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Methods and Tools for the implementation of the European Directive INSPIRE

The conference “**Methods and Tools for the implementation of the European Directive INSPIRE**” will take place in Park Hotel Moskva, Sofia on Wednesday, 16 March 2011. It will inform about possibilities of realizing spatial data infrastructures and will present tools, practical experiences and results necessary for harmonizing existing geospatial data with the requirements of the European Directive INSPIRE. It is organized by the two European projects Nature-SDIplus and Humboldt with URSIT Ltd. as the main local organizer, supported by Vitosha Nature Park Directorate and Strandja Nature Park Directorate - Bulgarian partners in the Nature-SDIplus project, and the Association for Geospatial Information in South-East Europe (AGISEE).

The conference is organized as part of the “**Initiative Spatial Data for Nature Protection**” that aims at discussing issues related to the implementation of the INSPIRE Directive for the creation and use of spatial data in the field of nature protection and management. The European project: “Best Practice Network for Spatial Data Infrastructures (SDI) in Nature Conservation - **Nature-SDIplus**” (<http://www.nature-sdi.eu/>) provides methods and tools for the harmonisation of geospatial data with INSPIRE and has created the Nature-SDIplus network of all interested stakeholders. The project **Humboldt** (<http://www.esdi-humboldt.eu/home.html>) has developed software tools which cover the entire data harmonisation process as defined by INSPIRE.

The conference “**Methods and Tools for the implementation of the European Directive INSPIRE**” will be a unique opportunity to get an understanding of the results of the two European projects Nature-SDIplus and Humboldt. Participants will be able to join the Nature-SDIplus network and learn about:

- The Directive INSPIRE, its current status and development.
- European programmes and initiatives related to INSPIRE.
- Methodologies, methods, tools and software useful for the practical implementation of INSPIRE.
- Practical experiences and results in implementing INSPIRE.
- A training framework and e-learning tools for the application of INSPIRE.
- Sharing of experiences between project partners and conference participants.

The conference will further feature an information stand of the Association of Parks in Bulgaria and an exhibition of the GIS products of the Turkish company NETCAD.

The conference is supported by the European Union’s Research Framework Programme. There is no entrance fee for the Conference.

More information and registration: <http://www.ursit.com/conference>

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