INSPIRE Metadata

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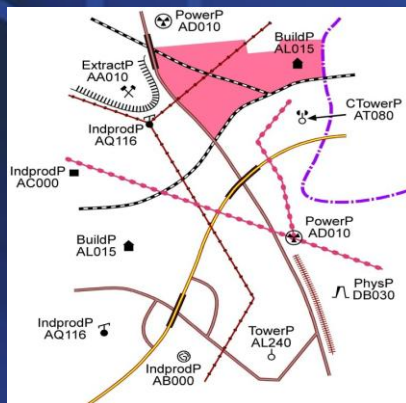
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- An example of spatial geographical data:

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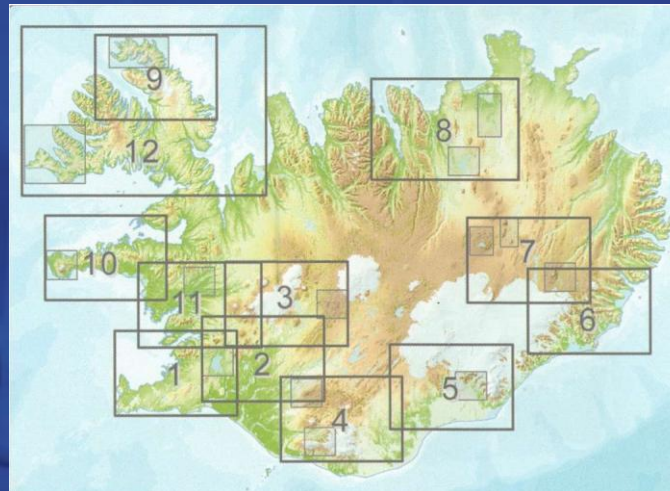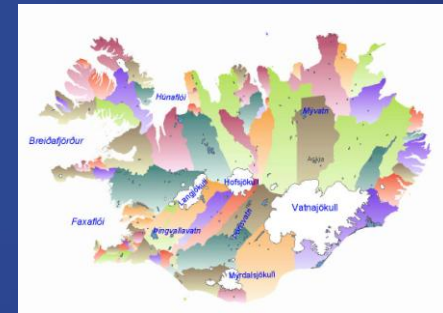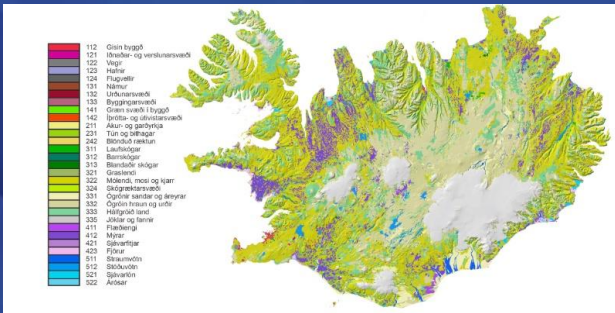
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- Examples of metadata:
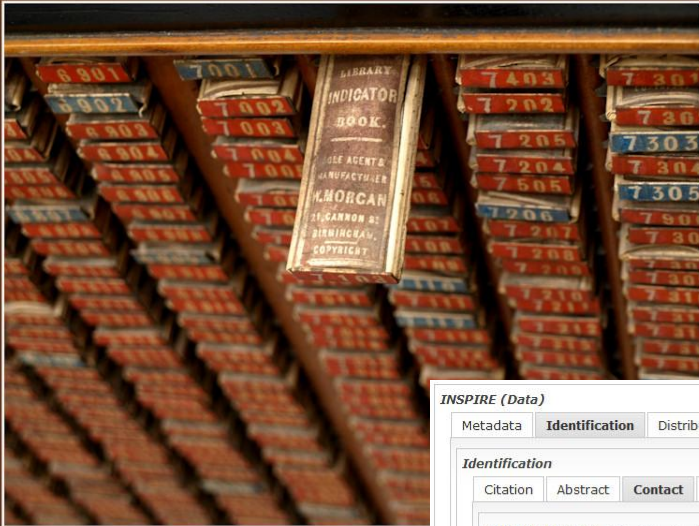
INSPIRE: the (slow) start

- Healthy interest, but little initiative from public institutes so far;

- Of the 18 institutes introduced, only 1 provided a complete metadata file so far;

- Very important to allocate resources and raise the INSPIRE awareness within (relevant) public institutes;

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What writing the metadata is about

- Organization (responsible parties must know their roles well);

- In-depth knowledge of data (technical properties, ownership, legal limitations, conformance to specifications, and more…)

- Knowledge of how to achieve INSPIRE compliancy;

- Providing more information on data than the minimum INSPIRE requirements is a good idea!

- INSPIRE Deadlines;

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What does INSPIRE require regarding the metadata?

- Contact information;

- Standards that have been applied for the data;

- Date (creation/publication/revision/metadata);

- Abstract description of the data;

- Constraints (usage, access, other);

- Data availability formats, scale, accuracy, classification, extent, lineage, etc;

- Much more…

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Final word

Technically, it takes only 10 minutes or so, to write the INSPIRE compliant metadata... that is, if one knows everything there is to know about the dataset in question. There is often a gap between the information available and that of required. The time is now to start narrowing that gap.