

REPORT ON THE MEASURES UNDERTAKEN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2017/1926

Pursuant to Art. 7c of the Electronic Governance Act and Art. 19 of the Spatial Data Access Act, the State e-Government Agency implements the state policy in the field of spatial information infrastructure, prepares strategies and programs for the development of the national spatial information infrastructure as well as coordinates the implementation of the adopted programs and the European legislation on spatial data.

According to the obligations set out in Art. 10, item 1 of the Regulation 2017/1926, we would like to provide you with the following information regarding the preliminary activities performed so far:

1. The institutions and companies that have the necessary data have been identified. After conducting preliminary analysis, it was found that most of the data was not in machine-readable format. This further complicates the situation in terms of the required time frame and financial resources.
2. Preliminary consultations were held with representatives of the State e-Government Agency. Their advice was to conduct a tender procedure for selecting a consultant to develop a database in machine-readable format, most likely GIS. The Agency is ready to establish a National Access Point after being provided with the necessary data.
3. Data collection proved to be a substantial challenge as the data should also cover the municipal level, which is expected to considerably impede the process. Currently, we are discussing the different possibilities (including from a financial perspective) for organizing the data collection in a machine-readable format.

We envisage to establish a joint working group with representatives of all data holders and IT experts in order to prepare the tender documentation. The proposed methodology and the experience of other countries that have already established National Access Points (fully or partially) will be taken into account. There will be an evaluation of the existing hardware and software as well as the needs for additional deliveries or upgrades with the aim of ensuring the smooth data harmonization and thus securing the functionality of the National Access Point. An analysis of the need to train the teams to work with the selected software with a view to gain knowledge and practical skills, as well as an assessment of the processing duration of the existing individual data sets will be elaborated. The WG will propose whether the data harmonization procedure is to be entrusted to another primary spatial data administrator (by an agreement) or to be outsourced to an external company.

The Bulgarian side remains open for active communication and provision of additional information and commits to keep the European Commission informed on the overall development of the process of implementing the provisions set out in the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1926.