

# Components of Spatial Information – What is Needed?

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## ABSTRACT

Customers are using Spatial Information for their decision-making. They are accessing different components and services in digital form. How can they manage it? Is it by a coordinated approach of the information providers or is it much more a demand driven initiative, not withstanding all the hindrances?

What are the challenges for the customers? The customers get more and more involved in the unpleasant aspects of merging, transforming, overlaying, filtering information. A sound infrastructure however needs some harmonization for optimised common use of services and data provided. This paper shows activities and needs as well as examples from Europe.

Everybody is speaking about the new challenges and opportunities, which came up as a result of our fast changing **information society**. We all are aware about the changing demand on infrastructure when we change our main source of income from producing industrial goods to a service oriented “knowledge economy”.

However is everything really new or is it just a repeating story that we should already know from the past, where also a longer process of trial and error was needed for developing sustainable infrastructure and business models, which are still under permanent improvement?

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