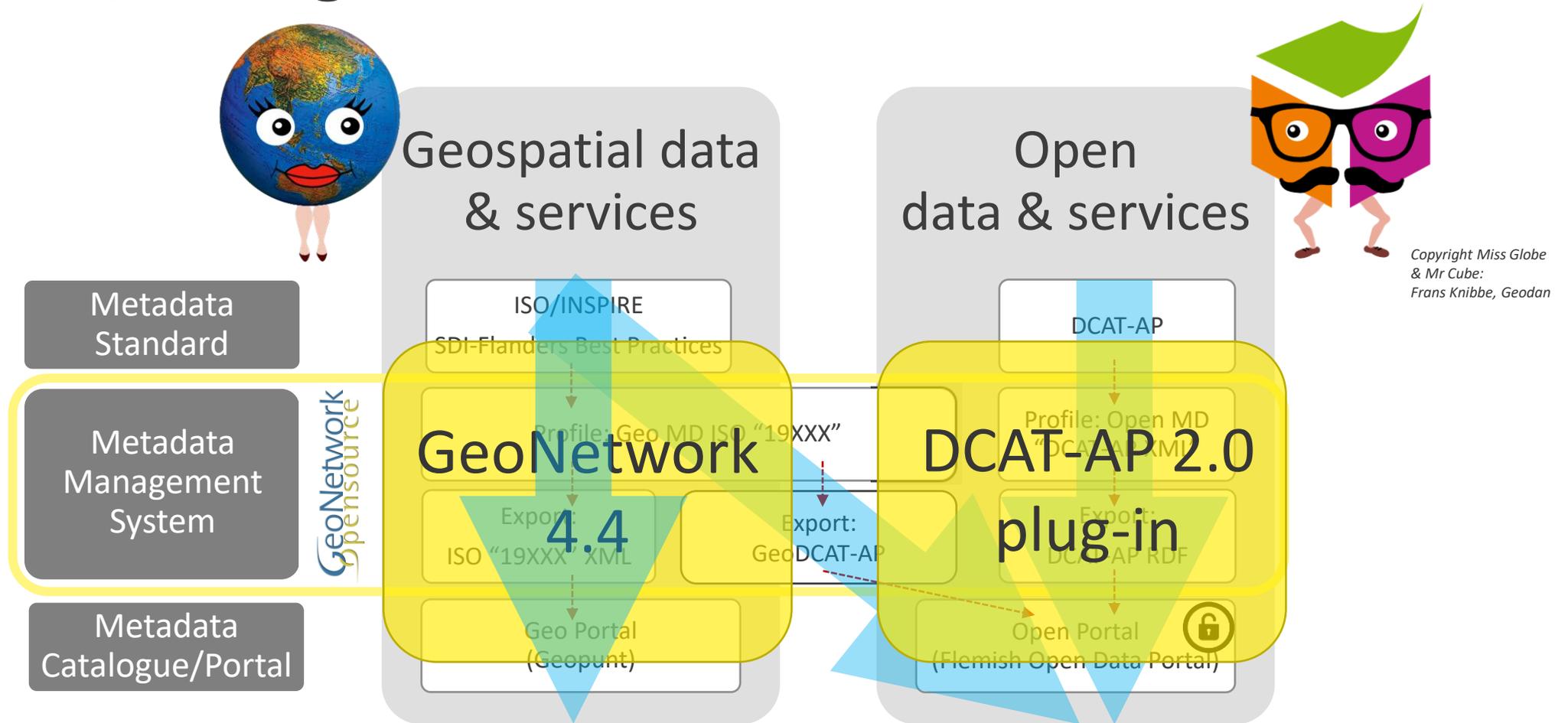
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Bridge is built between the Geo and Open data domains, through GeoNetwork



<https://metadata.vlaanderen.be/>

Ecosystem of Standards & Application Profiles

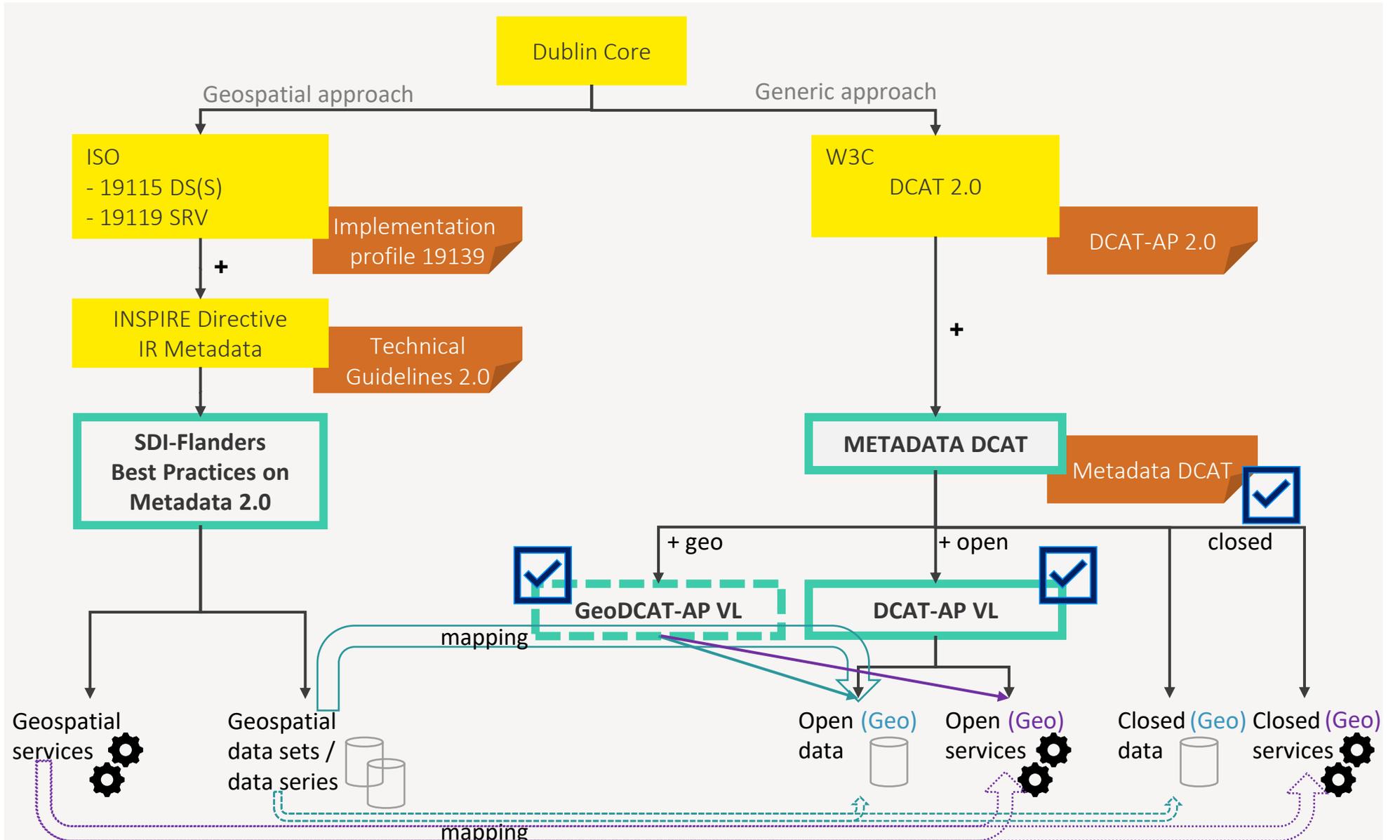
Legenda:

International standards

Profiles

Profiles on Flemish level

Data itself



DCAT-AP vocabulary and application profiles

Metadata Standards

- **BASIC profile: Metadata DCAT**

- > 'aligned with 'DCAT' en 'DCAT-AP' => 'to describe every kind of data and services, not-open & not-geo'
=> 'Metadata DCAT (2.0) specification'
 - Vocabulary: <https://data.vlaanderen.be/ns/metadata-dcat/>
 - Application profile: <https://data.vlaanderen.be/doc/applicatieprofiel/metadata-dcat/>

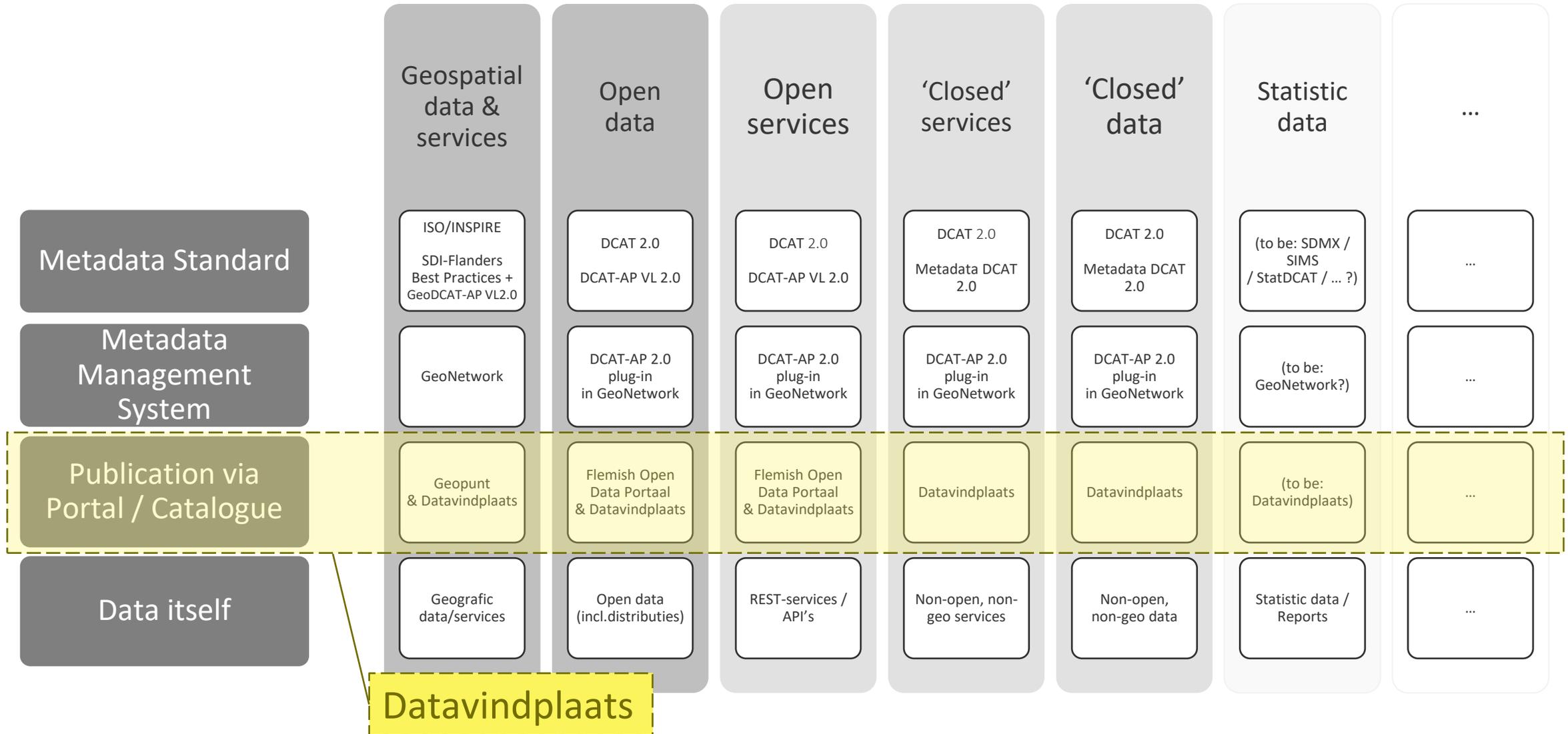
- **Open data profile: DCAT-AP-VL**

- > 'aligned with Metadata-DCAT' => 'to describe Open data and services'
=> 'DCAT-AP-VL (2.0) specification'
 - Application profile: <https://data.vlaanderen.be/doc/applicatieprofiel/DCAT-AP-VL/>

- **Geo data - mapping profile: GeoDCAT-AP-VL**

- > 'aligned with Metadata-DCAT' => 'to map the described Geographic data and services from the ISO descriptions'
=> 'GeoDCAT-AP VL (2.0) specification'
 - Application profile: <https://data.vlaanderen.be/doc/applicatieprofiel/GEODCAT-AP-VL/>

Vision: bring domains together



For data providers

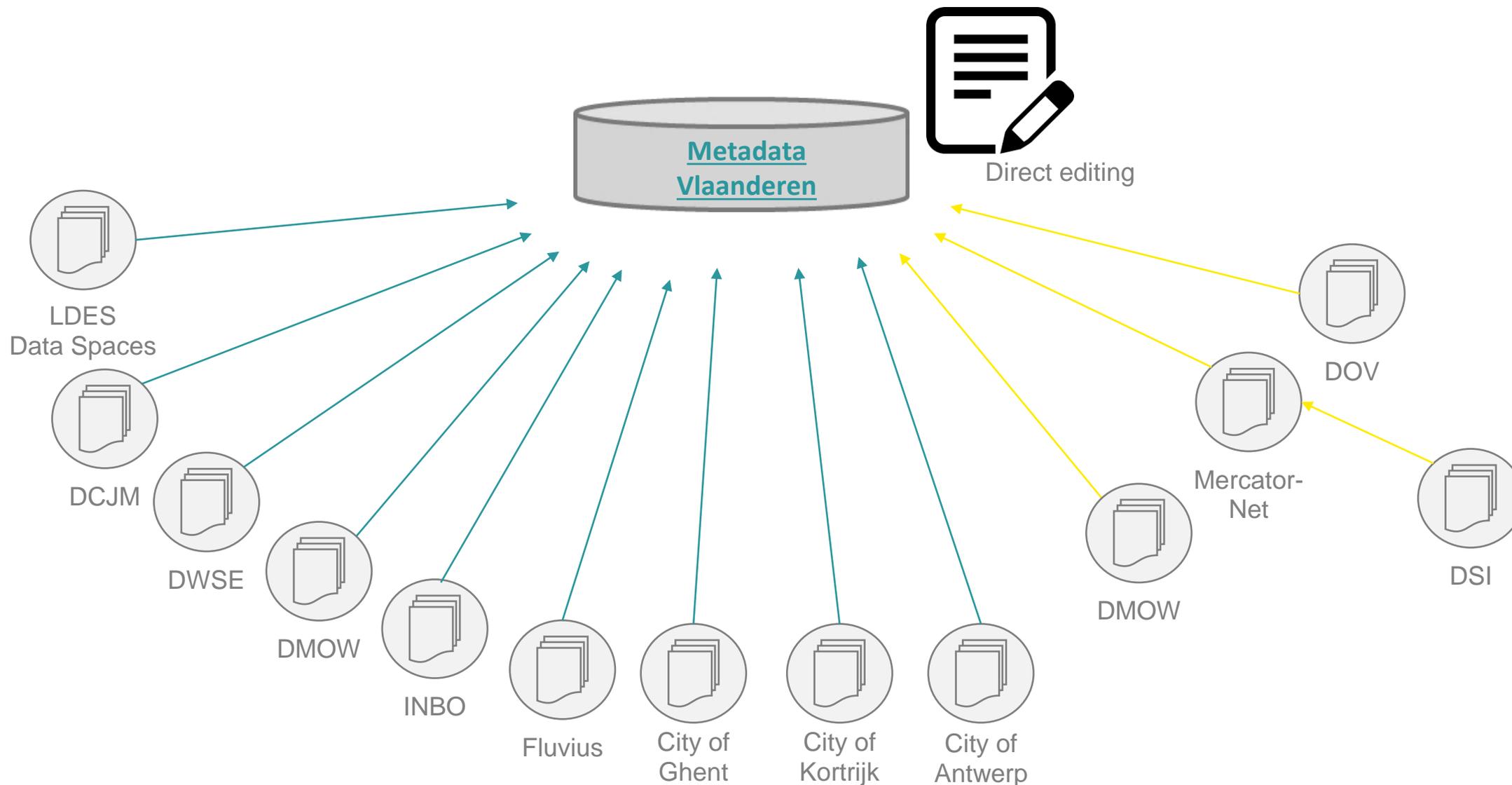
The screenshot shows the 'Create a' interface on the Vlaanderen Metadata website. It features a navigation bar with 'Vlaanderen', 'METADATA VLAANDEREN', 'SEARCH', 'CONTRIBUTE', 'ADMIN CONSOLE', 'CHANGELOG', and 'CONTACT US'. The main content area is titled 'Create a' and includes a 'Need help' button. There are two main sections: 'Create a dataset' and 'Create a service'. Each section has a 'From ...' dropdown menu with three options: 'Geografische gegevens' (Geographic data), 'Open data (niet-geo)' (Open data, non-geo), and 'Andere gegevens' (Other data). The 'In ...' dropdown is set to 'Digitaal Vlaanderen'. A green '+ Create' button is visible. A warning message is displayed: 'Warning: By selecting Digitaal Vlaanderen, you agree to manage the new record yourself. If you want to have support by the DataPublicatie team, select a DataPublicatie group instead.'

The screenshot shows the metadata record editing interface. The top bar includes 'All changes saved', 'Validate', 'Cancel', 'Save & close', 'Save', and 'Display mode'. The main content area is titled 'Service Record' and has a 'Basic information' section. The 'title' field contains the text: '1358. Titel - De naam van de dataservice. (https://data.vlaanderen.be/doc/applicatieprofiel/metadata-dcat/erkendestandaard/2021-04-22#DataService%3Atitel) : De range van titel moet van het type <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#langString> zijn. (dct.title)'. The 'description' field contains the text: '1303. Beschrijving - Een bondige tekstuele omschrijving van de dataservice. (https://data.vlaanderen.be/doc/applicatieprofiel/metadata-dcat/erkendestandaard/2021-04-22#DataService%3Abeschrijving) : De range van beschrijving moet van het type <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#langString> zijn. (dct.description)'. The 'publisher' section is expanded to show the 'organisation' section, which has a '+ URI' button and a 'name' field. On the right side, there is a 'Validation' section with a 'Show messages' button and three validation rules: 'Recommended DCAT-API Rules' (0/0), 'Recommended metadata-dcat' (1/1), and 'Mandatory metadata-dcat Rules' (61/71). Below these rules, there are two error messages: 'vcard.hasEmail is a URI with the mailto protocol.' and 'vcard.hasEmail property is not a URI with the mailto: protocol.'

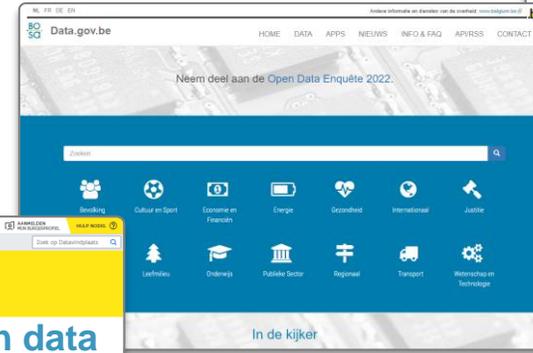
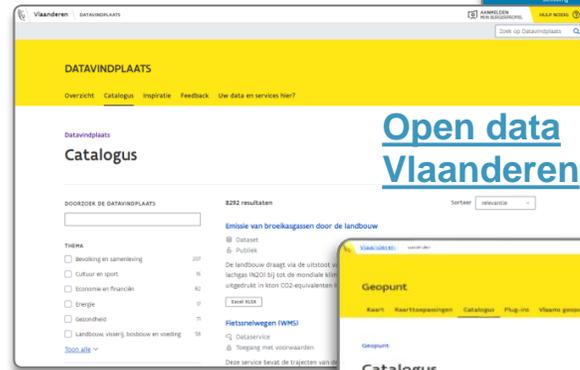
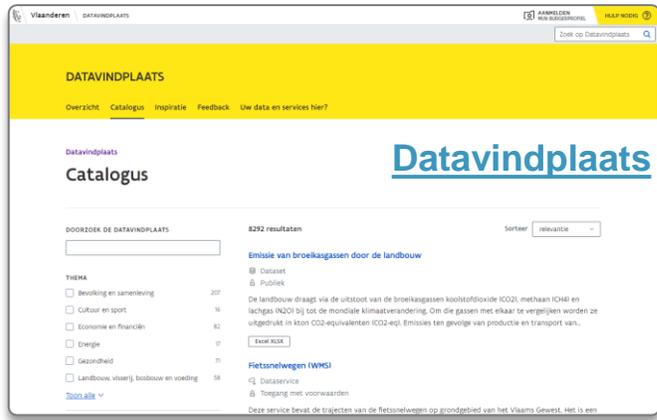
ISO & DCAT profiles implemented as templates with validation rules

>> Open Source Software GeoNetwork

Via Metadata – Once-only principle



Via Metadata – Publish in portals



Open data EU

Open data Vlaanderen

Open data Belgium

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INSPIRE EU



Input via external portals

Google Dataset Search & others

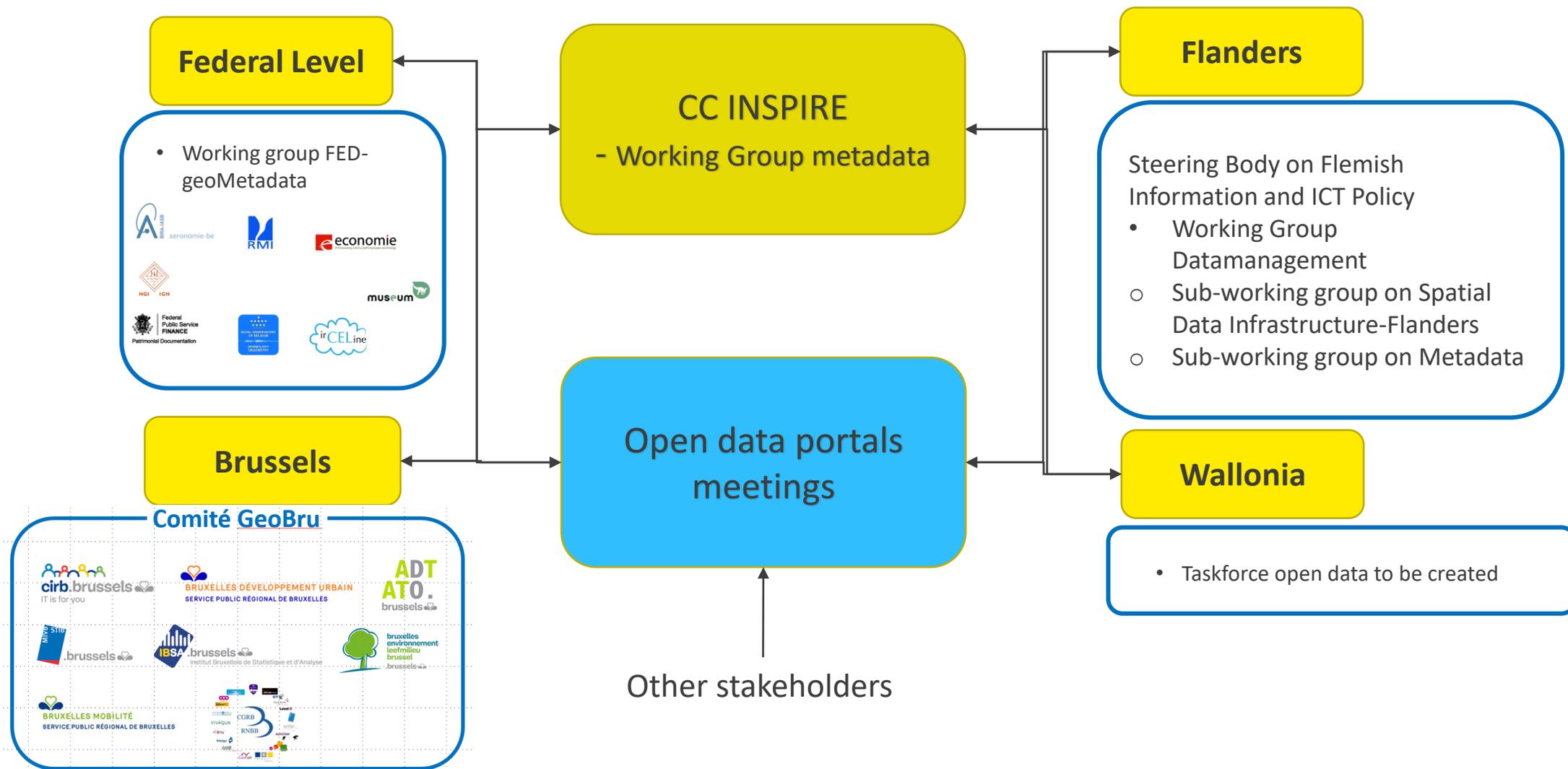
High Value Datasets (HVD)

National Access Point - Mobility

Health Data Space



Communication and collaboration in Belgium



Code repositories

GitHub - URLs:

- Metadata Vlaanderen fork of GeoNetwork:
 - <https://github.com/Informatievlaanderen/metadata-geonetwork/>
- DCAT-AP VL 2.0 plugin for GeoNetwork:
 - <https://github.com/Informatievlaanderen/metadata-dcatap>
- Metadata Vlaanderen fork of GeoNetwork Microservices:
 - <https://github.com/Informatievlaanderen/metadata-geonetwork-microservices>

Challenges

Awareness and interoperability of standards used in other sectors

- Use of persistent and unique identifiers at every level, leading to original source of metadata / avoiding duplication

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Aan de overheid van ***morgen***

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Experience of the Spanish SDI

Repeated data sets in DCAT-AP

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Situation of geographic information metadata Spanish SDI



Metadata at national level

National SDI nodes	Responsible for INSPIRE Themes
National Cartographic System (SCN)	TN , HY , GN , AU , LC , LU , EL , OI , etc.
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPA)	SD , HY , HB , EF , MF , AC , PS , ER , etc. 
Spanish Agrarian Guarantee Fund (FEGA)	LC , LU , GSAA, LPIS 
Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO)	SD , HY , HB , EF , MF , AC , PS , ER , etc.
Nature Database	PS , HB , etc. 
Geoportal petrol stations and recharging points	ER , etc. 
Hydrographic Confederations	HY
State Meteorological Agency (AEMET)	AC , MF , etc. 
Mining Cadastre	SO , MR 
Ministry of Science and Innovation	
Geological and Mining Institute	GE , SO 
Spanish Institute of Oceanography	OF , SR , etc. 
Ministry of Transport and Mobility	
Administrator of Railway Infrastructures (ADIF)	TN , 
National Geographic Institute (IGN)	TN , HY , GN , AU , LC , LU , EL , OI , NZ , 
Government agency Puertos del Estado	TN 
Directorate General for Architecture, Housing and Land (Urban Information System)	LU 
Ministry of Finance	
General Directorate for Cadastre	AD , BU , CP 
National Statistics Institute	SU , PD , etc. 
Ministry of Defense	
Marine Hydrographic Institute (IHM)	AU , US , etc. 

**>19 national SDI
9,500 resources**

Metadata at regional level

Regional SDI nodes	Official name
Andalusia	SDI of the Andalusian Regional Government. (IDEAndalusia)
Aragon	Spatial Knowledge Infrastructure of Aragon. (ICEARAGON)
Balearic Islands	SDI of the Balearic Islands Government. (IDEIB)
Basque Country	SDI Basque Country. (geoEuskadi)
- Provincial Council of Gipuzkoa	SDI Gipuzkoa. (SDI Gipuzkoa)
- Provincial Council of Araba	SDI Araba. (GeoAraba)
- Provincial Council of Bizkaia	SDI Bizkaia. (GeoBizkaia)
Canary	SDI the Canary Islands Government. (IDECanarias)
Cantabria	SDI of Cantabria. (IDE Cantabria)
Castile and Leon	SDI of the Castile-Leon Regional Government. (IDEECyL)
Castile–La Mancha	SDI of the Castilla la Mancha Regional Government. (IDE-CLM)
Catalonia	SDI of Catalonia. (IDEC)
Extremadura	SDI of the Extremadura Regional Government. (IDEextremadura)
Galicia	SDI of the Regional Government of Galicia. (IDEG)
La Rioja	SDI of the Government of La Rioja. (IDERioja)
Madrid	SDI of the Community of Madrid. (IDEM)
Murcia	SDI of the Region of Murcia. (IDERM)
Principality of Asturias	SDI of Asturias from the Principality of Asturias Government. (SITPA-IDEAS)
Regional Community of Navarra	SDI of the Government of Navarre. (IDENA)
Valencian Community	SDI of Valencia. (IDEV)



17 regional SDI

Metadata at regional level

Regional SDI nodes	Nº resources
Andalusia	5.704
Aragon	16.867
Balearic Islands	215
Basque Country	442
Canary	535
Cantabria	201
Castile and Leon	137
Castile–La Mancha	24
Catalonia	5.312
Extremadura	583
Galicia	367
La Rioja	179
Madrid	240
Murcia	227
Principality of Asturias	119
Regional Community of Navarra	1675
Valencian Community	1159



17 regional SDI
33,986 resources



Buscar sobre **43443** recursos

43443 resources.

All metadata complies with the Regulation (EC) N° 1205/2008 about metadata.

All resources are classified by INSPIRE themes.



Official INSPIRE data and services catalogue, CODSI



National

HVDs accessible in the CODSI catalogue	2023 (datasets)
Geospatial	32: 5 of AU , 7 of GN , 7 of AD , 6 of BU , 5 of CP , 2 of GSAA , LPIS
Earth Observation and environment	253
Mobility	3 of TN

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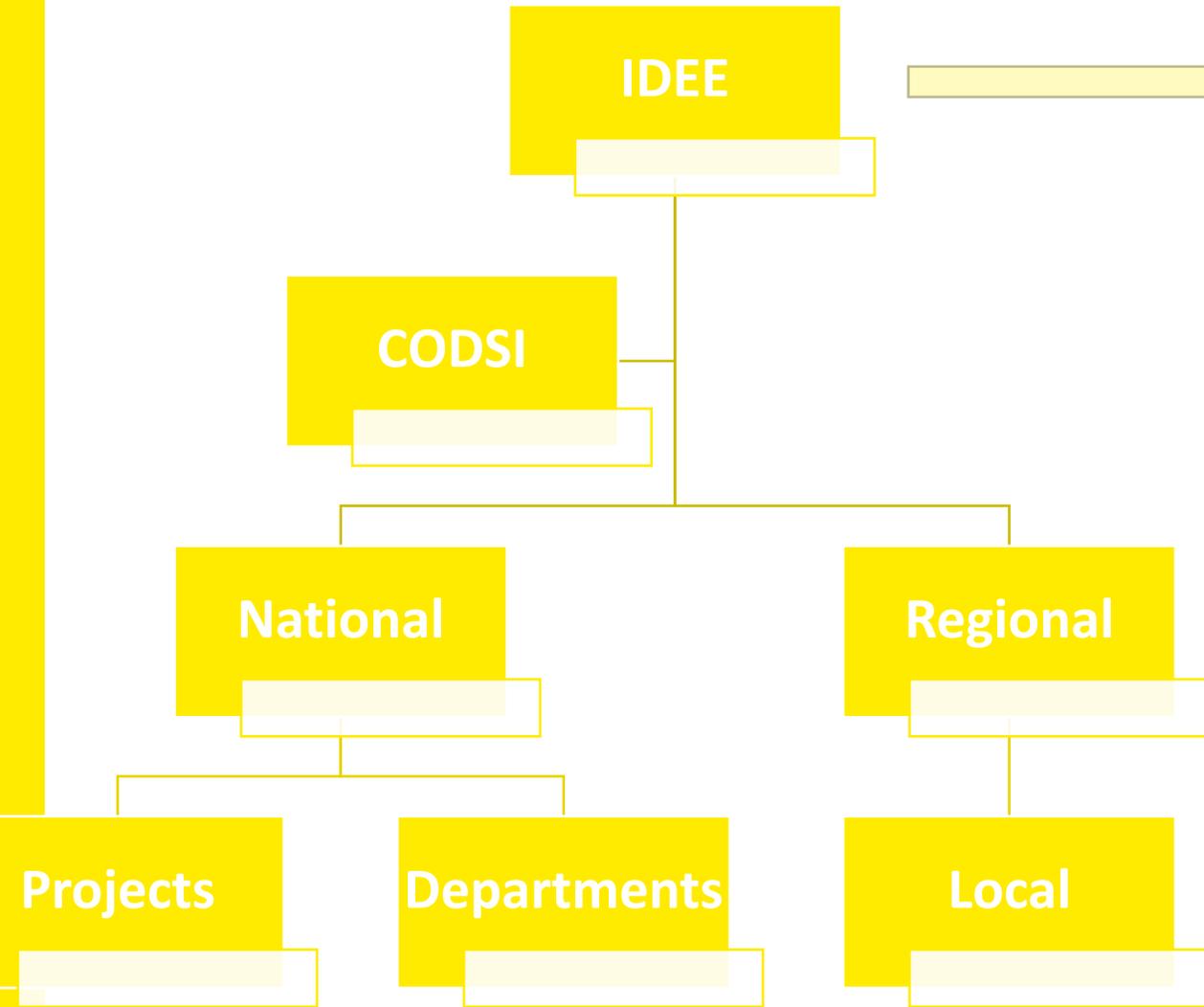
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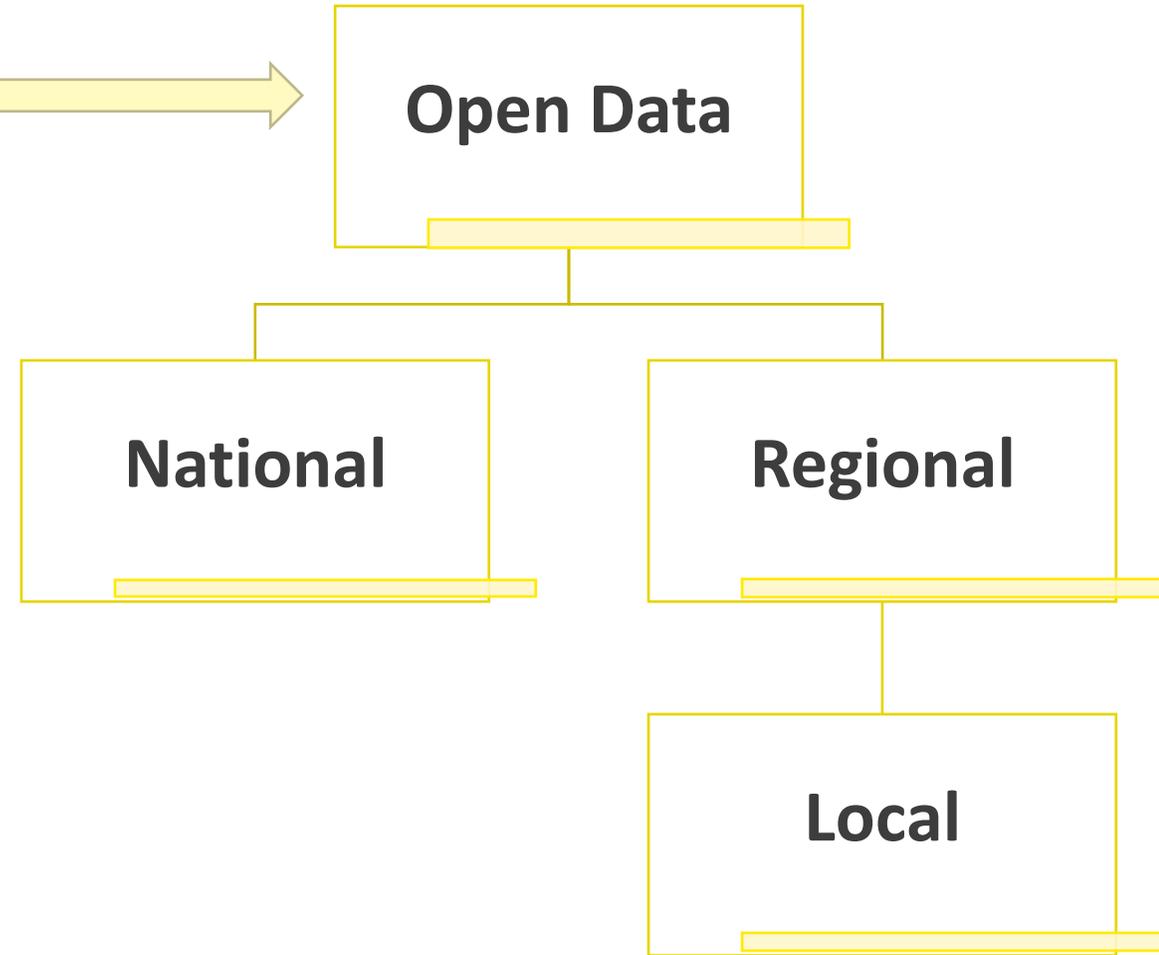
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Geographic catalogues

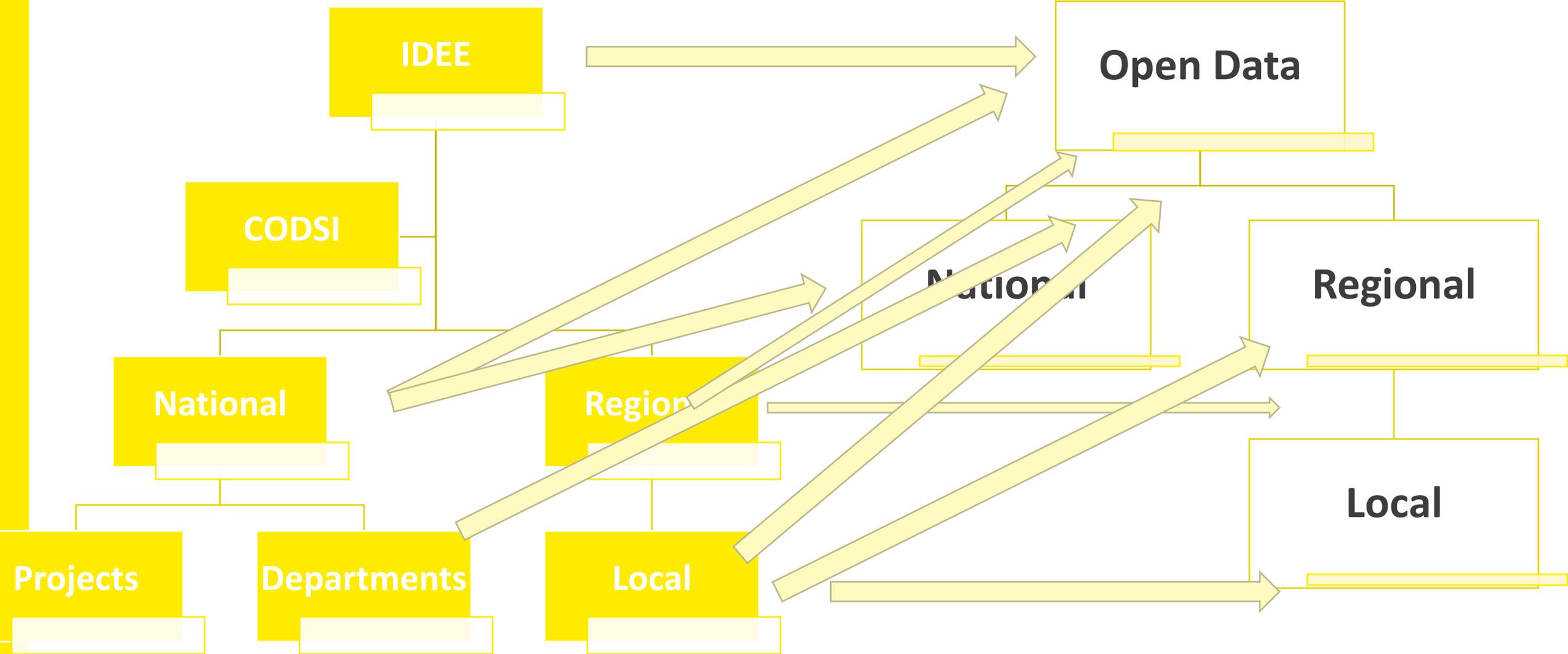


Open data catalogues



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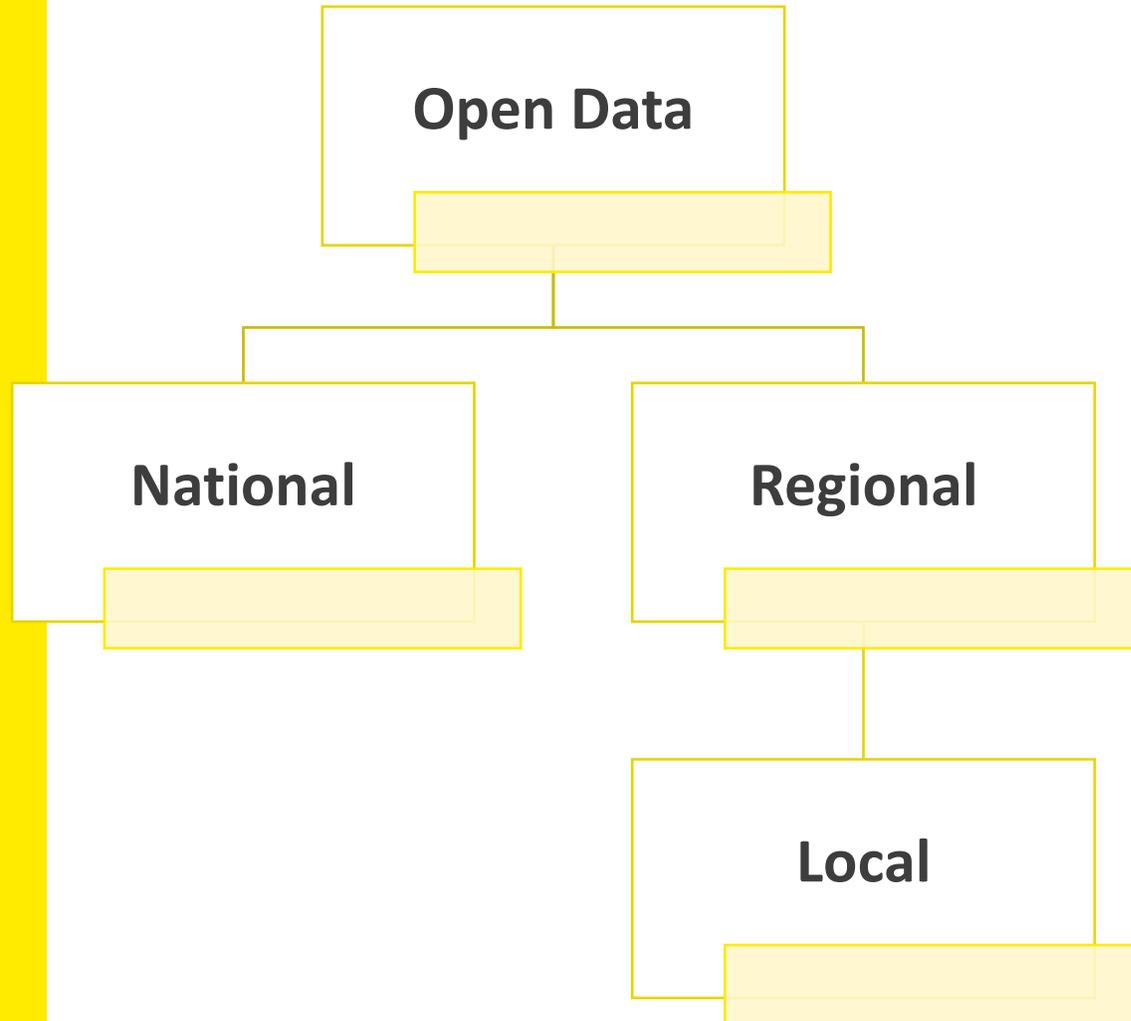


Open data catalogues

When INSPIRE metadata is published in an open data catalogue: metadata files are repeated.

An INSPIRE metadata files appears for each catalogue in which it is published (Federation).

Why does the metadata file appear duplicated? Because the file identifier depends on the catalogue where it is published.



European data

data.europa.eu The official portal for European data

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La información contenida en el Nomenclátor Geográfico de Andalucía (NGA) comprende el conjunto de toponimia mayor y menor más completo existente del territorio andaluz, puesta a disposición de la sociedad...

WFS WMS CSV

IDEAndalucia



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WFS WMS CSV

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Examples of repeated metadata in EDP

This problem also exists in the Spanish National Open Data catalogue.

European data

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Inspire TH Administrative Units ATKIS Basic DLM

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über WMS

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GDI-DE



Examples of repeated
metadata in EDI

1st problem in DCAT-AP

In INSPIRE metadata (ISO 19115), each metadata file has a unique identifier. This identifier is like a passport number.

ISO 19115 and 19115-1 use fileidentifier

- **Unique identifier for this metadata file**
 - Using **Universal Unique Identifier, UUID**. It is displayed in 5 groups separated by hyphens, in the form 8-4-4-4-12 for a total of 36 characters (32 hexadecimal characters and 4 hyphens), xxxxxxxx-xxxx-Mxxx-Nxxx-xxxxxxxxxxxx.
 - Unique Identifier given by the organisation

DCAT-AP must take into account the metadata element fileidentifier



1st problem in DCAT-AP

A metadata file travels to many catalogues:

- thematic catalogues,
- catalogues of other organizations,
- project catalogues,
- cross-border catalogues, etc.

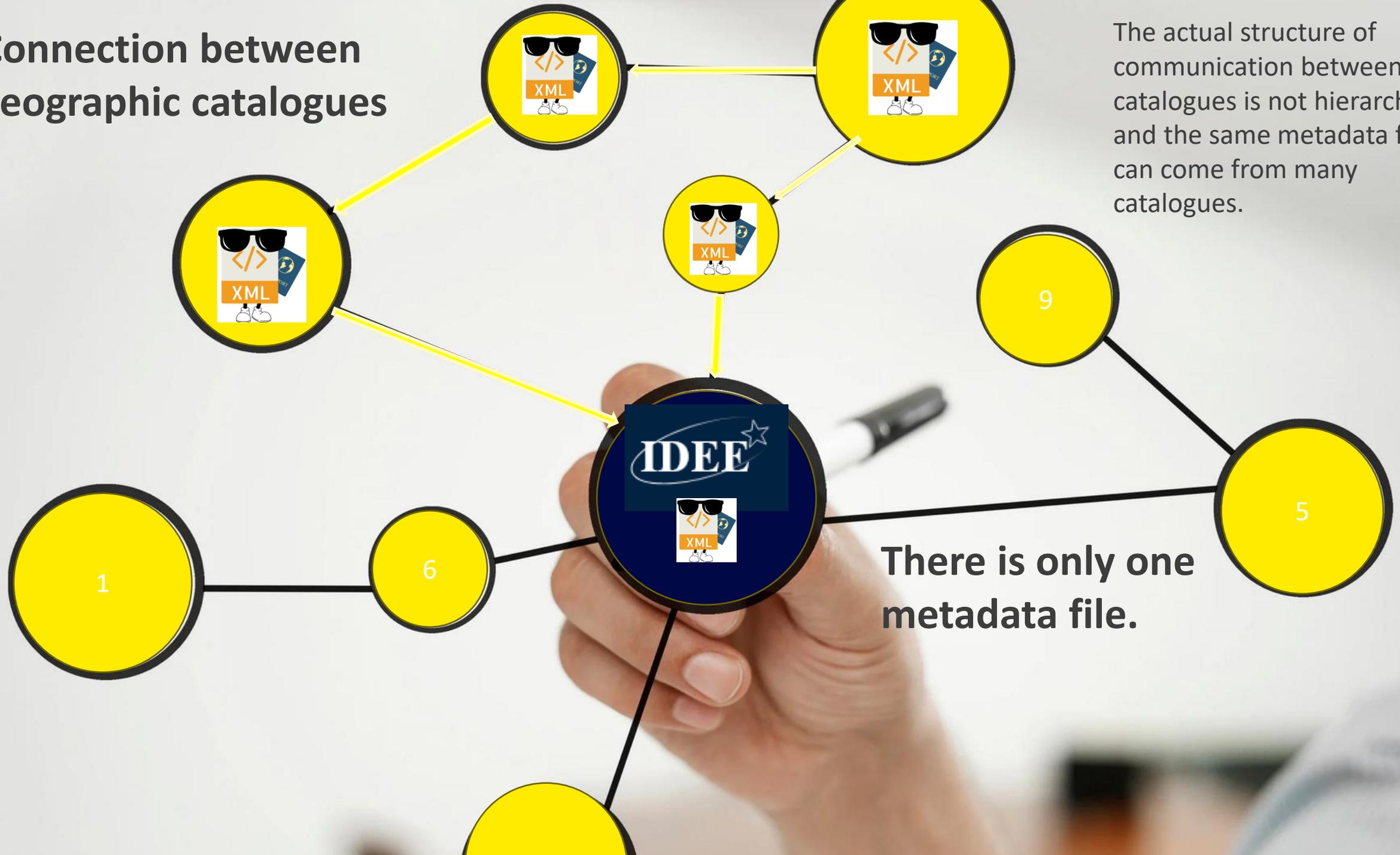
A metadata file does not belong to a federator.





This is the theoretical situation, but the reality is very different.

Connection between geographic catalogues



The actual structure of communication between catalogues is not hierarchical and the same metadata file can come from many catalogues.

There is only one metadata file.

Conclusions

What is the solution to make metadata files unique in a catalogue final?

The hierarchical federation of catalogues?

The actual and future structure of communication between catalogues is non-hierarchical and a single metadata file may originate from many catalogues.

The metadata element "fileidentifier" needs to be taken into account in DCAT-AP as the unique file identifier (<dct:identifier>), as no federation of catalogues can be established between organisations.

Metadata is used to describe data on:

- Thematic project catalogues. For example, orthoimagery or environmental catalogues whose data originate from many organisations.
- Cross-country project datasets to be published in the catalogues of each of the organisations, etc.
- Local catalogues that communicate with the regional catalogues and the thematic catalogues.

References

Spanish SDI: <https://www.ideo.es>

National Catalogue: <https://www.ideo.es/csw-inspire-ideo/srv/spa/catalog.search#/home>

National and regional catalogues: <https://www.ideo.es/csw-inspire-ideo/srv/spa/catalog.search#/catalogue>

Official Catalogue of INSPIRE Data and Services (CODSI): <https://www.ideo.es/csw-codsi-ideo/srv/spa/catalog.search#/home>

Gracias

Thank you

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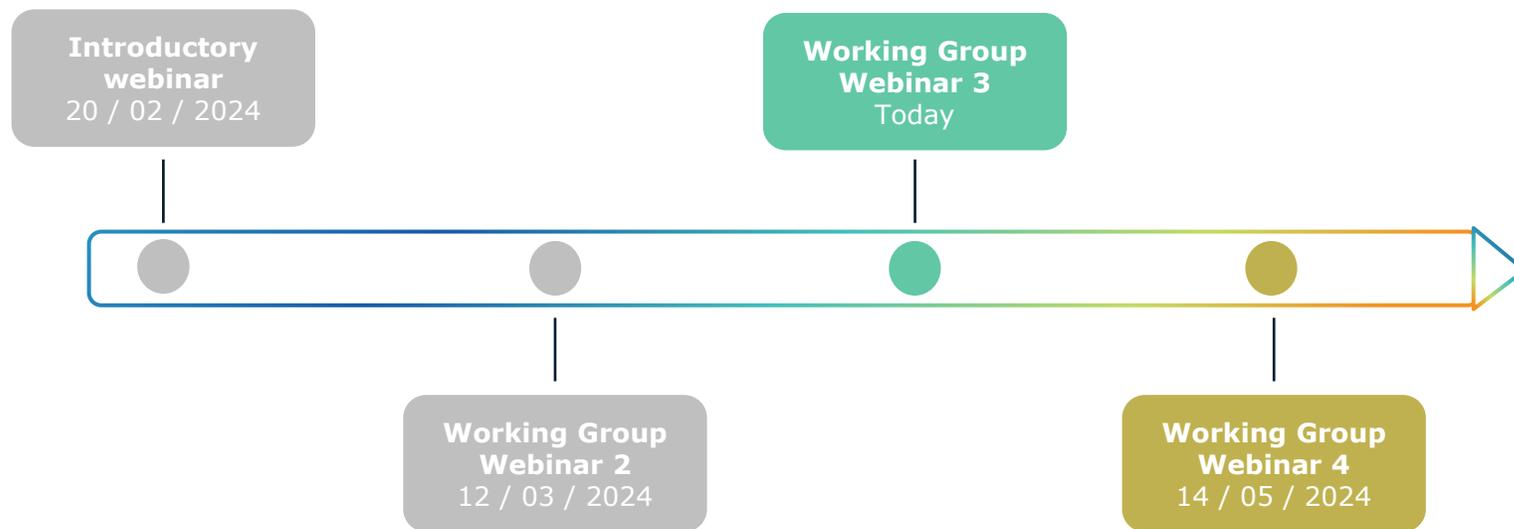


Q&A Guest Speakers



Next steps

GeoDCAT-AP Timeline



GeoDCAT-AP 3.0.0: revision plan

Revision on-going in <https://github.com/SEMICeu/GeoDCAT-AP/issues>

Working Group Webinar 2 - Concerning generic organisation & findability (12/03/2024)

- Datasets, Distributions and their relationships
- Categories (alignment with DCAT-AP 3.0): keywords, categories, themes

Working Group Webinar 3 – specific geo-aspects (23/04/2024)

- Geospatial coverage & resolution
- Guest speakers on existing implementation of GeoDCAT-AP / Discussion on Codelists

Working Group Webinar 4 – relationship with INSPIRE (14/05/2024)

- HVD and remaining issues
- GeoDCAT-AP related tools: XSLT

We are interested in which issues you are facing and we encourage you to post them as issues on the [GeoDCAT-AP GitHub repository](#).

Next steps



Please provide your additional feedback on GitHub.

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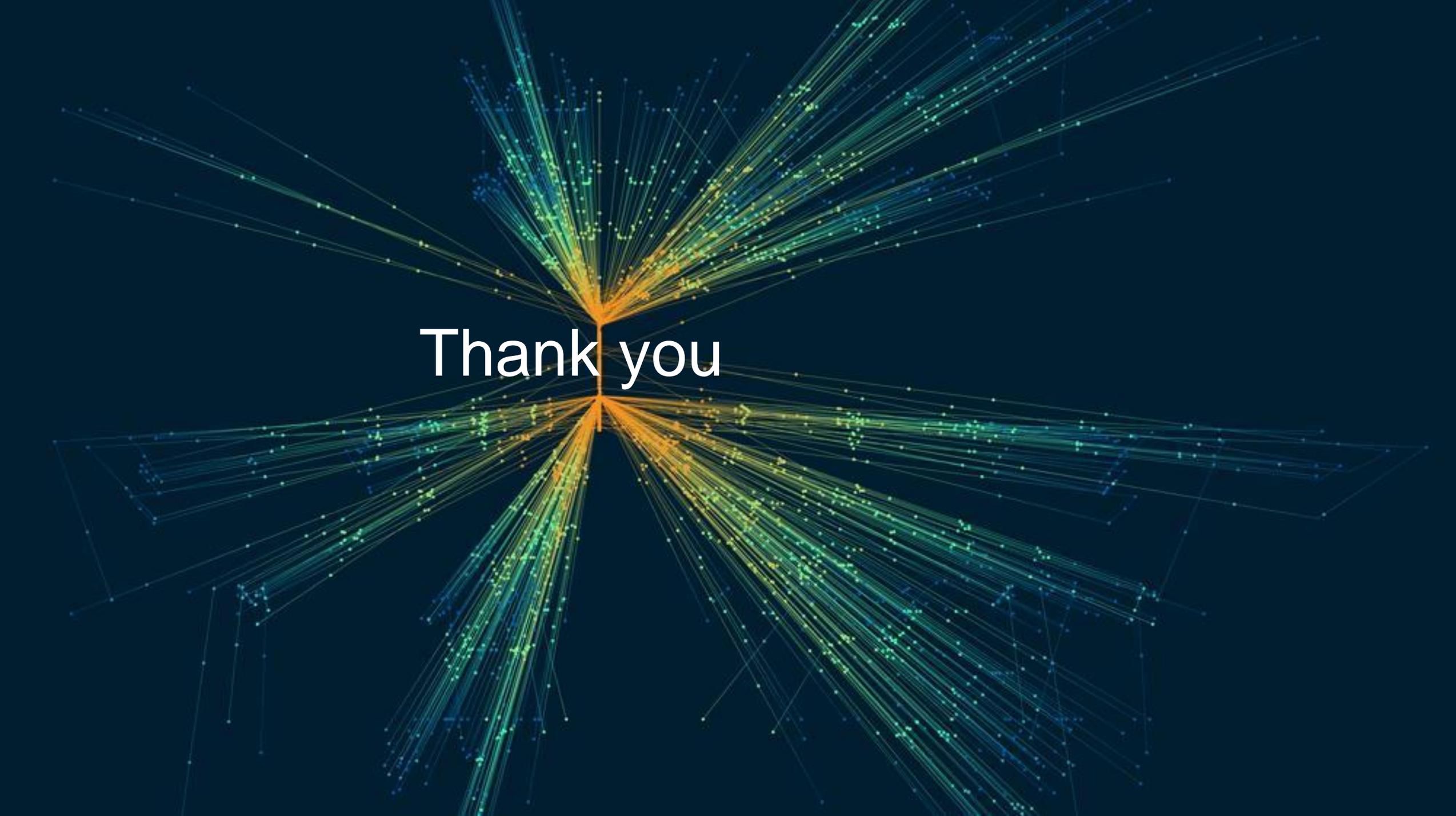


A new editor's draft will be created at

<https://semiceu.github.io/GeoDCAT-AP/drafts/latest/>



GeoDCAT-AP mapping to HVD will be done as a separate document

A network visualization on a dark blue background. A central node is highlighted in bright orange. From this central node, numerous lines radiate outwards, connecting to other nodes. The lines are primarily green and blue, with some yellow and orange near the center. The overall structure is a complex, star-like network.

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