

Implementing a National Spatial Data Infrastructure for a Modern Kosovo

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SUMMARY

In the context of the Real Estate Cadastre and Registration Project, the Kosovo Cadastral Agency (KCA) is currently working on the development of a strategy for the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) of the Republic of Kosovo. This NSDI aims to transform the way spatial data and services are shared within Kosovo so it may underpin national social and economic development to the benefit of all. An incremental and sustainable implementation path is needed so stakeholders move from the current state of disparate GIS systems to an integrated and harmonised infrastructure for sharing spatial data. The strategy is strongly based on the principles of the EU Directive INSPIRE (Directive 2007/2/EC on ‘establishing an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community’). The strategy refers to relevant issues such as the vision/mission, objectives, list of stakeholders, funding model, NSDI-implementation costs and benefits, governance structure, communications plan and other issues (such as outreach and capacity building). Moreover, it includes a road map for the implementation. A final version of the strategy plan is scheduled for April 2015. Implementing the strategy will contribute to the formation of a modern Kosovo.