

# Data Conversion or a wrapper mediator?

## The Italian example of INSPIRE implementation

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# ISPRA has carried out Data Specification

## Test on:

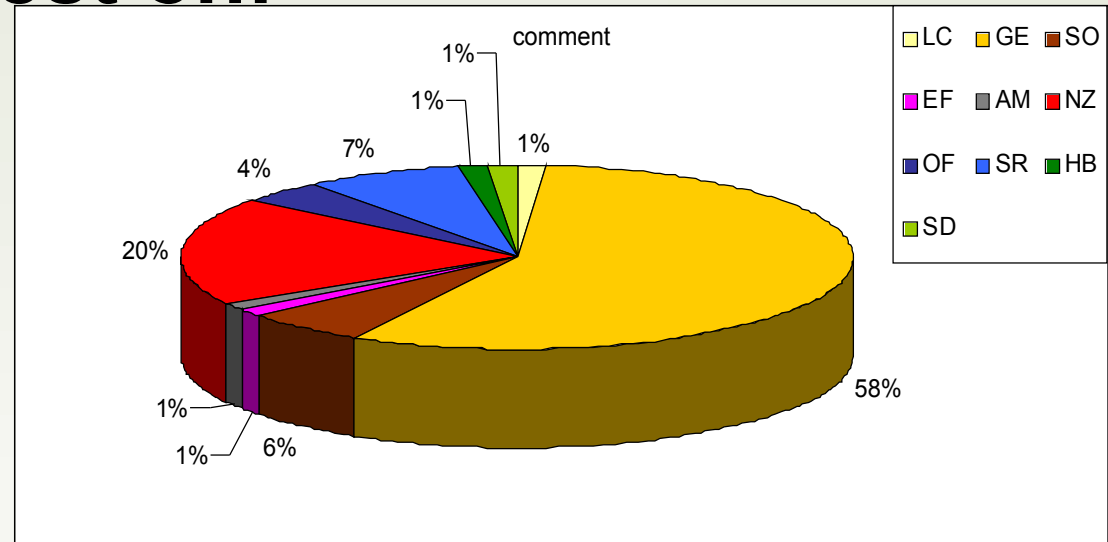
### Themes analyzed 10:

**1 theme Annex I,**

**1 theme Annex II and**

**8 themes Annex III**

**69 comments**



**Theme Data Model mapped 7 : (Geology, Habitat, Environmental monitoring Facilities, Natural risk zones, Area management/restriction, Oceanographic geographical features, Sea Regions)**

**Dataset & Service application with data just conformed:**

# Major problems identify in the test

Most of the domain expert people haven't confidence with the data model and especially with UML:

Application Schema 'HabitatsAndBiotores Implementation' (version 2.0)							Application Schema <NaturaMap><Habitat evaluation>							
Type	Documentation	Attribute / Association role / Constraint	Attribute / Association role / Constraint documentation	Values / Enumerations	Multiplicity	Voidable / Non-Voidable	Type	Documentation	Attribute / Association role / Constraint	Attribute / Association role / Constraint documentation	Values / Enumerations	Multiplicity	Voidable / Non-Voidable	St
HabitatDistributionUnitFeature	--Name--Habitat distribution unit feature --Representation--Individual feature (unit) in a distribution of habitat.						Carta degli habitat	habitat distribution unit feature - Represents						
		inspireid	--Name--Inspireid External object identifier of the spatial object. The external object identifier is a unique object identifier published by the responsible body, which may be used by external applications to reference the spatial object. The identifier is an identifier of the spatial object, not an identifier of the real-world.	Identifier	0..1	voidable			ID_POLY	unique object identifier	string - 3 letters identifying the region followed by a sequential number	0..1		
		metadata	--Name--Metadata Source of information on habitat. IIEXAMPLE Survey, monitoring program, etc.	SourceInformation	0..1				MetadataURL	relationship		0..1		
		beginLifeSpanVersion	--Name--Begin life span version Date and time at which this version of the spatial object was inserted or changed in the spatial dataset. IINOTE This date is recorded to enable the generation of change only update files.	DateTime	1	voidable			Data_inizio					Constant
		coveragePercentageArea	--Name--Coverage percentage area The area (expressed in percentage) of a habitat within the geometric object that is used to collect, store and present information on the distribution of the habitat (type). IIEXAMPLE Percentage of grid cell.	Number	0..1	voidable								
		coveragePercentageLength	--Name--Coverage percentage length The length (expressed in percentage) of a habitat within the geometric object that is used to collect, store and present information on the distribution of the habitat (type). IIEXAMPLE Length of grid cell.	Percentage	0..1	voidable								
		endLifeSpanVersion	--Name--End life span version Date and time at which this version of the spatial object was updated or retired in the spatial dataset. IINOTE This date is recorded primarily for those systems which "close" an entry in the spatial dataset in the event of an attribute change.	DateTime	1	voidable								
		habitat	--Name--Habitat Identifier for habitat type using one or more classification schemes. IIEXAMPLE This habitat may consist of only one habitat type according to one or more classification schemes.	HabitatType	1				Nat2000	N2000 Code	String	1		Known present database
		totalArea	--Name--Total area The area (expressed in hectares) within the geometric object that is used to collect, store and present information on the distribution of the habitat (type). IIEXAMPLE Area of grid cell.	Number	0..1	voidable			AREA	The area of a habitat in square meters (match with the polygon total area)	Double	1		
		totalLength	--Name--Total length The length (expressed in meters) within the geometric object that is used to collect, store and present information on the distribution of the habitat (type). IIEXAMPLE Length of grid cell.	Number	0..1	voidable			PERIMETER	Habitat shape perimeter	Double	1		We support the habitat polygon perimeter
		geometry	--Name--Geometry The geometry of each unit in a collection.	GPObject	1				SHAPE		Polygon	1		

# What is the impact of INSPIRE data model?

Mainly on the correspondence between local and INSPIRE  
attributes; but also a hard work to harmonize the terms to  
codelist or vocabularies.

- Most of information required in INSPIRE Data Model are aggregated in an unique attribute (**i.e. lithology**);
- Some INSPIRE attribute aren't stored in our DB because represent a constant (**i.e. data custodian all=MinSvEc**);
- Some local informations not find a correct allocation in the INSPIRE schema.

Main question after and during the test of Data  
Specification model is:

**All own database should be modify for  
INSPIRE?**

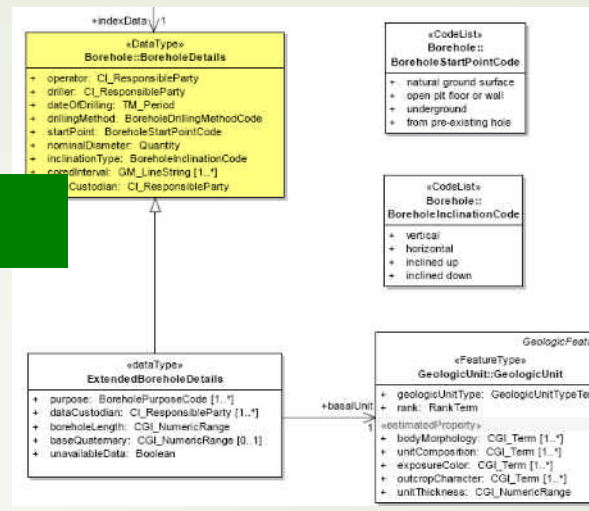
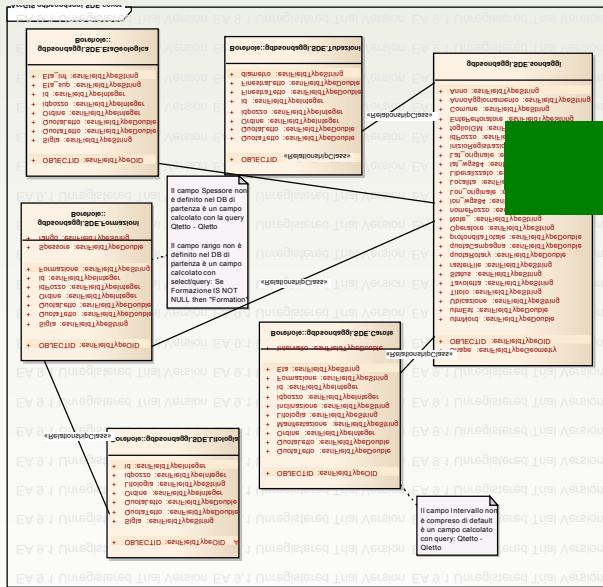


**NO**



In great part of the case the database to match INSPIRE model should be modify in the information distribution; most of attribute are just present in the db

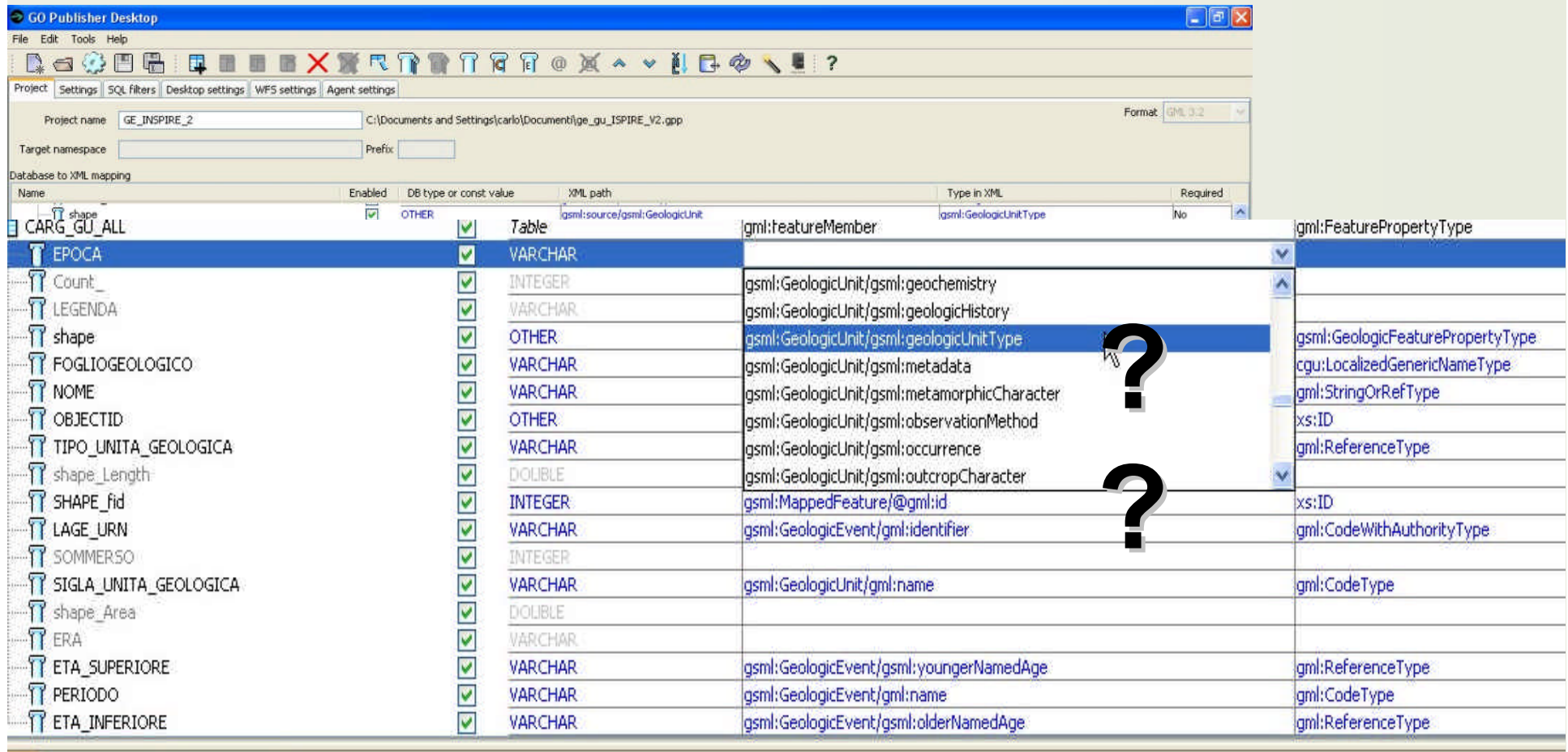
ISPRA Database



Bridge Table or DB View  
As much extended to all the data models

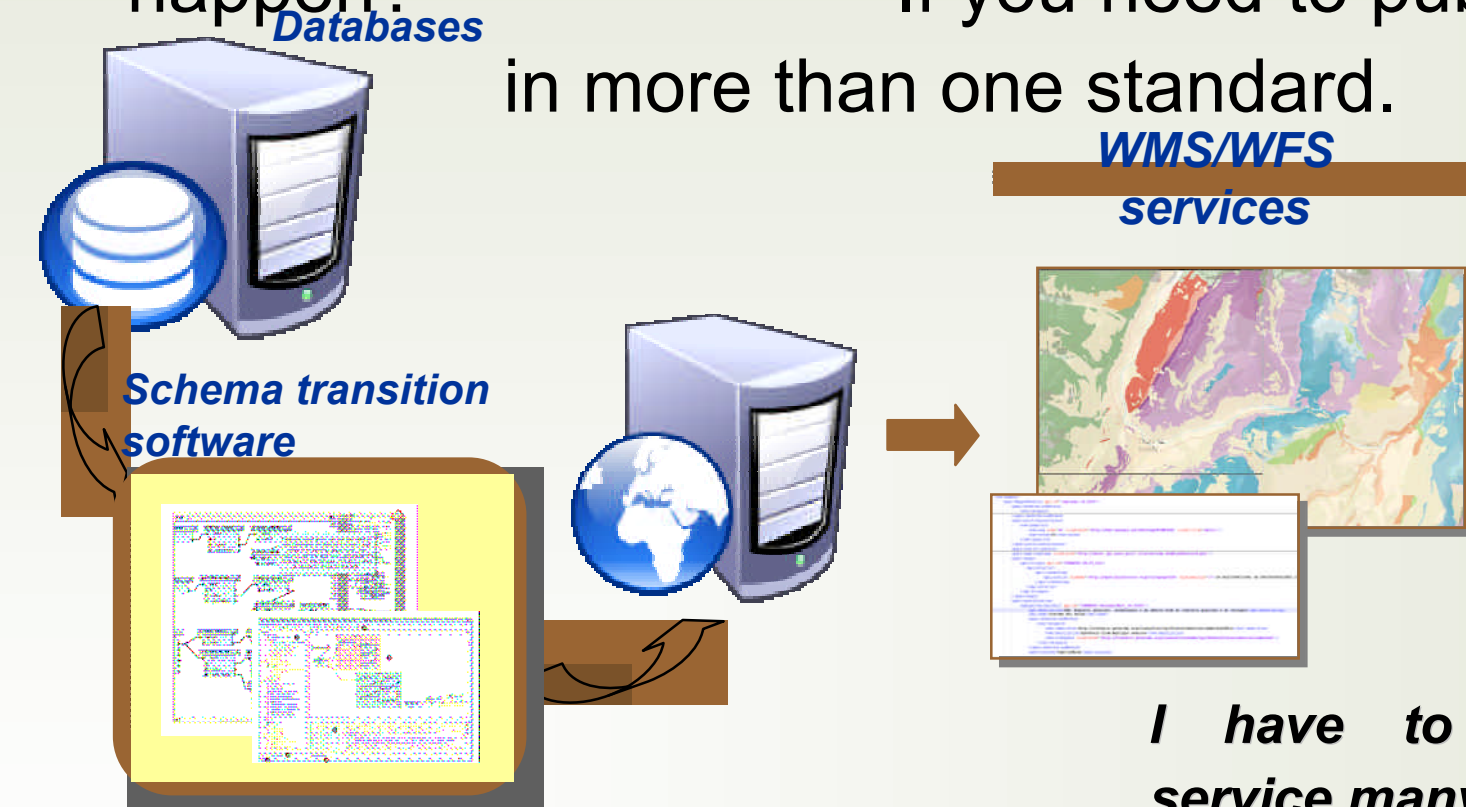
ID	TOP	BOTTOM	AGE_TOP	AGE_BOT	SIGLE	URN:UP_AGE
1	0	865	MESSINIANO	MESSINIANO	MESO	urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart:200908:Messinian
2	865	3730	TORTONIANO	SERRAVALLIANO	SRVO-TORO	urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart:200908:Tortonian
3	3730	4205	LANGHIANO	LANGHIANO	LANO	urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart:200908:Langhian
4	4205	4250	AQUITANIANO	AQUITANIANO	AQTD	urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart:200908:Aquitanian
5	4250	4369	OLIGOCENE	OLIGOCENE	OLIO	urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart:200908:Oligocene
6	4369	4450	EOCENE SUPERIORE	EOCENE MEDIO	EOC2 EOC3	urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart:200908:Bartonian
7	4450	4475	EOCENE INFERIORE	EOCENE INFERIORE	EOC1	urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart:200908:Ypresian
8	4475	4500	PALEOCENE	PALEOCENE	PG00	urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart:200908:Paleocene
9	4500	4590	MAASTRICHTIANO	CAMPANIANO	CMPO MAAO	urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart:200908:Maastrichtian
10	4590	4682	SANTONIANO	CONIACIANO	CONO SAND	urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart:200908:Santonian
11	4682	4700	TURONIANO	TURONIANO	TURO	urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart:200908:Turonian
12	4700	4747	CENOMANIANO	CENOMANIANO	CENO	urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart:200908:Cenomanian
13	4747	4774	ALBIANO	APTIANO	APTD ALBO	urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart:200908:Albian
14	4774	4995	BARREMIANO	BARREMIANO	BRMO	urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart:200908:Barremian
15	4995	5040	NEOCOMIANO	NEOCOMIANO	NED0	urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart:200908:LowerCretaceous
16	5040	5130	TITONICO SUPERIORE	TITONICO SUPERIORE	TITO	urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart:200908:Tithonian
17	5130	5374	MALM	DOGGER	JD12 JD13	urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart:200908:UpperJurassic
18	5374	5438	LIAS SUPERIORE	LIAS SUPERIORE	J001	urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart:200908:LowerJurassic
19	5438	5747	LIAS MEDIO	LIAS MEDIO	J001	urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart:200908:UpperTriassic
20	5747	5772	LIAS INFERIORE	LIAS INFERIORE	J001	urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart:200908:UpperTriassic

We have use some specific software (Go Publisher) to transform the geologic database in INSPIRE to provide WFS and WMS in INSPIRE compatible format:



Name	Enabled	DB type or const value	XML path	Type in XML	Required
CARG_GU_ALL	✓	OTHER	gsmi:source/gsmi:GeologicUnit	gsmi:featureMember	No
EPOCA	✓	VARCHAR		gsmi:GeologicUnit/gsmi:geochemistry	
Count_	✓	INTEGER		gsmi:GeologicUnit/gsmi:geologicHistory	
LEGENDA	✓	VARCHAR		gsmi:GeologicUnit/gsmi:geologicUnitType	
shape	✓	OTHER		gsmi:GeologicUnit/gsmi:metadata	
FOGLIOGEOLOGICO	✓	VARCHAR		gsmi:GeologicUnit/gsmi:metamorphicCharacter	
NOME	✓	VARCHAR		gsmi:GeologicUnit/gsmi:observationMethod	
OBJECTID	✓	OTHER		gsmi:GeologicUnit/gsmi:occurrence	
TIPO_UNITA_GEOLOGICA	✓	VARCHAR		gsmi:GeologicUnit/gsmi:outcropCharacter	
shape_Length	✓	DOLUBLE		gsmi:MappedFeature/@gml:id	
SHAPE_fid	✓	INTEGER		gsmi:GeologicEvent/gml:identifier	
LAGE_URN	✓	VARCHAR		gsmi:GeologicUnit/gml:name	
SOMMERSO	✓	INTEGER			
SIGLA_UNITA_GEOLOGICA	✓	VARCHAR			
shape_Area	✓	DOLUBLE			
ERA	✓	VARCHAR			
ETA_SUPERIORE	✓	VARCHAR		gsmi:GeologicEvent/gsmi:youngerNamedAge	
PERIODO	✓	VARCHAR		gsmi:GeologicEvent/gml:name	
ETA_INFERIORE	✓	VARCHAR		gsmi:GeologicEvent/gsmi:olderNamedAge	

Publish data in a INSPIRE format, but what it's happen?  
 If you need to publish data in more than one standard.



*I have to replicate the service many times.*



*Each service should be replicate x times as much is the standard to serve!*



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- <wfs:FeatureCollection xsi:schemaLocation="http://xmlns.geosciml.org/GeoSciML-Core/3.0 file:/F:/DataSpecification/TestInspire/INSPIRE_GML_application_schemas_v2.0.2/xsd/GeologyCore.xsd
http://www.opengis.net/wfs/2.0 http://schemas.opengis.net/wfs/2.0/wfs.xsd http://www.opengis.net/gml http://schemas.opengis.net/gml/3.1.1/base/gml.xsd" timeStamp="2011-11-11T12:00:00"
numberMatched="1" numberReturned="1">
+ <wfs:boundedBy></wfs:boundedBy>
- <wfs:member>
- <gsm:MappedFeature ns1:id="isprasgi_gmf.354">
+ <gsm:observationMethod></gsm:observationMethod>
+ <gsm:positionalAccuracy></gsm:positionalAccuracy>
+ <gsm:resolutionScale></gsm:resolutionScale>
  <gsm:samplingFrame ns1:type="simple"/>
+ <gsm:shape></gsm:shape>
- <gsm:specification>
- <gsm:GeologicUnit ns1:id="isprasgi1">
  - <ns1:description>
    Mixed alluvional deposits due to alternation between fluvial and debris-flow process; maily composed by alternation of sand-gravel and clay. Partially cemented.
  </ns1:description>
- <gsm:observationMethod>
  - <CGI_Term>
    <qualifier xsi:nil="true" nilReason="missing"/>
    <value xlink:href="http://resource.geosciml.org/classifier/cgi/featureobservationmethod/0014" xlink:title="Synthesis from multiple sources"/>
  </CGI_Term>
</gsm:observationMethod>
<gsm:purpose>typicalNorm</gsm:purpose>
- <gsm:geologicHistory>
- <gsm:GeologicEvent ns1:id="isprasgi.event.1">
  <gsm:eventProcess xlink:href="http://resource.geosciml.org/classifier/cgi/eventprocess/0016" xlink:title="deposition"/>
  <gsm:numericAgeDate xsi:nil="true" nilReason="missing"/>
  <gsm:olderNamedAge xlink:href="urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart.200908.Holocene" xlink:title="Holocene"/>
  <gsm:youngerNamedAge xlink:href="urn:cgi:classifier:ICS:StratChart.200908.Holocene" xlink:title="Holocene"/>
  <gsm:eventEnvironment xsi:nil="true" nilReason="missing"/>
  <gsm:incrementalDisplacement xsi:nil="true" nilReason="missing"/>

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# Technologies solutions?

*There is another solution?*

**YES**

**Re-build our database in INSPIRE conformant format.**

***Disadvantages:***

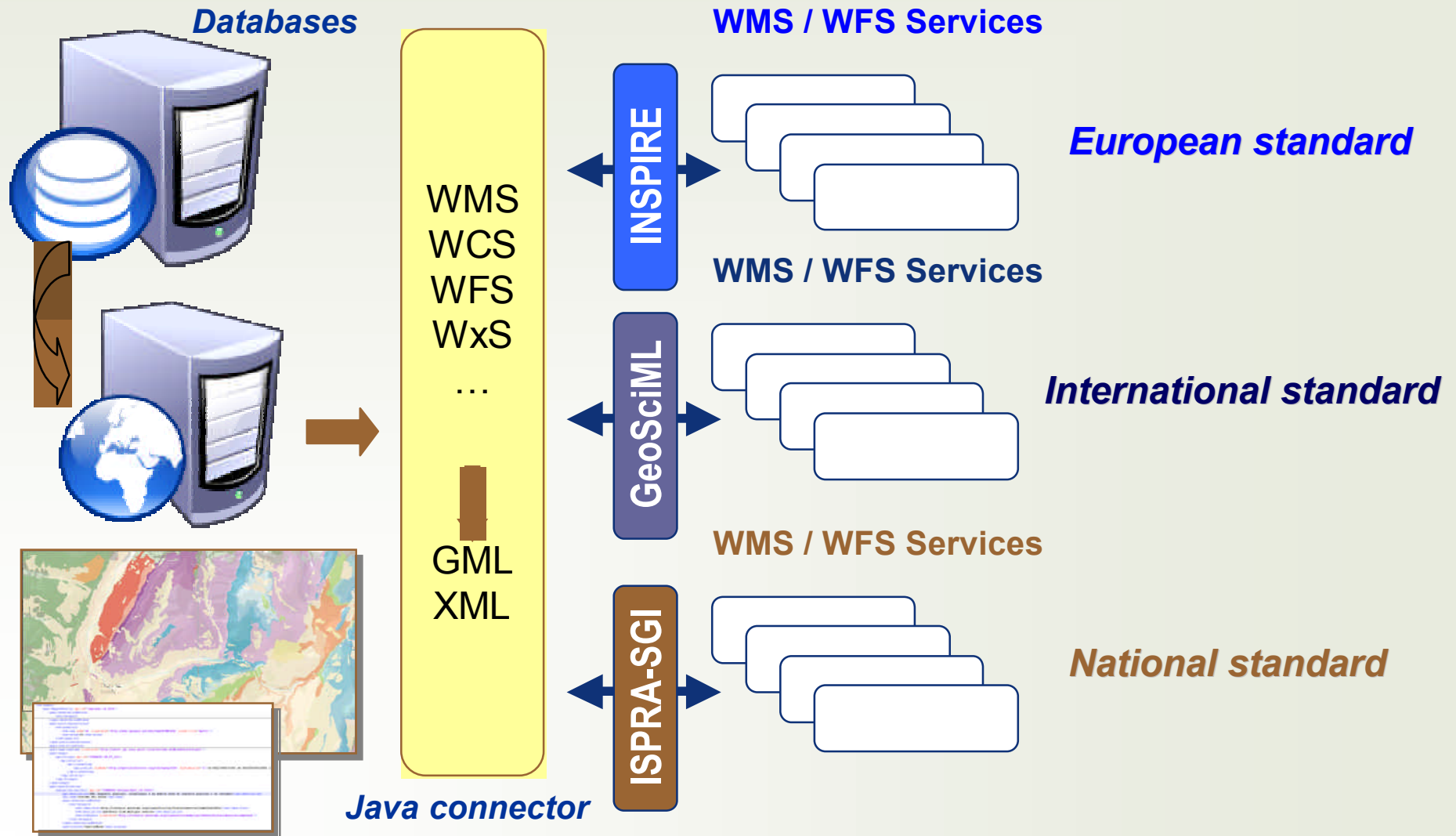
- *High impact on the own system;*
- *Just one way to publish data – INSPIRE format, if not create a data model more extended;*
- *Not flexible on the future modification;*
- *Maybe not conformant with the National and/or other*

## What it's happen if we use a wrapper solutions?

*What it's a wrapper: it's a mediator uniform user interface that queries the integrated view of heterogeneous information sources in a global data model.*

*In this case the wrapper represent a mediator frontend JAVA Connector (Exows developed by BRGM) to map the local WFS/WMS that are including all of the INSPIRE information in: INSPIRE compliant services; OneGeology compliant services and in national or other kind of standard.*

## Publish data in multiple formats





# Exows example for INSPIRE

## INSPIRE TEST Data Specification Web Service

Debug is disabled by eXows configuration

[View the configuration file](#)

### WMS

#### getCapabilities

Service	Version	Language	Test
WMS	1.1.1	eng	<a href="#">[Link]</a>
WMS	1.3.0	eng	<a href="#">[Link]</a>

#### getMap

Service	Version	LayerName	Language	Style	Full Extent Test	Partial Extent Test
WMS	1.1.1	GE_CARG_GU_Age	eng	default	<a href="#">[Full]</a>	<a href="#">[Partial]</a>
WMS	1.1.1	GE_CARG_GEOMORPHOLOGY	ita	default	<a href="#">[Full]</a>	<a href="#">[Partial]</a>

#### getFeatureInfo

Service	Version	LayerName	Format	Language	Test
WMS	1.1.1	GE_CARG_GU_Age	GSML	N.A.	<a href="#">[Link]</a>
WMS	1.1.1	GE_CARG_GU_Age	HTML	eng	<a href="#">[Link]</a>
WMS	1.1.1	GE_CARG_GEOMORPHOLOGY	GSML	N.A.	<a href="#">[Link]</a>
WMS	1.1.1	GE_CARG_GEOMORPHOLOGY	HTML	eng	<a href="#">[Link]</a>

### WFS

#### getCapabilities

Service	Version	Language	Test
WFS	1.0.0	eng	<a href="#">[Link]</a>

#### getFeature

Service	Version	Type Name	Parameters	Test
WFS	1.0.0	INSPIRE_GE_GeologicUnit:GE_CARG_GU_Age	MAXFEATURES=10	<a href="#">[Link]</a>

# Wfs response standard with INSPIRE

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- <wfs:FeatureCollection xsi:schemaLocation="http://xmlns.geosciml.org/GeoSciML-Core/3.0 file:/F:/DataSpecification/TestInspire/INSPIRE_GML_application_schemas_v2.0.2/xsd/GeologyCore.xsd
http://www.opengis.net/wfs/2.0 http://schemas.opengis.net/wfs/2.0/wfs.xsd http://www.opengis.net/gml http://schemas.opengis.net/gml/3.1.1/base/gml.xsd" timeStamp="2011-11-11T12:00:00"
numberMatched="1" numberReturned="1">
+ <wfs:boundedBy></wfs:boundedBy>
- <wfs:member>
- <gsm:MappedFeature ns1:id="isprasgi.gmf.354">
+ <gsm:observationMethod></gsm:observationMethod>
+ <gsm:positionalAccuracy></gsm:positionalAccuracy>
+ <gsm:resolutionScale></gsm:resolutionScale>
+ <gsm:samplingFrame ns1:type="simple"/>
+ <gsm:shape></gsm:shape>
- <gsm:specification>
- <ge-core:NaturalGeomorphologicFeature ns1:id="isprasgi.gm.354">
- <gsm:observationMethod>
- <CGI_Term>
+ <qualifier/>
+ <value/>
- </CGI_Term>
- </gsm:observationMethod>
+ <gsm:purpose>instance</gsm:purpose>
- <gsm:geologicHistory>
- <gsm:GeologicEvent ns1:id="isprasgi.history.gm.354">
+ <gsm:eventProcess/>
+ <gsm:numericAgeDate xsi:nil="true" nilReason="missing"/>
+ <gsm:olderNamedAge xlink:href="urn:cgi:classifer.ICS.StratChart:200908.Holocene" xlink:title="Holocene"/>
+ <gsm:youngerNamedAge xlink:href="urn:cgi:classifer.ICS.StratChart:200908.Holocene" xlink:title="Holocene"/>
+ <gsm:eventEnvironment xsi:nil="true" nilReason="missing"/>
+ <gsm:incrementalDisplacement xsi:nil="true" nilReason="missing"/>
- </gsm:GeologicEvent>
- </gsm:geologicHistory>
- <ge-core:relatedUnit>

```



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# Exows example for OneGeology

WMS	1.1.1	ita	<a href="#">[Link]</a>
WMS	1.3.0	ita	<a href="#">[Link]</a>

## getMap

Service	Version	LayerName	Language	Style	Full Extent Test	Partial Extent Test
WMS	1.1.1	OGE_1M_surface_GeologicUnit	eng	default	<a href="#">[Full]</a>	<a href="#">[Partial]</a>
WMS	1.1.1	OGE_1M_surface_GeologicUnit	ita	default	<a href="#">[Full]</a>	<a href="#">[Partial]</a>
WMS	1.1.1	OGE_1M_surface_GeologicUnit	eng	age	<a href="#">[Full]</a>	<a href="#">[Partial]</a>
WMS	1.1.1	OGE_1M_surface_GeologicUnit	ita	age	<a href="#">[Full]</a>	<a href="#">[Partial]</a>
WMS	1.1.1	OGE_1M_Surface_GeologicStructure	eng	default	<a href="#">[Full]</a>	<a href="#">[Partial]</a>
WMS	1.1.1	OGE_1M_Surface_GeologicStructure	ita	default	<a href="#">[Full]</a>	<a href="#">[Partial]</a>

## getFeatureInfo

Service	Version	LayerName	Format	Language	Test
WMS	1.1.1	OGE_1M_surface_GeologicUnit	GSML	N.A.	<a href="#">[Link]</a>
WMS	1.1.1	OGE_1M_surface_GeologicUnit	HTML	eng	<a href="#">[Link]</a>
WMS	1.1.1	OGE_1M_surface_GeologicUnit	HTML	ita	<a href="#">[Link]</a>
WMS	1.1.1	OGE_1M_Surface_GeologicStructure	GSML	N.A.	<a href="#">[Link]</a>
WMS	1.1.1	OGE_1M_Surface_GeologicStructure	HTML	eng	<a href="#">[Link]</a>
WMS	1.1.1	OGE_1M_Surface_GeologicStructure	HTML	ita	<a href="#">[Link]</a>

## WFS

### getCapabilities

Service	Version	Language	Test
WFS	1.0.0	eng	<a href="#">[Link]</a>
WFS	1.0.0	ita	<a href="#">[Link]</a>

### getFeature

Service	Version	Type Name	Parameters	Test
WFS	1.0.0	OGE_1M_surface_GeologicUnit	MAXFEATURES=10	<a href="#">[Link]</a>
WFS	1.0.0	OGE_1M_Surface_GeologicStructure	MAXFEATURES=10	<a href="#">[Link]</a>



# Wfs response standard with OneGeology

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- <wfs:FeatureCollection xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.opengis.net/wfs http://schemas.opengis.net/wfs/1.1.0/wfs.xsd http://www.opengis.net/gml http://schemas.opengis.net/gml/3.1.1/base/gml.xsd
urn:cgi:xmlns:CGI:GeoSciML:2.1 http://www.geosciml.org/geosciml/2.1/xsd/geosciml.xsd http://www.opengis.net/om/1.0 http://schemas.opengis.net/om/1.0.0/om.xsd http://www.opengis.net/sampling/1.0
http://schemas.opengis.net/sampling/1.0.0/sampling.xsd">
- <gml:featureMember>
- <gml:MappedFeature gml:id="1">
+ <gml:observationMethod></gml:observationMethod>
+ <gml:positionalAccuracy></gml:positionalAccuracy>
  <gml:samplingFrame xlink:href="$feature.getGmlValueFromGSMLxpath('gml:MappedFeature/gml:samplingFrame/@xlink:href')"/>
- <gml:specification>
- <gml:GeologicUnit gml:id="1">
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- <gml:description>
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  </gml:description>
  <gml:geologicUnitType xlink:href="lithostratigraphic_unit"/>
- <gml:observationMethod>
- <gml:CGI_TermValue>
  <gml:value codeSpace="http://www.cgi-iugs.org/uri">synthesis_of_multiple_published_descriptions</gml:value>
  </gml:CGI_TermValue>
</gml:observationMethod>
  <gml:purpose>typicalNorm</gml:purpose>
- <gml:preferredAge>
- <gml:GeologicEvent>
- <gml:eventAge>
  - <gml:CGI_TermRange>
    - <gml:lower>
      - <gml:CGI_TermValue>
        <gml:value codeSpace="http://www.cgi-iugs.org/uri">urn:cgi:classifer:ICS:StratChart:200908:Holocene</gml:value>
        </gml:CGI_TermValue>
      </gml:lower>
    - <gml:upper>

```



## Remarks on data conversion solution

### ***Advantages:***

- *Not need to build more than one Database view*
- *Publish the data as INSPIRE format in a direct way without framework (i.e. ArcGIS for INSPIRE tool or Snowflake)*

### ***Disadvantages:***

- *Multiple management of the services (at least one for standard) - require more resources;*
- *Acquire new pieces of software – commercial and/or open-source*

## Remarks on wrapper solution

### ***Advantages:***

- *Not need to build a specific Database*
- *Publish the data in multiple formats (INSPIRE, International, National) using the connectors*
- *Flexible to the future modification of the models;*
- *Not need to modify the SDI architecture*

### ***Disadvantages:***

- *Need of a training course to configure the multiple connectors.*

**In the end is better data  
conversion or a wrapper  
mediator?**

**???????**

**Thank you for the attention!**  
**Please questions???**