Basic information

2025/0393(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive	Awaiting Council's 1st reading position
Simplification of certain requirements for spatial information infrastructure in the Union (INSPIRE) (Omnibus VIII on environmental legislation) Amending Directive 2007/2 2004/0175(COD) **Subject** 1.20.05 Public access to information and documents, administrative practice 2.80 Cooperation between administrations 3.70 Environmental policy	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Climate and Food Safety	YTTERELL Emma (Renew)	16/03/2026
	Shadow rapporteur KANEV Radan (EPP) CORRADO Annalisa (S&D) ANDROUËT Mathilde (PfE) TIMGREN Beatrice (ECR) PAULUS Jutta (Greens/EFA) PALMISANO Valentina (The Left) ARNDT Anja (ESN)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Environment	ROSWALL Jessika

European Economic and Social Committee
European Committee of the Regions

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
10/12/2025	Legislative proposal published	COM(2025)0985	Summary
09/02/2026	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
10/09/2026	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
15/09/2026	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A10-0233/2026	
06/10/2026	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T10-0325/2026	Summary
06/10/2026	Results of vote in Parliament		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2025/0393(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Amendments and repeals	Amending Directive 2007/2 2004/0175(COD)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 192-p1
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee European Committee of the Regions
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting Council's 1st reading position
Committee dossier	ENVI/10/04770

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE787.833	05/05/2026	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE789.937	11/06/2026	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A10-0233/2026	15/09/2026	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T10-0325/2026	06/10/2026	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
	COM(2025)0985		

Legislative proposal		10/12/2025	Summary

National parliaments

Document type	Parliament /Chamber	Reference	Date	Summary
Reasoned opinion	FR_SENATE	PE786.858	08/04/2026	
Reasoned opinion	IT_CHAMBER	PE786.913	08/04/2026	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES4350/2025	18/03/2026	
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0953/2026	07/05/2026	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

Transparency

Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives
PAULUS Jutta	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	18/05/2026	European Federation of National Associations of Water Services

Simplification of certain requirements for spatial information infrastructure in the Union (INSPIRE) (Omnibus VIII on environmental legislation)

2025/0393(COD) - 06/10/2026 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 515 votes to 108, with 35 abstentions, **amendments** to the 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.

The matter was referred to the committee responsible for interinstitutional negotiations.

The proposal aims to amend INSPIRE as part of the Environmental Omnibus (Omnibus VIII) simplification package, and as the legislative component of the GreenData4All initiative. The proposal would streamline the INSPIRE Directive by removing redundant technical requirements for network services and data sharing, deferring instead to the horizontal data legislative framework.

Parliament largely supports the objectives of simplification and alignment with horizontal data legislation. However, it believes that the Commission's approach in certain areas risks undermining important safeguards specific to environmental geographic data.

The main amendments adopted in plenary concern the following points:

Ensuring the availability, accessibility and usability of environmental information

Members consider that high-quality, reliable and comparable environmental data are an essential prerequisite for the design, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of Union environmental law and policies. Maintaining the availability, accessibility and usability of environmental information therefore remains essential to ensuring a high level of environmental protection across the Union.

Member States should ensure that:

- the provision of spatial data sets and spatial data services, including through application programming interfaces, is based on **open, documented, vendor-neutral, and geospatial standards**. These standards include relevant standards and specifications such as those of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), as well as the API standards of the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) and comparable open specifications;

- the technical solutions chosen do not impair the cross-border **discoverability, accessibility, usability, and re-use** of spatial data.

Network of services

Member States should:

- ensure that spatial data sets falling within the scope of this Directive are **made available and accessible** in accordance with Directive (EU) 2019/1024, including through appropriate technical arrangements enabling discovery and access for public tasks relevant for the environment, while supporting **interoperability and comparability** of spatial data across the Union;

- ensure that public authorities are given the technical possibility to **link their spatial data sets to relevant services provided for under Union law** on data governance and data sharing. This possibility should also be made available upon request to third parties whose spatial data sets comply with applicable requirements with regard to metadata and interoperability provided for under Union law on data governance and data sharing.

Data sharing

Member States should ensure that public authorities are able to access and exchange spatial data covered by this Directive that is necessary for the performance of public tasks that may have an impact on the environment. Provisions governing the re-use of public sector information are laid down in Directive (EU) 2019/1024 and other related Union legislation. Member States should, where necessary, adopt or maintain national measures to ensure effective access for the purposes of data sharing.

Simplification of certain requirements for spatial information infrastructure in the Union (INSPIRE) (Omnibus VIII on environmental legislation)

2025/0393(COD) - 10/12/2025 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to modernise and simplify the INSPIRE Directive by removing technical requirements for data and data sharing and aligning its obligations with more recent horizontal EU data legislation.

PROPOSED ACT: Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: Directive 2007/2/EC (the INSPIRE Directive) was adopted to create the European Spatial Data Infrastructure that enables the sharing of environmental spatial information among public sector organisations and improves public access to spatial information across Europe.

Completed in 2022, the most recent evaluation confirmed that while the objectives of the Directive remain highly relevant, the **legal framework could be simplified** and made more effective.

In its Communication of 19 November 2025 entitled “Data Union Strategy - Unlocking Data for AI”, 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 proposed simplification of the INSPIRE Directive, as part of the environmental simplification omnibus, constitutes the legal component of the **GreenData4All initiative**, announced in the 2020 European strategy for data, which has the objective to modernise the INSPIRE Directive in line with technological developments and innovation opportunities, with a view to supporting the transition to a greener and carbon-neutral economy, and reducing administrative burden.

CONTENT: this proposal forms part of REFIT, responding to the findings of the 2022 evaluation of the INSPIRE Directive, which identified areas of excessive administrative burden and overly prescriptive technical requirements.

The proposal simplifies the legal framework by **deleting obligations that are now addressed through more recent horizontal EU data legislation** specifically, Directive (EU) 2019/1024 (Open Data Directive) and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/138 (High-Value Datasets), Regulation (EU) 2022/868 (Data Governance Act) and Regulation (EU) 2024/903 (Interoperable Europe Act).

The Commission proposed to:

- remove duplicative reporting obligations, reducing compliance workload for Member States;

- remove four empowerments for adoption of implementing rules for interoperability, network services, data sharing and reporting requirements that no longer reflect current best practices or standards, thereby removing rigid technical requirements. The four implementing acts adopted on the basis of the empowerments will be repealed by separate adoption procedure (comitology);

- integrate spatial data access into another existing EU infrastructure, the open data portal (data.europa.eu), thereby simplifying user access and system maintenance and removing the obligation on the Commission to operate a geo-portal.

Modernising the INSPIRE Directive will ensure legal coherence, reduce duplication and the burden on Member States, while preserving the Directive's objectives of ensuring the accessibility, quality and interoperability of environmental spatial data.

The proposed simplification is expected to reduce administrative burdens by **24 - 64%** compared to the current baseline. This is considered to represent the realistic range of expected savings from the simplification, particularly those savings linked to the annual update of harmonised datasets and the operation of publication and web services. This translates into annual savings of roughly EUR 6.36 - 16.96 million, based on the average annual cost component for updating and maintaining datasets and services under INSPIRE.