EU INSPIRE Directive: pro’s and con’s from water services perspective

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About EurEau

~ EurEau represents Europe’s drinking water and waste water service operators

~ Provide water services to more than 400 Million people.

~ Private and public sector are represented

~ Goal: provide high quality drinking water
  ~ which meets all standards
  ~ at lowest practicable costs
  ~ environmentally sustainable
Water resources Europe

![Water resources Europe Diagram](image-url)
Network Length Europe

Network Length

(a)

(b)

Drinking water network length

Wastewater network length
INSPIRE and the water sector

INSPIRE:
~ Provides information to assess environmental threats/supports protection
~ Provides data to predict abstracted water quality
~ Will be used by governments in support of water policy-making
~ Provides data used in operations of water suppliers (eg asset management, planning resources)
Water supply is a vital sector

~ Restrictions must be set regarding free access to information
~ No information on vital production facilities for water supply can be shared to the public
~ Strong concerns on the obligations to make information on underground utility networks available in detail
EurEau’s position

~ EU-legislation must ensure protection of water resources and safe and healthy drinking water for European citizens

~ INSPIRE must provide relevant and usable data for authorities and water suppliers

~ INSPIRE must be well integrated with other EU-legislation, especially the WFD

~ Downloading of data shall be subject to terms of use and license agreements
EurEau’s position

EU-policies that will benefit from INSPIRE
~ Water Framework / Groundwater Directive
~ Nitrates Directive
~ Crop protection chemicals Directive

If:
~ Reporting formats, characterisations, timetables etc. coincide
~ Data specs are inter correlated
Arrangements and terms of use

~ Arrangements so that all persons with whom information on underground networks is being shared shall be specifically identified and bound by the terms of use and the license agreement.

~ Utility must be free to decide over what information will be shared and into what level of detail and accuracy.
Thank you for your attention!

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