







# Facilitating e-Government Services in cross border regions with SDIs

Remembering SDIGER project 2004-2006

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#### Main idea of this talk

- □ How (SDI) technologies are (or may be) used in cross border scenarios?
- Review a 10 years old cross-border project and perform a quick reality check







#### **SDIGER** overview

- □ SDIGER (2004 2006)
  - A cross-border inter-administration Spatial Data Infrastructure
  - Support WFD information access
- □ Test INSPIRE implementation (pilot project)
  - Costs, problems, obstacles
  - Cross-border related issues
  - Reuse existing SDIs
- ☐ Plus: Can INSPIRE SDIs support e-government?







#### **Cross-border scenario**

- 2 countries
  - France, Spain
- 2 cross-border river basins
  - ❖ Adour-Garonne, Ebro
- 2 competent authorities
  - ❖ L'Agence de l'Eau Adour-Garonne
  - Confederación Hidrográfica del Ebro
- □ 3 languages
  - Spanish, French, English









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## **Main components**

- Geoportal
  - ♦ <a href="http://www.sdiger.net">http://sdiger.unizar.es</a>
- Catalog Services
- Gazetteer Services
  - Toponyms (incl. hydronyms, water points)
- Visualization and Access Services
  - Topographic data
  - Water Reference data
  - WFD Thematic data







## Main components - Two Web applications

- ☐ G2G: WFD Reporting
  - WFD forces the national authorities to report the state of the water bodies
  - Data and information collection
  - On-the-fly reporting of hydrologic data
  - Interactive reporting of hydrologic data
  - Cross-border application (implemented)
- ☐ G2C: Water Abstraction Requests
  - E-government application supported by SDI
  - Private water abstraction request (administrative processs)
  - Facilitate hydrographic information to citizens (user need)
  - ❖ User need → Hydrographic information → Administrative process
  - Cross-border application (planned, single country implemented)







### **G2G: WFD Reporting**

- ☐ Do you remember 2006 Web apps?
- □ SWB1. Typology of surface water bodies (2:46)
- □ SWB2. Identification of surface water bodies (2:11)
- □ Same app for reporting across the border



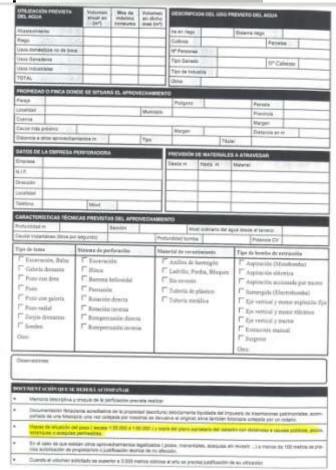






## **G2C: Water Abstraction Requests**

- In many countries, both surface an ground waters are public
- ☐ Their use for private purposes requires an authorization
- Complex administrative process depends on water use
- Great amount of time and delay
- Still a paperwork process











#### G2C: E-government application supported by SDI

- ☐ (Again!) Do you remember 2006 Web apps?
- Water abstraction (4:22)
- Impact further than reporting but one side was reluctant to implement it









## Reality check (and conclusion)

- □ SDIGER 2004 2006
  - ❖ INSPIRE pilot in across border scenario
- Now (2015) we have
  - INSPIRE + transposition to national legislations
  - SDIs provided by most of the European public authorities
  - Some applications using SDIs
- □ Now (2015) we **DO NOT** have
  - ❖ A real use of SDIs as (cross border) e-government tools
    - > e.g. WFD reporting use digital file transfer
    - > e.g. Abstraction requests use "digital paper" (PDF)
- Open question/conclusion: Why this have happen?







