THE PARLIAMENT OF REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

On the basis of article 75, paragraph 1 and paragraph 2 of the Constitution of Republic of Macedonia, the President of Republic of Macedonia and the President of the Parliament of Republic of Macedonia hereby issue a

DECREE
FOR ENACTMENT OF THE LAW ON NATIONAL SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE OF REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

The Law on National Spatial Data Infrastructure of Republic of Macedonia is hereby enacted and was adopted by the Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia at a session dated February 19, 2014.

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LAW ON NATIONAL SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE OF REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1
(1) This Law regulates the establishment, the organizational structure, the maintenance and the management of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure of Republic
of Macedonia (hereinafter referred to as NSDI), as well as the services which refer to the spatial and non-spatial data contained in the spatial data sets.

2. This law shall apply only for the original version of the spatial data set in case when different entities own or someone else owns on their behalf multiple identical samples of the same spatial data set.

**Objective of the NSDI**

**Article 2**

1. The objective of the establishment of the NSDI is to facilitate the access, the sharing, the use and the distribution of standardized spatial data and services in an efficient, effective and synchronized manner.

2. The NSDI shall establish technological, legal and administrative framework for inter-institutional cooperation, which shall support the initiatives for e-government and shall enable the integration of the spatial data from different sources into one network.

**Definition of terms**

**Article 3**

Certain terms used in this law shall have the following meaning:

1. “National Spatial Data Infrastructure” are metadata, spatial data sets and spatial data services; technologies; sharing contracts, access and use; mechanisms, processes and procedures for coordination and monitoring which have been established, are operational and are available in compliance with this law.

2. “Spatial data” are data which have direct or indirect connection with certain geo-spatial position or geographic area.

3. “Spatial data set” is a distinguishable set of standardized spatial data.

4. “Spatial data services” are activities which are performed on the spatial data from the data sets or on the metadata, with the application of a software solution.

5. “Spatial object” is abstract presentation of an event/occurrence from the real world connected with a spatial location or a geographical area.

6. “Analytical unit” is space defined by a coordinate network, statistical unit, administrative unit and other space which is subject to analysis.

7. “Metadata” are information which describe the spatial data sets and services and enable their detection, inventory and use.

8. “Interoperability“ is possibility for combining the spatial data sets and an interaction of the services without constant manual intervention, which results in connected spatial data sets that have increased added value.
9. „Geo-Portal“ is a web-based software solution which enables access to NSDI.

10. „NSDI entities“ are state entities and other legal entities in Republic of Macedonia, in compliance with the provisions of this law.

11. „Third party“ is every natural person or legal entity which is not an NSDI entity.

12. „Authorized body“ is the NSDI Council established by the Government of Republic of Macedonia in service of management of the NSDI.

13. „Browsing service“ is a service which enables browsing the spatial data sets and services on the basis of the content of the relevant metadata and presentation of the content of the metadata.

14. „Viewing service“ is a service which enables viewing, navigation, zooming in and zooming out, scrolling through or marking the spatial data sets which are being viewed, viewing of explanatory information as well as the content of the relevant metadata.

15. „Downloading service“ is a service which enables direct access and downloading of copies of spatial data sets or parts of such spatial data sets.

16. „Transformation service“ is a service which enables transformation of the spatial data sets with the objective to achieve interoperability.

17. „Service for search of spatial data“ is a service which enables defining the expected input and output data from the spatial service and workflow or service sequence which combines several services.

18. „E-commercial service“ is a service which enables receipt and processing of an application, payment and monitoring of the delivery of the spatial data set and services via the internet.

19. „INSPIRE Geo-Portal“ is a portal which provides a possibility for browsing/searching of spatial data sets for the EU member-countries and the services for the data, with the objective of searching and browsing such data.

20. „NSDI Strategy“ represents a mid-term plan-development document which defines the principles, the objectives and the priorities for the establishment and the sustainable development of the NSDI.

**Conditions to be met by the spatial data sets**

**Article 4**

(1) The spatial data sets are in electronic form and refer to the territory of Republic of Macedonia.

(2) The spatial data sets stipulated in paragraph (1) of this article are owned or used on the behalf of the bodies of the state administration, the local self-government
units, the public enterprises, and the natural persons and legal entities authorized to manage spatial data in accordance to law.

**Themes of the spatial data sets**

**Article 5**

The spatial data sets refer to one of the following themes:

1. Coordinate reference systems
   Systems for univocal geo-referencing of information in the space as a group of coordinates \((x, y, z)\) and/or geographic width, geographic longitude latitude, on the basis of geodetic horizontal and vertical datum.

2. Geographic network systems (grid systems)
   A harmonized multi-resolution square network with common point of origin, standardized location and size of the network cells.

3. Geographic names
   Names of areas, regions, locations, cities and other populated places and other geographic or topographic feature of public or historic interest.

4. Administrative units
   Units which have or exercise administrative rights and authorizations on national and local level, defined by law.

5. Addresses
   Indicators for locations of properties on the basis of identified address, expressed usually via postal code, name of street and house number.

6. Cadastre parcels
   Basic cadastre unit which is part of the land defined by borders, located in one cadastre municipality and under the ownership of certain ownership right holder.

7. Traffic networks
   Road, railway, air and water traffic networks and additional infrastructure.

8. Hydrography
   Hydrographic elements, as water springs, water flows, accumulations and lakes and other water forms, as river beds and river basins.

9. Protected areas
   Area with defined natural, ecologic, geographic, cultural and other value, declared and managed in accordance to law.

10. Elevation/Height Terrain Model
Digital terrain model for land and water surface.

11. Earth surface
Physical and biological layer of the earth surface, including artificial surface, agricultural areas, forests, natural and semi-natural areas, swamps and water forms.

12. Ortho-photogrametry
Geo-referenced photographic data for the surface of the earth, obtained from satellite or aerial sensors.

13. Geology
Geological features according to the content and the structure of the surface, including rock surface, underground waters and geomorphology.

14. Statistical units
Units for collection, sharing and use of statistical data.

15. Buildings
Geographic location of buildings.

16. Soil
Soil is land suitable for agricultural, forest and other production, determined according to its natural characteristics (depth, main substrate, structure, texture, physical and chemical attributes, drainage, height of underground waters and other) and other natural conditions (exposition, slope, elevation, bedrock, erosion, underground water and other).

17. Land Use
Land characterized according to its current and future planned functional and socio-economic purpose (residential, industrial, commercial, agricultural, recreational and other).

18. Human health and protection
Data for the geographic layout of the dominance of the pathologies (allergies, respiratory diseases, cancer diseases and other), information indicating the effect on health (bio-markers, fertility decrease, epidemic outbreaks and other) or the wellbeing of people (fatigue, stress, etc.), that are directly connected (air pollution, chemicals, the decrease of the ozone layer, noise and other) or directly connected (food, genetically modified organisms) with the quality of the environment.

19. Services of public interest
They include utility infrastructures for waste waters, waste management, energy supply, water supply, communication services, administrative and social services (public administration, health care centers, schools and hospitals).

20. Environment monitoring systems
Location and functioning of the systems for monitoring the environment, including monitoring and measurement of emissions, of the environmental mediums and of other
parameters in the eco-system (bio-diversity, ecologic conditions for vegetation and other), by or on behalf of the NSDI entities.

21. Production and industrial capacities
Industrial production zones, including facilities for integrated prevention and control of the pollution, facilities for water extraction, exploitation of minerals and storing zones.

22. Agricultural and aqua-cultural capacities
Agricultural and farm equipment and production facilities including systems for irrigation, orchards, farms and fishponds.

23. Population density - demography
Geographic density of the population, including features of the population and level of activity, collected according to network, region, administrative unit and other analytical unit.

24. Areas for management, limitation and regulation and reporting units
Managed, regulated or used areas for reporting on international, European, national, regional and local levels. This group includes landfills, restricted areas around springs of fresh water, zones sensitive to nitrates, regulated water channels, areas for damping waste, zones with noise limitations, areas with permits for research and extraction of minerals, areas of river beds, relevant units for reporting and areas for management of coastline territory.

25. Natural risk zones
Areas subjected to natural dangers (atmospheric, hydrologic, seismic and other events, which due to their location, seriousness and frequency have the potential to negatively influence the society) such as floods, landslides, land sinks, avalanches, forest fires, earthquakes and other.

26. Atmospheric conditions
Physical conditions in the atmosphere, represented through spatial data based on measurements, of models or combination of models, which include the measurement locations.

27. Meteorological geographical characteristics
Indicators for the weather conditions at the time of their measurement, such as rains, temperature, humidity, evaporation, speed and direction of wind.

28. Bio-geographic regions
Areas with relatively homogenic ecologic conditions with similar features.

29. Habitats and Biotopes
Geographic areas characterized with specific ecologic conditions, processes, structure and functions for support of the life of the organisms which live there, including land and water areas which differ according to their geographic, abiotic and biotic features, regardless of the fact whether they are completely natural or semi-natural.

30. Density of the species
Geographic density of animal and vegetation species collected and processed according to network, region, administrative unit or other analytical unit.

31. Energy sources
Sources of energy such as carbon hydrogen, hydro-energy, bio-energy, solar energy, wind energy etc and where possible, information on the depth/height of the scope of the source.

32. Mineral resources
Mineral resources are all organic and non-organic mineral matters which are in solid, liquid, gas matter. Mineral resources include metals, industrial minerals etc, and where relevant, information on the depth/height of the scope of the resource.

**Guarantee of the spatial data sets**

**Article 6**
The NSDI entities shall guarantee that the spatial data sets and services in compliance with this law contain the latest versions and updates.

**CHAPTER II**

**METADATA**

**Article 7**

(1) The NSDI entities who create i.e. own the data stipulated in article 5 of this Law are obliged to create, maintain and update the metadata for the spatial data sets and services.

(2) The standards for the metadata shall be further defined with a bylaw.

(3) The authorized body and the authorized entities in the NSDI shall undertake the necessary measures to provide the conditions for the metadata to be complete and with the quality defined with the standards for metadata.

**CHAPTER III**

**INTEROPERABILITY OF THE SPATIAL DATA SETS AND SERVICES**

**Article 8**

(1) The spatial data sets and services to which this law applies shall be established in a manner which guarantees that they are inter-synchronized and adhere to the specifications and protocols for spatial data sharing.

(2) The specifications and the protocols for spatial data sharing stipulated in paragraph (1) of this article shall be further defined with a bylaw.

**CHAPTER IV**
NETWORK SERVICES

Article 9
(1) For the spatial data sets and services for which metadata have been created in compliance with this law, the responsible NSDI entities shall establish and manage the following services:
   (a) For discovery;
   (b) For view;
   (c) For download;
   (d) For transformation;
   (e) For invoked of spatial data services.
(2) The services stipulated in paragraph (1) of this article shall take into consideration the relevant requests by the users, to be simple and easy for use and to be available to the public. Access to the services shall be provided via the internet or via other methods for transport of information via electronic means.
(3) The network infrastructure of services stipulated in paragraph (1) of this article shall be administered by the Ministry of Information Society and Administration.
(4) The provisions referring to the services stipulated in paragraph (1) of this article shall be further defined with a bylaw.

Connection with the NSDI

Article 10
The NSDI Council shall determine whether the NSDI entities have technical capacity to connect their spatial data sets and services in compliance with the provisions of the law which regulates the electronic management.

Issuance of permission to link with a third party

Article 11
(1) At the request of a third party, the Agency for Real Estate Cadastre shall issue a permission to link i.e. connect with the spatial data sets and services, and with the metadata associated with these spatial data and services, having previously obtained a certificate for functionality of the Information System and a Positive opinion issued by the NSDI Council.
(2) For the issuance of the permission referred to in paragraph (1) of this article, the third party shall pay a fee in accordance with the NSDI Tariff List.
(3) A bylaw shall define in details the form, content and manner of submitting the request and the permission stipulated in paragraph (1) of this Article.
Article 12
With an enactment of a Decision, the Agency for Real Estate Cadastre may revoke the permission stipulated in article 11, paragraph (1) of this law:
- at the request of the relevant entity/party, and
- if the competent authority determines that the relevant third party ceased to fulfill the conditions prescribed with this law.

Public Access to the Spatial Data Sets

Article 13
Public access to the spatial data sets and services may be limited in cases determined by law.

Service fee

Article 14
(1) The services specified in points (a) and (b) of paragraph (1), Article 9 of this Law shall be available free of charge for all users.
   (2) For the services from Article 9 paragraph (1), points (c), (d) and (e) within this Law, a fee shall be charged in accordance with the NSDI Tariff list.
   (3) The data obtained from the data sets in accordance with Article 9, paragraph (1) points (a) and (b) of this Law shall be in the form of information and shall not be considered as public records.
   (4) If the NSDI entities foresee fees for using the services defined in paragraphs (c), (d) or (e) of Article 9, paragraph (1) of this Law, the responsible entity in NSDI shall guarantee that these services are available with the e-commercial services.

National Geo-Portal and INSPIRE portal

Article 15
(1) Access to services specified in Article 9 paragraph (1) of this Law shall be provided through the national geo-portal.
   (2) The national geo-portal shall be available to the public
   (3) Access to the services specified in Article 9, paragraph (1) of this Law shall be provided through the European Commission's INSPIRE portal.

CHAPTER V
DATA SHARING

Article 16
(1) The NSDI Council shall establish measures for the sharing of the sets of spatial data and services between entities in NSDI, defined in Article 3, paragraph (9) of this Law. These measures shall enable the NSDI entities to gain access to the sets of spatial data and services and to share and use those sets and services, with the purpose of carrying out their public duties.
   (2) The measures referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall exclude restrictions that create obstructions during the sharing of spatial data sets.
For the sharing of spatial data sets and services, entities in the NSDI may sign an agreement, which governs the manner of sharing of sets of spatial data and services. The conditions in the agreement shall be entirely consistent with the overall objective to facilitate the sharing of spatial data sets and services between entities in the NSDI.

The sets of spatial data and services intended for reporting purposes in compliance with the legislation of the European Union shall not be subject to payment of fees.

The agreement on the sharing of spatial data sets and services referred to in paragraph (3), point 10 of this Article, shall be open to entities in NSDI defined in Article 3, paragraph (10) of this Law, as well as for the Member States and the institutions and bodies the European Union, for purposes related to public tasks that may have an impact on the environment.

The agreement on sharing of spatial data sets and services referred to in paragraph (3) of this Article, for purposes related to tasks that may have an impact on the environment, is open on a reciprocal and equivalent basis to bodies established by international agreements in which the European Union and the Member States of the European Union are contracting parties.

When sharing data under the agreements referred to in paragraphs (5) and (6) of this Article, the specific conditions defined in the national legislative should be taken into account.

The NSDI entities may limit the sharing if it endangers the course of justice, public security, national defense or international relations, defined by law.

CHAPTER VI

NSDI Bodies

Article 17
The NSDI bodies are: NSDI Council, NSDI Committee and NSDI working groups.

NSDI Council

Article 18
NSDI Council shall have a management role and shall consist of a President and members.

Management of the NSDI Council

Article 19
(1) The NSDI Council shall be managed and chaired by the Vice President of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, responsible for Economic Affairs (hereinafter: the "President of the Council").

(2) The President of the NSDI Council shall govern the implementation of the NSDI strategy and shall provide up to date information to the Government for the activities related to the NSDI.

Appointing NSDI Council members
Article 20
(1) The NSDI Council shall be consisted of representatives from:
   1. Ministry of Justice;
   2. Ministry for Defense;
   3. Ministry of Internal Affairs;
   4. Ministry of Economy;
   5. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management;
   6. Ministry of Local Self-Government;
   7. Ministry of Culture;
   8. Ministry of Transport and Communications;
   9. Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning;
   10. Ministry of Information Society and Administration;
   11. Secretariat for Implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement
   12. State Statistical Office;
   13. Agency for Real Estate Cadastre;
   14. Agency for Spatial Planning;
   15. Central Registry;
   16. Center for Crisis Management;
   17. City of Skopje;
   18. Chamber of Commerce of Republic of Macedonia (Public Utilities Association/Information or Communication Technologies Association)

(2) The Government of Republic of Macedonia shall appoint the members of the NSDI Council at the motion of the institutions stipulated in paragraph (1) of this article, points 1 through 12 and 14 through 17, for a four-year term with a possibility for a second appointment.

(3) Member of the NSDI Council representing the Agency for Real Estate Cadastre is the Director of the Agency.

(4) The NSDI Committee Coordinator shall also be a member of the NSDI Council.

(4) The Council shall elect a representative from its members to participate in the work of the NSDI Committee.

Competences of the NSDI Council

Article 21
(1) The NSDI Council shall be responsible for the performance of the following tasks:
   – Adopting Proceedings for the work of the NSDI Council;
   – Adopting Proceedings for the work of the NSDI Committee and working groups;
   – Appointing presidents and members of the working groups;
   – Coordinating activities of the NSDI entities;
   – Providing approval on the draft-NSDI Strategy
   – Providing approval on the proposal Annual program for implementation of the NSDI Strategy.
   – Monitoring the development of the NSDI and developing policies related to spatial data and their use;
– Providing approval on the Proposal Annual Report for the implementation of the Annual program.
– Preparing an overview of the initiatives related to spatial data at the national, regional and local level;
– Deciding on the request of a third party, after consulting the NSDI Committee on linking the spatial data and services of the third party with the NSDI network;
– Approving the description of the existing data themes defined in article 5, paragraph (1) of this Law proposed by the NSDI Committee;
– Providing approval on bylaws and Tariff lists; and
– Other tasks in compliance with law.

(2) The NSDI Council shall work and enact decisions at its sessions.
(3) Administrative and technical support for the NSDI Council shall be provided by the Agency for Real Estate Cadastre.

NSDI Strategy and Annual Program

Article 22

(1) The establishment, the maintenance and the management of the NSDI shall be performed on the basis of a Strategy and an Annual program for implementation of the Strategy.
(2) The strategy stipulated in paragraph (1) of this article shall be enacted by the Government of R. Macedonia for a period of three years, at the motion of the Agency for Real Estate Cadastre and approved by the NSDI Council.
(3) The Annual program stipulated in paragraph (1) of this article shall be enacted by the Government of R. Macedonia, at the motion of the Agency for Real Estate Cadastre and approved by the NSDI Council.
(4) The Strategy and the Annual Program stipulated in paragraph (1) of this article shall determine the type and the scope of the works, the resources needed for their execution as well as the source of such resources.

NSDI Committee

Article 23

(1) The NSDI Committee shall be a permanent operational and executive body.
(2) The NSDI Committee shall be responsible for implementing the objectives, policies and strategies of the NSDI, by efficiently and effectively using the available resources.
(3) The NSDI Committee is obliged to submit the drafted bylaws and opinions to the NSDI Council.

Members of the NSDI Committee

Article 24

(1) Members of the NSDI Committee shall be:
– The chairmen of the working groups;
– Representative of the Agency for Real Estate Cadastre and
– Representative of the NSDI Council
(2) The NSDI Committee shall appoint a coordinator of the Committee for a time period of three years. The coordinator will be elected from the list of chairmen of the working groups.

**Competences of the NSDI Committee**

**Article 25**

NSDI Committee shall:

- Prepare an annual program for implementation of the NSDI Strategy;
- Coordinate the implementation of the annual program in consultation and cooperation with the institutions that constitute the NSDI;
- Monitor the results of the implementation of the NSDI and inform the NSDI Council;
- Prepare an annual report on the implementation of the work program and submit it for approval to the NSDI Council;
- Review and submit to the Council proposal NSDI bylaws prepared by the working groups;
- Submit suggestions and opinions at the request of the NSDI Council, and
- Provide opinions to the NSDI Council regarding requests from third parties to access the NSDI network.

**Working Groups**

**Article 26**

For providing technical expertise, opinions and suggestions needed for the process of decision-making for managing and implementing the NSDI, working groups shall be established.

**Working Groups Competences**

**Article 27**

(1) The working groups of Article 26 of this Law shall prepare bylaws in their area of work and submit the same to the Committee, shall monitor the conditions in their area of work and shall perform other works at the request of the NSDI Council and the NSDI Committee.

(2) The working groups shall operate/work in compliance with the Work Proceedings of the NSDI Committee and the working groups (article 21, paragraph (1), line (2)).

(3) To implement the NSDI, the NSDI Council shall establish the following working groups:

- Working Group on legal and institutional issues and capacity building;
- Working Group on technological issues (standards, metadata, services, etc.)
- Working Group for public relations and communications, and
- Working Group on Economic Affairs.
Composition of the Working Groups

Article 28

(1) The working groups specified in Article 26, shall consist of 5 members.

(2) The NSDI entities shall nominate a representative in the working groups from their own institution.

(3) For the purposes of the working groups, the Agency for Real Estate Cadastre may engage external experts, in compliance with the Annual program for implementation of the NSDI Strategy.

(4) The Agency for REC with an enactment of a decision shall determine the level of compensation for the members of the working groups, previously being approved by the NSDI Council.

NSDI Competences of the Agency for Real Estate Cadastre

Article 29

(1) The Agency for Real Estate Cadastre is responsible for establishing, maintaining and providing public access to the NSDI Geoportal, maintenance of metadata services, a registry of metadata and associated trainings.

(2) The Agency for Real Estate Cadastre, on the web-page of the NSDI Geo-portal, shall publish decisions, bylaws, tariff lists, annual work plans, implementation reports and other documents and information of relevance to the NSDI.

(3) The Agency for Real Estate Cadastre shall adopt a decision for linking/connecting the third party to the NSDI, previously approved by the NSDI Council.

Unit for administrative-technical support of the NSDI

Article 30

The Agency for Real Estate Cadastre shall establish an organizational unit for administrative and technical support of the NSDI.

Adopting bylaws

Article 31

The bylaws foreseen with Article 7, paragraph (2), Article 8, paragraph (2), Article 9, paragraph (4), Article 11, paragraph (3) and Article 14, paragraph (2) of this Law shall be adopted by the Government of the Republic of Macedonia at the proposal of the Agency for real estate cadastre.

NSDI Funding

Article 32

(1) The funds needed for implementation of the Annual program stipulated in article 22 of this Law shall be provided from the Budget of Republic of Macedonia.

(2)
The funds necessary for the needs of the unit for administrative and technical support of Article 30 of this Law and the working groups of Article 27 paragraph (3) of this Law, shall be provided from the budget of the Republic of Macedonia through the annual working program of the Agency for Real Estate Cadastre.

(4) For the standardization of geospatial data from Article 5 of this Law, the authorities and institutions of Article 20 paragraph (1) of this Law, within their competences and authorizations, shall individually provide funds.

(5) The funds generated from the fees paid for the use of data sets shall be transferred to the account of the NSDI entity which has created the data sets i.e. owns the data sets that are subject to e-commercial services, whereby 10% of the generated funds shall be transferred at the account of the Agency for Real Estate Cadastre for the purpose of maintaining and providing public access to the NSDI Geo-portal.

**Monitoring over the execution/application of the law**

**Article 33**
The Ministry of Information Society and Administration shall be responsible for monitoring the execution/application of the provisions from this law.

**Transitional and Final Provisions**

**Article 34**
(1) The NSDI Council shall be established within a period of 3 months from the date of entry into force of this law.
(2) The NSDI Committee and the working groups shall be established within a period of six months from the date of entry into force of this law, the latest.

**Article 35**
The bylaws stipulated in this Law shall be adopted within 12 months from the date of establishment of the NSDI Council.

**Article 36**
(1) The authorized institutions are obliged within a period of 3 years from the entry into force of this law to perform digitalization of their geo-spatial data from Article 5 of this Law.
(2) Within a period of 5 years from the entry into force of this law all authorized institutions are obliged to provide services for sharing of geo-spatial data.
(3) All authorized institutions are obliged to carry out a complete synchronization with the provisions of this law by 31/12/2019, the latest.

**Article 37**
With the entry into force of this Law, the Chapter XIV National infrastructure of spatial data in the Law on Real Estate Cadastre ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" no. 40/2008, 158/10, 17/11, 51/11 and 74/12) shall no longer be valid.

**Article 38**
This Law shall enter into force on the eighth day after its publication in the
"Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia", apart from the provision from Article 15 paragraph (3) of this Law, whose application shall commence with the accession of the Republic of Macedonia into the European Union.