

GSDI 11 15-18 JUNE 2009 The Netherlands

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WHAT HAS BEEN DECIDED?

- December 2005: start bid-process within EUROGI
- January 2006: RAVI, now GEONOVUM candidate for The Netherlands
- March 2006: EUROGI General Board approves EUROGI/Ravi candidacy
- November 2006: GSDI Council agrees with EUROGI's proposal and decides to start negotiations with proponents under the assumption that GSDI-11 will occur in the Netherlands.

WHY EUROPE IN 2009?

- 2009 eminent importance for Europe with first outcomes of INSPIRE at work
- Europe share with the GSDI network how Directive gets form and substance and
- Also share how GI sector could contribute to implementation process
- Goal: construct bridges between various developments world wide
- Joint program with annual 15th EC GI&GIS workshop of European Commission (EC)

PROGRAMME: WHAT IS GENERAL THEME?

- Theme:
“SDI convergence on global level: Bridging the SDI’s in Europe, the America’s, Asia and the Pacific, and Africa”
 - Addressing the main priorities and actions at global level
 - Stimulating large participation from different stakeholder groups
 - Discussions in workshops
 - Recommendations SDI global agenda topics in the future
 - Future agenda for GSDI convergence.

Programme: Europe

Plenary sessions and workshop sessions organised by EC to demonstrate crucial role GI society in EU countries and on European level in:

- implementation process INSPIRE regulations
 - National Governments
 - Legal Mandated Organisations
 - Drafting Teams

- commitment building
 - Standardisation/ services/ data sharing ESDI
 - Building EU SDI and portals within the ESDI framework
 - Contribution to further optimization of the ESDI

PROGRAMME: Contribution of the Netherlands

- SDI innovations in the Space for Geo Information Program realised.
 - Demonstrating results/ benefits for GI community
 - Showing international knowledge partnerships
 - Contributions to effective public sector, sound private sector, excellent scientific GI community
- Dutch high level strategic GI committee & successful initiatives of Dutch GI producers in NSDI partnership
- GI public platforms working closely together on Dutch E-government issues

HOW TO ACCOMPLISH THIS?

- Start Conference Monday 15 June AM, end Thursday 18 June PM
- European and Dutch politicians key-note speeches to explain the importance of GI for global society
- panel of experts to address the main priorities at global level and actions which need to be done
- Each day joint plenary sessions
- Also parallel sessions each day

LOCAL ORGANISERS:

strong partnership

Partnership:

- EUROGI
long tradition in EU networking and lobbying
- Joint Research Centre (JRC) of EC: initiator INSPIRE,
famous annual EC GI&GIS Workshops
- GEONOVUM
formerly RAVI long tradition in national and international
innovation initiatives/organisation of conferences
- Delft University of Technology for scientific support:
e.g GI for disaster management conference 2005



CONCLUSION

- 2009 is for Europe an excellent timing to host GSDI 11
- Sharing European initiatives and showing results to global network
 - EC GI&GIS conference
 - INSPIRE ambitions for the coming years
 - INSPIRE as a usable concept outside Europe
- Presenting Dutch innovation results
 - Presentation high level decision makers
 - Best practices by public / private sector and knowledge/research community
- Developing an GSDI priority topic agenda setting for the future

SDI convergence on global level



*We hope to welcome you in
2009 in The Netherlands*

Thank you for listening