



# IS YOUR SOFTWARE INSPIRE COMPLIANT?

## What does the Gemini 2.1 metadata standard mean for your organisation?

Government department DEFRA are overseeing the implementation of the Inspire directive for public bodies. The aim is to achieve accountability and transparency in the way public bodies hold data. Local authorities will need to ensure the following:

- Information is kept about data (metadata)
- Citizens are allowed to take a look at that data (view services)

See the summary below for how Inspire impacts your organisation.

### What is Inspire?

Inspire is an EU directive which has already been transposed into UK law. As part of this initiative data held by public bodies must be made available to the public.

### What does this mean for you?

In the short term, public bodies, including local authorities, will need to either maintain a publicly accessible catalogue of information or submit metadata to a central catalogue maintained by DEFRA and the Ordnance Survey.

### What is the required format for the metadata?

The metadata standard is Gemini 2.1, compliant with ISO norms 19115 and 19131.

### What can you do to ensure you meet the metadata standard?

The central DEFRA catalogue is up and running in beta mode at <http://locationmetadataeditor.data.gov.uk/geonetwork/>. So far, only Ordnance Survey have submitted entries. However, **GGP 2009 Service Release 5** will allow GGP customers to become early adopters, generating metadata in the Gemini 2.1 standard which can be entered into the service.

### What about the view services?

GGP 2009 already allows the storing of GIS data in a spatial data store and this can be published using WMS [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web\\_Map\\_Service](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_Map_Service). WMS is the preferred format for "data view services".

## Have you upgraded to GGP 2009 Service Release 5 ?

The deadline for being Inspire compliant is dependent on the type of data being maintained. However, GGP customers have the opportunity to be ahead of the game with **GGP GIS 2009 Service Release 5** which will be released at the end of **March 2011**. Please speak to your Account Manager about how you can benefit from upgrading to the latest version of GGP GIS .



### GGP 2009 Service Release 5

Features to look forward to :

- Inspire compliancy
- True type fonts as symbol tables

### Are you still on a GGP GIS version that pre - dates GGP 2009?

Some of the features you can take advantage of in the later versions of GGP GIS:

- OGC open standards compliancy
- Centralised access to your data
- Access to single or multiple data sources
- Ability to spatially enable non spatial data sets
- SQL based layers in a relational database management system
- An import tool that imports Active Directory account names into GGP

**Speak to your account manager for more information.**

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