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FIG Commission 3 Workshop

**Spatial Information for
Sustainable Management of Urban
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The DVW e.V. is proud to welcome the workshop "Spatial Information for Sustainable Management of Urban Areas" of the FIG Commission 3 in Germany. A big thank you to the organisers and everybody who is contributing to this event!

The topic of spatial information is a subject of increasing importance in Germany.

Already in the late 90s, several German States started to establish their spatial data infrastructure often as joint initiatives of State Agencies, Municipalities, private companies and scientific institutes. The SDI-initiatives have become a central innovation factor in the spatial information management in Germany.

On the other hand the pressure of cost reduction forced many German states to reorganize the information management administration with respect to the topics of efficiency, process alignment, cost reduction and core tasks. The main focus was:

- Concentration on key tasks, reduction of the employment body
- Private business before administrative activity
- Restructuring of the organization under consideration of work processes and quality measurement

Even if there are now less personal resources available, the SDI-activities have been strengthened. In Germany with its high populated urban areas politics has recognized that spatial information management is a central infrastructure the state has to provide.

Spatial information management and the SDI has to become the geo part of E-government.

In this context the DVW wishes the best success to the Commission 3 workshop in Mainz, Germany.

Sincerely yours



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SUMMARY

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Spatial information management and the SDI has to become the geo part of E-government. In Germany, under Deutschland-online (Germany online) several projects have been defined with respect to spatial information:

- Interoperable Mapping for Urban Planning (XPlanung)
- Official Addresses for Germany (Gazetteer service)
- Real Estate Value for Germany (VBORIS)
- Harmonised Mapping for Germany

And new projects are in the pipeline:

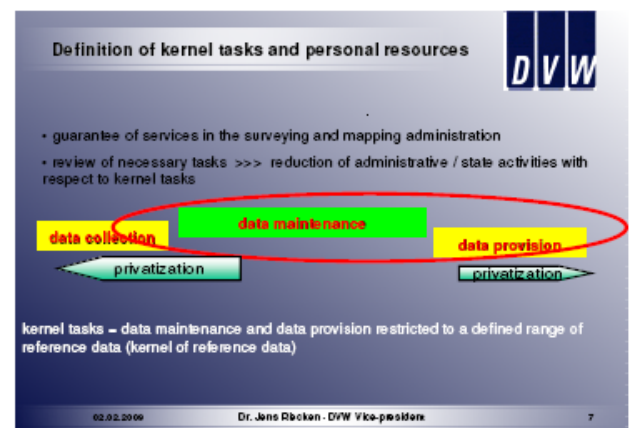
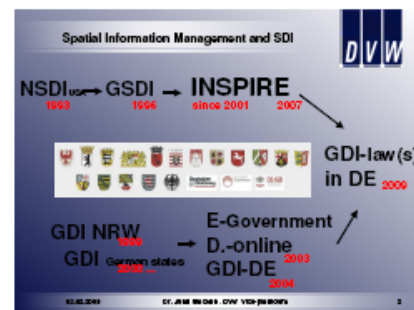
- City maps for Germany (maps on the internet)
- Okstra (Management of Streets)
- Solar potential and 3D-Information
- Real Estate Value+ (market analysis)

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Since the beginning of the SDI-development in Germany the success factors in Spatial Information Management and SDI are especially: Openness, willingness for cooperation, Willingness for communication and common goals.

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