

Infrastructure for spatial information in the European Community (INSPIRE): certain reporting requirements

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PURPOSE: to streamline the requirements for Member States to provide information to the Commission.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (U) 2024/2829 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2007/2/EC as regards certain reporting requirements for infrastructures for spatial information.

CONTENT: reporting requirements play a key role in ensuring the proper monitoring and correct enforcement of Union legal acts. However, it is important to streamline such requirements in order to ensure that they fulfil the purpose for which they were intended and to limit the administrative burden.

Directive 2007/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council lays down general rules aimed at the establishment of the Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE) for the purposes of Union environmental policies and policies or activities which may have an impact on the environment. That Directive requires Member States to update, if necessary, and publish a report including, among other things, a summary description of the costs and benefits of implementing that Directive by 31 March of each year.

To reduce the administrative burden of the reporting requirements under Directive 2007/2/EC, it is necessary to align the frequency and timing of reporting on the implementation and use of Member States' infrastructures for spatial information with more recent horizontal digital data legal acts.

Therefore, this Directive introduces a **two-year reporting cycle** instead of an annual one. From 31 March 2025 and every two years thereafter, by 31 March at the latest, Member States will be required to update, where appropriate, a summary report and to publish it.

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