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With a view to the meeting of the Antici Group on Simplification on 8 June 2026, delegations will find attached the revised Presidency compromise text.

Changes compared to the text of the Commission proposal are marked in ***bold and italic***, deletions are marked with ~~strikethrough~~.

ANNEX

2025/0393 (COD)

Proposal for a

DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

amending Directive 2007/2/EC as regards simplification of certain requirements for the establishment of the Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the Union

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 192(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee[1],

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions[2],

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure,

Whereas:

[1] OJ C , , p. .
[2] OJ C , , p. .

(1) The political guidelines for the Commission's 2024-2029 term[3] point to the goal of simplifying legislation to eliminate any overlaps and contradictions while maintaining high standards and staying the course on the goals set out in the European Green Deal[4].

(2) In response to the 2024 Draghi report[5], which points to regulatory obstacles and administrative burden as one of the key challenges, notably for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), the Competitiveness Compass[6] identifies a set of ~~horisontal~~***horizontal*** enablers to underpin competitiveness including simplifying legislation, reducing burden and favouring speed and flexibility.

(3) In its Communication of 19 November 2025 entitled "Data Union Strategy – Unlocking Data for AI",[7] the Commission set out its vision for the data union, including for the improvement of public-sector data-sharing. That agenda requires more than an incremental approach and the Union must take bold action to achieve its goals. The Commission, the European Parliament, the Council, Member States' authorities at all levels and stakeholders need to work together to streamline and simplify Union, national and regional rules and implement policies more effectively.

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3 Europe's Choice, Political Guidelines for the next European Commission 2024−2029, Ursula von der Leyen

4 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions of 11 December 2019, 'The European Green Deal', COM/2019/640 final.

5 Draghi, M. (2024) The future of European competitiveness. Available at: The Draghi report on EU competitiveness

6 COM(2025) 47 final of 11 February 2025, A simpler and faster Europe: Communication on implementation and simplification.

7 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions of 11 February 2025, 'A simpler and faster Europe: Communication on implementation and simplification' (COM/2025/47 final).

(4) In the context of the Commission's commitment to reduce reporting burdens and compliance costs, advance interoperability, and enhance competitiveness, it is necessary to amend Directive 2007/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council[8], whilst maintaining the policy objectives of the European Green Deal, and the Sustainable Finance Action Plan[9].

(4a) In line with the Union's data and digital policies, which aim to facilitate seamless data sharing and promote the availability of high-quality, accessible and reusable spatial and environmental data to drive innovation, sustainability and digital transformation, it is necessary to amend Directive 2007/2/EC [of the European Parliament and of the Council] in order to align it with Directive (EU) 2019/1024 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

(5) ***Article 3 of*** Directive 2007/2/EC contains certain definitions that will become obsolete ~~as a consequence of proposed amendments~~. Those definitions should be deleted. ***It is also necessary to modify certain definitions or introduce new ones in order to take into account amendments to the Directive.***

(6) Directive 2007/2/EC contains reference to third parties, whereas Directive (EU) 2019/1024, which applies to public sector bodies and public undertakings, does not extend to private entities or businesses. To ensure coherence with the– Directive (EU) 2019/1024[10], the reference to third parties should be deleted ***in Article 4(1)(c)(ii)***.

(7) The timeframes for the creation of metadata and for the adoption of implementing rules laying down technical arrangements for interoperability of spatial data sets and services are obsolete and should be deleted.

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8 Directive 2007/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2007 establishing an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE), OJ L 108, 25/04/2007, p. 1.

9 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Central Bank, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions of 8 March 2018, 'Action Plan: Financing Sustainable Growth', COM/2018/097 final.

10 Directive (EU) 2019/1024 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on open data and the re-use of public sector information (OJ L 172, 26.6.2019, p. 56, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2019/1024/oj).

(7a) ***In accordance with Article 5 of Directive 2007/2/EC Member States should ensure that metadata are created for the spatial data sets corresponding to the themes in Annexes I, II and III to that Directive. Recognising the key role metadata play in enabling the discovery, understanding and use of spatial data, and taking into account the amendments set out in this Directive regarding the provisions on interoperability and network services, the metadata requirements should also be amended to ensure that sufficient information is available to support discovery and use of data, including information on access mechanisms, formats and standards.***

(8) Articles 7 and 8 of Directive 2007/2/EC ~~empowers~~***empower*** the Commission to adopt implementing rules laying down technical arrangements for the interoperability and, where practicable, harmonisation of spatial data sets and services. They also set out the conditions for and the content of those implementing rules. ***Those technical arrangements should instead ensure a minimum level of interoperability, while further requirements for interoperability, and where practicable harmonisation of spatial data sets and services, should be developed through non-binding guidance and best practices in accordance with the coordination mechanism set out in*** Article ~~5(1) of Directive (EU) 2019/1024 establishes that public sector bodies and public undertakings are to make their documents available in any pre-existing format or language and, where possible and appropriate, by electronic means, in formats that are open, machine-readable, accessible, findable and re-usable, together with their metadata. Both the format and the metadata is, where possible, to comply with formal open~~***19, taking into account Union-wide*** standards~~.~~ ~~Pursuant to Article 1(7) of~~ ***adopted by European standardisation bodies in accordance with the procedure laid down in*** Directive (EU) ~~2019/1024, that Directive governs the re-use of existing documents held by public sector bodies and public undertakings of the Member States, including documents to which Directive 2007/2/EC applies~~***2015/1535, as well as international standards***. Since ~~the~~ interoperability requirements ~~for open data apply to spatial data~~***will be developed in accordance with the coordination mechanism set out in Article 19 Directive 2007/2/EC and coherent implementation across the Union will be supported through non-binding guidance and best practices provided by the Commission***, the empowerment to adopt implementing rules laying down technical arrangements for the interoperability***,*** and, where practicable, harmonisation of spatial data sets and related provisions should be deleted.

(9) Article 10 of Directive 2007/2/EC specifies that Member States are to make available information needed to make spatial data interoperable, including codes and classifications, and also sets out the conditions for ensuring coherence of spatial data relating to a feature, the location of which spans the frontier between two or more or more Member States. ~~Since Articles 7 and 8 are being deleted, The requirements for Member States to make such information available and the conditions for ensuring coherence of spatial data are~~***Article 10 is*** no longer needed ***since Article 7 is revised and Article 8 is deleted***.

(10) Articles 11 and 12 of Directive 2007/2/EC specify that Member States are to establish and operate a network of services for the discovery, viewing, download, transformation and invoking of spatial data sets, and ensure that public authorities and third parties can link their spatial data sets and services to that network. ~~Directive (EU) 2019/1024 sets the legal framework for open data and introduces the concept of high-value datasets, defined as data that is associated with important benefits for society and the economy when reused, which includes spatial~~ ***The requirements for discovery services and for the visualisation and download of*** data sets~~. Pursuant to Directive (EU) 2019/1024, high-value datasets are to be made available for re-use in~~ ***should be aligned with modern,*** machine-readable ~~format, via suitable~~***access approaches based on*** application programming interfaces ~~and, where relevant, as a bulk download. Pursuant to Article 1(7) of Directive (EU) 2019/1024, that Directive sets out that the Directive governs the re-use of existing documents held by public sector bodies and public undertakings of the Member States, including documents to which Directive 2007/2/EC applies. To ensure consistency with Directive (EU) 2019/1024 and to avoid overlapping provisions, the requirements to establish and operate a network for~~***(APIs), distinguishing between discovery of metadata and access to*** spatial data ~~services in Directive 2007/2/EC should be deleted.~~***sets.***

(10a) To ensure that spatial data sets can be effectively found, accessed and used, Member States are to provide discovery service capabilities enabling users to search, display and access metadata, in accordance with modern, machine-readable approaches based on application programming interfaces (APIs).

(10b) To facilitate the use and reuse of spatial data, Member States are to ensure the availability of service capabilities for the visualisation and download of spatial data set in accordance with modern, machine-readable approaches based on application programming interfaces (APIs), supporting bulk download where appropriate, and taking into account Union-wide standards adopted by European standardisation bodies in accordance with the procedure laid down in Directive (EU) 2015/1535, as well as international standards.

(10c) Article 13 of Directive 2007/2/EC establishes the grounds for limiting public access to spatial data sets under certain conditions. Where public access to meta data could adversely affect international relations, public security or national defence, Member States may limit public access to such data.

(11) Article 14 of Directive 2007/2/EC sets out the rules for making discovery and view services available to the public free of charge, as well as for making e-commerce services available where charges are levied. Directive (EU) 2019/1024 establishes principles and rules governing charging for making documents and high-value datasets available free of charge, including exceptions and derogations from the rules on charging, for the purpose of ensuring the maximum impact and to facilitate re-use of data. Pursuant to Article 1(7) of Directive (EU) 2019/1024, that Directive sets out that the Directive governs the re-use of existing documents held by public sector bodies and public undertakings of the Member States, including documents to which Directive 2007/2/EC applies. To ensure consistency with Directive (EU) 2019/1024 and to avoid overlapping provisions, the rules on charging for discovery and view services in Directive 2007/2/EC should be deleted.

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(12) ~~]~~Article 15 of Directive 2007/2/EC requires the Commission to establish and operate an Inspire geo-portal. That portal has functioned as the central European access point to the data provided by Member States and EFTA countries under Directive 2007/2/EC. The portal allows monitoring of the availability of datasets~~-~~, discovery of suitable datasets based on their descriptions, and access to selected datasets through their view or download services. Since 2021, the website data.europa.eu acts as a single access point for open data published by Union Institutions[11], on national portals of– Member States and third countries, as well as by international organisations. To avoid duplication of access to spatial data sets and to reduce administrative burden, the obligation on the Commission to operate the Inspire geo-portal should be deleted.

(13) Article 16 of Directive 2007/2/EC sets out ~~and~~***an*** empowerment for the Commission ~~toadopt~~ ***to adopt*** technical specifications and minimum performance criteria for network services referred to in Articles 11 and 12 of that Directive. Since ~~Articles 11 and~~***Article 11 has been revised and Article*** 12 of Directive ~~2007/2/EC are being~~***has been*** deleted***,*** that empowerment is no longer needed.

(14) Article 17 of Directive 2007/2/EC ~~requires~~***establishes that*** Member States ***are*** to adopt measures ~~that make it possible~~ for ***the sharing of*** spatial data ~~collected at one level of public authority to be shared~~***sets and services*** between ~~all the different levels of~~ public authorities***, including cross-border. In order to reduce administrative burden, that provision should be simplified to facilitate access, exchange and use of*** ~~and to ensure that~~ spatial data ***for public tasks, subject to transparent and proportionate*** ~~and services are made available under~~ conditions ~~that do not restrict their extensive use. Pursuant to Directive (EU) 2019/1024, data is open by default which also applies to spatial data, including spatial datasets falling within the scope of Directive 2007/2/EC. Article 17 should therefore be deleted for the purpose of simplifying the legal framework and avoiding overlapping rules~~***for licensing and cost recovery***.

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[11] ~~Decision from April 2021?~~***https://data.europa.eu/en***

(14a) To support the maintenance and implementation of Directive 2007/2/EC the Commission established an expert group, in accordance with Commission Decision C(2016)3301 establishing horizontal rules on the creation and operation of Commission expert groups. For the consultation and coordination with experts and contact points of the Member States and, where appropriate, with representatives of other stakeholders and organisations, in the preparation of delegated acts and for the examination of questions raised by the implementation of Directive 2007/2/EC, this group of experts should be continued. Article 19 of Directive 2007/2/EC should be modified accordingly.

(14b) Article 20 of Directive 2007/2/EC sets out that implementing rules referred to in that Directive are to take due account of standards adopted by European standardisation bodies in accordance with the procedure laid down in Directive (EU) 2015/1535, as well as international standards. References to such standards should be integrated into Articles 5, 7 and 11a in view of simplification of the approach for interoperability of spatial data sets and services and for service capabilities. Article 20 of Directive 2007/2/EC should therefore be deleted.

(15) Article 21 of Directive 2007/2/EC sets out the monitoring and reporting requirements for Member States concerning the implementation of that Directive and the use of their infrastructures for spatial information. Article 5 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/138[12], establishes a list of high-value datasets belonging to the thematic categories set out in Annex I to Directive (EU) 2019/1024 and held by public sector bodies. It also lays down the arrangements for publishing and ~~resusing~~***reusing*** of such high-value datasets. Member States are to provide the Commission with a report on the measures taken to implement the rules set out in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/138, including a list of datasets corresponding to the description of each high-value data referred to in the Annex to that Implementing Regulation with online reference to metadata that allows for existing standards. That Annex, which includes 33 out of the 34 spatial datasets set out in Annexes I**,** II and III to Directive 2007/2/EC. It is therefore no longer

[12] Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/138 of 21 December 2022 laying down a list of specific high-value datasets and the arrangements for their publication and re-use (Text with EEA relevance), (OJ L 19, 20.1.2023, p. 43, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2023/138/oj).

necessary to maintain the reporting requirements set out in Article 21 of Directive 2007/2/EC.

(16) The Treaty of Lisbon modified the legal framework governing the powers conferred on the Commission by the legislator, introducing a distinction between powers delegated to the Commission to adopt non-legislative acts of general application to supplement or amend certain non-essential elements of a legislative act (delegated acts), and the powers conferred on the Commission to adopt acts to ensure uniform conditions for implementing legally binding Union acts (implementing acts). Where implementing powers are conferred on the Commission, those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council[13].

(17) This Directive adopted before the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon confers powers on the Commission to adopt measures under the regulatory procedure with scrutiny established by Article 5a of Council Decision 1999/468/EC[14].

(18) The need to align all existing legislation to the legal framework introduced by the Treaty of Lisbon is acknowledged in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making[15].

(19) The empowerment for the Commission to amend Annexes I, II and III to Directive 2007/2/EC in order to adapt the description of the existing data themes referred to in those Annexes, which is set out in Article 4(7) of that Directive, provides for the use of the regulatory procedure with scrutiny. As that empowerment fulfils the criteria under Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), it should be adapted to that provision.

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13 Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13).

14 Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/1999/468/oj.

15 OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_interinstit/2016/512/oj.

(20) In order to ensure the necessary adaptation of this Regulation, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 TFEU should be delegated to the Commission in respect of amending Annexes I to III to Directive 2007/2/EC by adapting the description of the existing data themes. It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level, in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making. In particular, to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the European Parliament and the Council receive all documents at the same time as Member States' experts, and their experts systematically have access to meetings of Commission expert groups dealing with the preparation of delegated acts.

(21) The empowerment for the Commission to adopt rules for the implementation of Article 5 of Directive 2007/27EC, which is set out in paragraph 4 of that Article, should be adapted to Article 291 TFEU.

(22) Article 23 of Directive 2007/2/EC establishes the obligation for the Commission to evaluate that Directive, and sets out the elements on the basis of which the evaluation should be based. Those elements should be modified in view of the alignment with the monitoring and reporting obligations in Regulation No (EU) 2023/138 and the deletion of Article 21 of Directive 2007/2/EC.

(23) Directive 2007/2/EC ~~shoudls~~***should*** therefore be amended accordingly.

(24) Commission Regulations (EU) No 1089/2010[16], (EC) No 976/2009[17] and (EU) No 268/2010[18] should be repealed before the respective empowerments on the basis of

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16 Commission Regulation (EU) No 1089/2010 of 23 November 2010 implementing Directive 2007/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards interoperability of spatial data sets and services (OJ L 323, 8.12.2010, pp. 11), ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2010/1089/oj

17 Commission Regulation (EC) No 976/2009 of 19 October 2009 implementing Directive 2007/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the Network Services (OJ L 274, 20.10.2009, p. 9), ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2009/976/oj.

18 Commission Regulation (EU) No 268/2010 of 29 March 2010 implementing Directive 2007/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the access to spatial data sets and services of the Member States by Community institutions and bodies under harmonised conditions (OJ L 83, 30.3.2010, p. 8), ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2010/268/oj.

which they were adopted are deleted. The application date for the repeal of those empowerments should therefore be deferred.

(25) Since the objectives of this Directive cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States but can rather, by reason of the scale or effects of the action, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality as set out in that Article, this Directive does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives.

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Amendments *to Directive 2007/2/EC*

Directive 2007/2/EC is amended as follows:

(-1) in the title, in Article 1(1), in Article 13(1), second subparagraph, points (d) and (f), in Article 19(1) and in Annex I, point 9, the words 'Community' and 'European Community' shall be replaced by the word 'Union' and any necessary grammatical changes shall be made;

(1) ~~in~~ Article 3~~, points 5, 7, 8 and 10 are deleted;~~ ***is amended as follows:***

(a) point 1 is replaced by the following:

'1. 'infrastructure for spatial information' means metadata, spatial data sets, spatial data services; technologies and application programming interfaces enabling access to spatial data and the capabilities of spatial data services; agreements on sharing, access and use; and coordination and monitoring mechanisms, processes and procedures, established, operated or made available in accordance with this Directive;'

(b) points 7 and 8 are deleted;

(c) the following points are added:

'11. 'application programming interface (API)' means a set of functions, procedures, definitions and protocols for machine-to-machine communication and the seamless exchange of data;

12. 'machine-readable format' means a format structured so that software applications can easily identify, recognise and extract specific data, including individual statements of fact, and their internal structure;

13. 'bulk download' means a function that enables a download of an entire dataset in one or several packages.'

(2) Article 4 is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 1, point (c)~~(ii) is deleted;~~ ***is replaced by the following:***

'(c) they are held by or on behalf of a public authority, having been produced or received by a public authority, or being managed or updated by that authority and falling within the scope of its public tasks;'

~~(b) paragraph 5 is deleted;~~

(c) paragraph 7 is replaced by the following:

'7. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 22a in order to amend Annexes I, II and III by adapting the description of the existing data themes in the light of technological and economic developments.'

(3) Article 5 is amended as follows:

(-a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following

'1. Member States shall ensure that metadata are created for the spatial data sets falling within the scope of this Directive, and that those metadata are kept up to date.'

(a) In paragraph 2, point (a) is deleted~~.~~***;***

(aa) in paragraph 2 the following points are added:

'(f) information enabling users to identify and use the access mechanisms for spatial data sets and services, including relevant endpoints for services and application programming interfaces (APIs), as well as bulk download facilities;

(g) reference to the data schema(s), codes and categories used, as well as the publicly documented, Union-wide or internationally recognised open, machine-readable formats in which the spatial data sets are, where applicable, made available.'

(b) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:

'4. The Commission is empowered to adopt implementing acts laying down rules for the application of this Article, taking ***due*** account of ~~relevant, existing~~***standards adopted by European standardisation bodies in accordance with the procedure laid down in Directive (EU) 2015/1535, as well as*** international standards and user requirements, in particular with relation to validation metadata. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the ***examination*** procedure referred to in Article 22b(2)~~.~~***'***

(4) ~~Articles 6 to 7 are~~***Article 6 is*** deleted~~.~~***;***

(4a) Article 7 is replaced by the following:

'Article 7

1. Member States shall ensure that spatial datasets and services falling within the scope of this Directive are made available in a manner that enables their combined and cross-border use, including through:

(a) the use of common coordinate reference systems and the georeferencing of spatial data, including their explicit description in the metadata elements;

(b) the use of identifiers enabling unambiguous referencing of spatial objects and, where relevant, links to registers;

(c) the documentation of key semantic elements necessary for interpretation and combination of datasets.

2. The Commission shall publish and regularly update guidance identifying relevant standards, in particular those adopted by European standardisation bodies in accordance with the procedure laid down in Directive (EU) 2015/1535, as well as international standards and technical specifications that may be used to meet the requirements set out in paragraph 1 of this Article, taking into account Article 19 of this Directive. '

(5) Article 8 is deleted~~.~~***;***

(6) ~~Article 9 to 12~~***Articles 9 and 10*** are deleted~~.~~***;***

(6a) The heading "CHAPTER IV - NETWORK SERVICES" is replaced by the following:

'CHAPTER IV - SERVICE AND API CAPABILITIES'

(6b) Article 11 is replaced by the following:

'Article 11

1. Member States shall establish and operate discovery mechanisms for the spatial data sets for which metadata have been created in accordance with Article 5.

2. The discovery mechanisms referred to in paragraph 1 shall enable:

(a) searching on the basis of the content of the metadata;

(b) displaying the content of the metadata;

(c) access to the metadata, including for harvesting.'

(6c) the following Article is inserted:

'Article 11a

1. Member States shall ensure that spatial datasets can be accessed through machine-readable access mechanisms, such as services and/or application programming interfaces (APIs), and where appropriate through bulk download.

2. The access mechanisms referred to in paragraph 1 shall enable:

(a) visualisation of spatial datasets, including navigation and display of basic information needed to interpret the dataset; and

(b) download or retrieval of spatial datasets, including in parts where feasible, and/or through bulk download where appropriate.

3. Access mechanisms may be based on relevant standards adopted by European standardisation bodies in accordance with the procedure laid down in Directive (EU) 2015/1535, as well as international standards that may be used to meet the requirements of this Article, taking into account Article 19 of this Directive.'

(6d) Article 12 is deleted;

(7) Article ~~13(1)~~***13, paragraph 1*** is amended as follows:

(a) the first subparagraph is replaced by the following:

'Member States may limit public access to spatial data sets and services***, including metadata,*** -where such access could adversely affect international relations, public security or national defence. '

(b) ~~in~~ the second subparagraph~~, the introductory wording is replaced by the following~~ ***is amended as follows***:

(i) the introductory wording is replaced by the following:

'Member States may limit public access to spatial data sets and services where such access could ~~adversly~~***adversely*** affect any of the following:~~;~~'

(ii) point (b) is deleted.

(7a) Article 13, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

'2. The grounds for limiting access, as provided for in paragraph 1, with the exception of subparagraph 1, shall be interpreted in a restrictive way, taking into account for the particular case the public interest served by providing this access. In every particular case, the public interest served by disclosure shall be weighed against the interest served by limiting or conditioning the access. Member States may not, by virtue of points (a), (d), (f), (g) and (h) of paragraph 1, limit access to information on emissions into the environment.'

(8) Articles 14 to 15 are deleted~~.~~***;***

(9) Article 16 is deleted~~.~~***;***

(10) Article 17 is ~~deleted.~~***replaced by the following:***

'Article 17

1. Member States shall ensure that public authorities can access, exchange and use spatial datasets and services where such access or exchange is necessary for the performance of public tasks. Member States shall not limit effective cross-border access, exchange and use of spatial datasets and services.

2. Member States may make access and exchange subject to conditions including licensing and cost recovery, provided that such conditions are transparent, proportionate and do not create unnecessary obstacles to the performance of public tasks referred to in paragraph 1.

3. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, Member States may limit access, exchange and use of spatial datasets and services, where such access, exchange and use could compromise the course of justice, international relations, public security or national defence.'

(10a) Article 19, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

'1. The Commission shall be responsible for coordinating Inspire at Union level and shall be assisted for that purpose by relevant experts designated by Member States, as well as by relevant organisations and, in particular, by the European Environment Agency.'

(10b) Article 20 is deleted;

(11) Article 21 is deleted.***;***

(12) Article 22 is replaced by the following:

'Article 22a

1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article.

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 4(7) shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of five years from [Note to PO: please insert the date of entry into force of this ***amending*** Directive]. The Commission shall draw up a report in respect of the delegation of power not later than nine months before the end of the five-year period. The delegation of power shall be tacitly extended for periods of an identical duration unless the European Parliament or the Council opposes such extension not later than three months before the end of each period.

3. The delegation of power referred to in Article 4(7) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making.

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5. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.

6. Delegated acts adopted pursuant to Article 4(7) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and to the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.';

'Article 22b

1. The Commission shall be assisted by a committee. That committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 ***of the European Parliament and of the Council****.

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.;

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* ***Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2011/182/oj). '***

(13) Article 23 is replaced by the following:

'Article 23

The Commission shall, no later than six years after [OP: please insert the date = 12 months following the date of entry into force of this ***amending*** Directive], carry out an evaluation of this Directive, and of its implementation, and make it publicly available. That evaluation shall be based, inter alia, on the following elements:

(a) the experience gathered from the implementation of this Directive;

(b) ~~Member State high-value dataset~~***the*** metadata ~~harvested by the European data portal (data.europa.eu)~~***provided in accordance with Article 5***;

(c) relevant scientific, analytical data required on the basis of the ***Commission's*** Better Regulation guidelines, in particular by relying on efficient and effective information management processes.~~.~~"

(13a) The Annexes are amended as follows:

(a) In Annex I, the heading "SPATIAL DATA THEMES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLES 6(A), 8(1) AND 9(A)" is deleted;

(b) In Annex II, the heading "SPATIAL DATA THEMES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLES 6(A), 8(1) AND 9(B)" is deleted;

(c) In Annex III, the heading "SPATIAL DATA THEMES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLES 6(B) AND 9(B)" is deleted.

Article 2

Transposition

1. Member States shall adopt and publish, by [OP: please insert the date ~~12~~***24*** months after the date of entry into force of this ***amending*** Directive], the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions.

   They shall apply those provisions from [OP: please insert the date ~~12~~***24*** months and one day after the date of entry into force of this ***amending*** Directive].

   When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

Article 3

Entry into force and application

1. This Directive shall enter into force on the [twentieth] day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

2. Application of Article 1, points (5), (9), (10) and (11) shall apply from [1 March 2027].

Article 4

Addressees

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the European Parliament	*For the Council*
The President	*The President*

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