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## **Showcase Workshops**

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 79, 24.3.2005, p. 1.

**Abstract**

The report on the deliverable D3.3 Showcase workshops provides information on the promotional workshop-based activities that revolve around the presentation of selected Best Practice solutions in order to foster the exchange of experiences and thereby initiate cross-border dialogue. The showcase workshops are an important instrument to bring the experiences made in the project back from the European to the local level. Therefore they are complementary to the workshops performed in the Work package 2, which collected information at the local level bringing it up to the European dimension.

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## 1 Introduction

The objective of eSDI-Net+ is to bring together existing SDI key players and target users in a Thematic Network established as a platform for communication and exchange between different stakeholders involved in the creation and use of SDIs. The network promotes decisions made at the European level and fosters technical discussion and information exchange at the national and sub-national levels, in order to increase awareness concerning the importance of GI enrichment and reuse, to allow an integrated view of the experts and to permit the creation of integrated guidelines, standards, and implementation of best practices. The project aim is to implement communication mechanisms between the European and local levels to maximize the benefits of INSPIRE and GMES regarding the digital GI content.

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The promotion of the selected best practices as examples of successful SDI developments is one of the most important next steps within the eSDI-Net+ project. Besides the information provided on the website and further publications the project partners will also provide those experiences made with the analysis, evaluation, and best practices in national and regional workshops, as a return of investment to those, who participated in the award selection process and to showcase those SDIs to the community to build up further awareness about needs and opportunities the development of Spatial Data Infrastructures will have in the future on the regional, national and European level following the INSPIRE initiative.

Local, national and regional showcase workshops are used as opportunities to disseminate the results of the SDI assessment and selection and to promote the SDI Best Practices after the SDI Best Practice Award in Turin. Such workshops took already place in following countries:

- France
- Poland
- Portugal and Spain
- Bulgaria
- Rumania

Following countries are currently preparing such events at the national or regional level:

- Belgium
- Germany
- Hungary

Information about the envisaged date, location and the invited audience will soon be made available at the project website.

Since the development of the project has a focus on Europe and the INSPIRE development process, the results with the methodology and the experiences made can also be useful as a model for instigating an international discussion and dialogue.

Following the long-term perspective of the project to establish a network and a platform for discussion and exchange of experiences, this can be of major interest not only for the SDI

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developers and users of sub-national, national or regional SDIs in Europe, but also for the dialogue in other regions of the world, working on similar developments, to strengthen the international dimension, following the eSDI-Net+ project results.

The detailed documentation of the showcase workshops is currently in preparation. The workshops organisers have been asked to provide information. The reports about the workshops will be made available at the eSDI-Net+ website after their accomplishment.