

Partnership Building is a Crucial Element of the Dutch NSDI

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SUMMARY

New initiatives have been taken, which stimulate partnership building around the Dutch NSDI (National Geo Information Infrastructure: NGII). In my paper, I have summarized the basic elements of the organizational context for assessing the maturity of SDI's and the assessment of the maturity of the Dutch NSDI in particular.

From the organizational perspective, I concluded that the Dutch GI community plays an important role in the realization of the NSDI. The GI community is in the stage of active helping and solving the identified problems, and actively working on innovations in cooperation with the responsible government authorities.

My conclusion is illustrated with the description of three cases of partnership building in the Netherlands. These cases play an eminent role in the realization of the Dutch NSDI.

The first case handles on the open relationship between the partnership of the Large Scale Basis Map (GBKN) and the responsible Minister of Housing, Building, Spatial Planning and Environment. (Coordinating Minister of GI). The partnership has the ambition that GBKN will be qualified as authentic register (main registration in the Dutch Government policy) in the future. Financial issues are of vital importance in the negotiation process, but the partnership and the Dutch authorities are willing to find the right solutions.

The second case illustrates the stage of the current maturity of our NSDI, and the way in which central government organizes partnership building in the digital national spatial planning process. These plans should be digitized and exchanged between municipalities, Provinces and central government authorities. A partnership has been formed consisting of members from the Ministries of Spatial Planning, Interior, Municipalities, the Provinces, the Water Boards, Nirov, the BNSP and the Ravi. The partnership stimulates the public authorities to produce spatial plans in a digitized form. The Ministry of Spatial Planning is making use of the standardization approach, which has been developed by the Ravi partners during the last ten years. New legislation for spatial planning is in preparation and the authentic registrations, as a part of the Dutch NSDI and the Dutch e-government program, will be related to the new digitized spatial planning documents and maps.

The third case illustrates the way in which the geo information sector works actively on innovation. The Dutch Government provided Ravi a subsidy of € 20 million for the innovation of the Dutch NSDI. The program consists of seven sub programs, such as societal issues, infrastructure nodes, access, dissemination, science and research, product innovation and knowledge.

An overview is given that shows how partnership building for the innovation process of the NSDI is being organized, what the results are, and how these partnerships stimulate the innovation process of the Dutch NSDI. At this moment, around fifteen consortia consisting of eighty partners are active in this innovation process of the Dutch NSDI.