GI-INDEED

Geographic Information in the Implementation of Netbased Distance Education for Environmental Decisionmaking

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Background

- Implementation of EU environmental directives
 - Water framework directive, habitat directive etc
 - INSPIRE (legal framework for sharing and dissemination of environmental data)
- Training required
- o ECDL in GIS





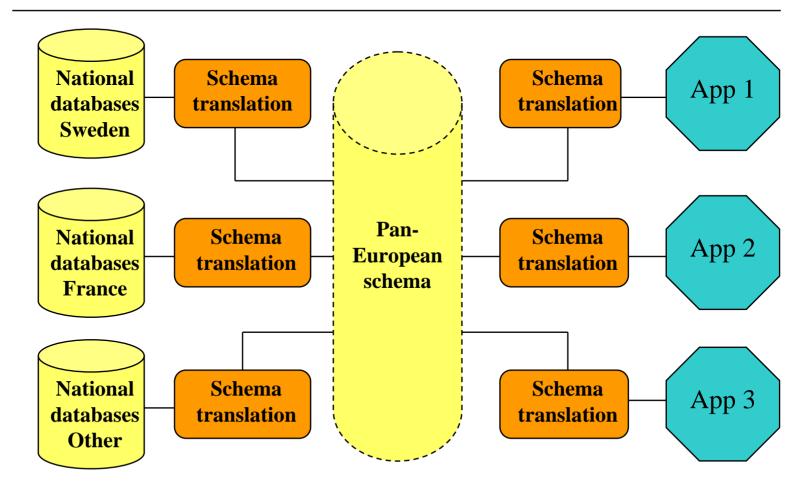
Previous work

- NATURE-GIS
 - Guidelines for handling information about protected areas
- GI-CLAN
 - Network for Coastal Zone Management
- Netbased learning
 - Off-the-shelf ICT technology
 - Learning Management Systems (LMS)
 - Tools and didactic development



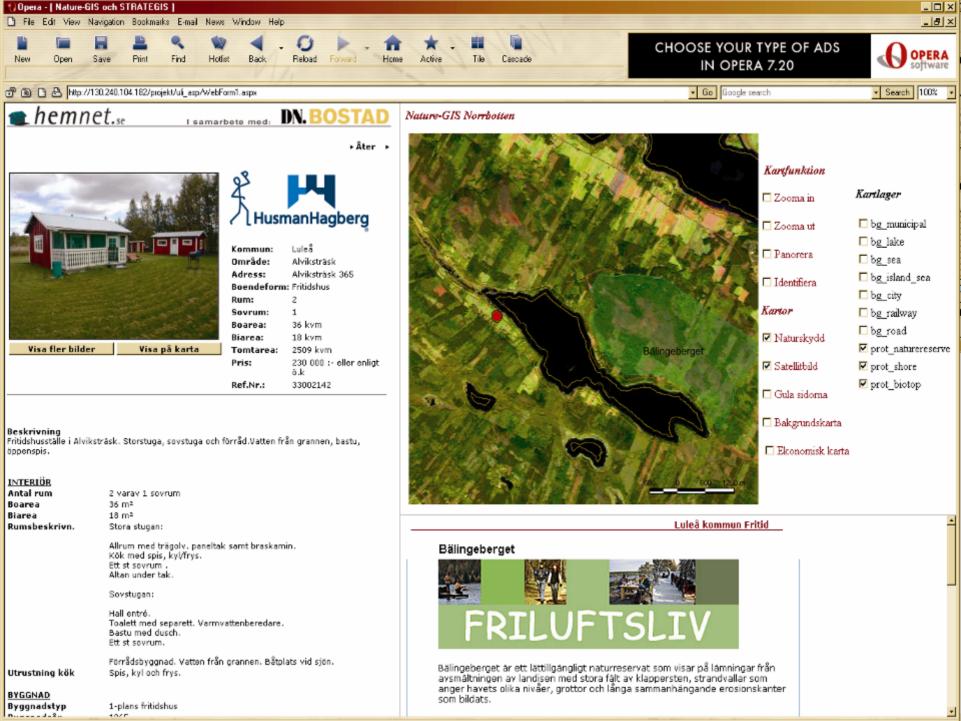


EuroSpec harmonisation









Objectives

- Develop tools for vocational training in fields related to
 - INSPIRE
 - Management of protected areas
 - Management of coastal zones
- The tools shall work in different contexts
- Contribute to European recognition of vocational training (Copenhagen declaration)





Training for

- National environmental agencies responsible for implementing the legislations
- Local authorities that will use information services
- Private companies (forestry, mining) that requires environmental information for their decisions
- Citizens, special interest groups
- Training & education providers





Main outcomes

- Survey of training requirements among professionals and training providers
- Training material
- Pilot tests of products at training institutes
- Web based course selector





Timing and budget

- 2 year project
- Start October 1st 2005
- o Budget: 395 000 €
- 75% funded by Leonardo da Vinci





Partners

- Universities: University of Gävle (SE), University of West Hungary (HU), University of Zilina (SK)
- Training providers: National Land Survey (SE), Educational and Advisory Institute of MARD (HU), Landscape, Natural and Cultural Heritage Observatory (IT)
- International: GISIG (Geographical Information Systems International Group, IT), AGILE (Association of GI Laboratories in Europe, NL)





Work Packages

- WP1: Project administration
- WP2: End user needs
- WP3: Development of modules
- WP4: Development of course selector
- WP5: Dissemination
- WP6: Quality management





WP1: Project Management

- Project setup (contracts) [DONE]
- Strategic planning and conflict solving (Steering Committee Meetings) [Ongoing]
- Establishment of GI INDEED technical secretariat [DONE]
- Monitoring progress and coordination of tasks (Progress reports) [Ongoing]
- Preparation of reports to LdV [Mid-term report submitted]





WP2: Target group needs

- End users training needs
 - Survey using questionnaires and interviews
 - Report on internal review
- Curriculum and teaching plan
 - Modules being defined
 - Metadata defined for modules and components





Courses, modules and components

- A <u>course</u> is something being offered to a student / trainee / organisation.
- A <u>course component</u> is something that can be traded
- A <u>module</u> is a set of course components that fits together





Netbased course components 1(2) – possible deliveries

Lectures

- Slide shows (with or without sound)
- Streamed video recordings
- Online video conferences

Literature

- URL's
- PDF's





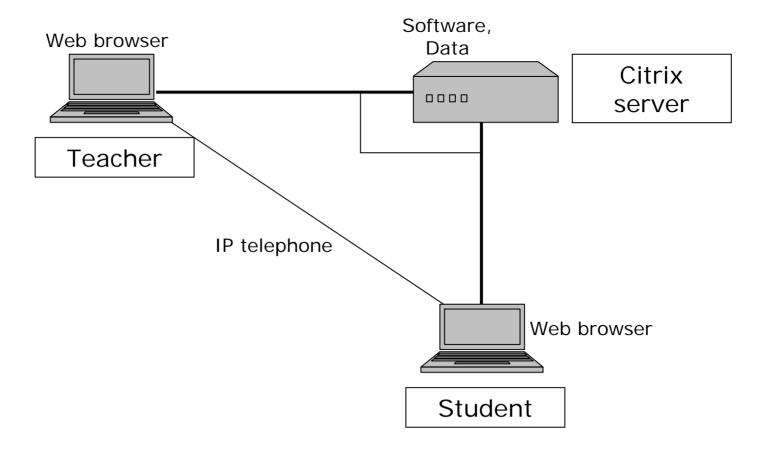
Netbased course components 2(2) - possible deliveries

- Exercises (tasks, data and guidance)
 - Citrix based monitoring and guidance
 - Email and chat
 - Interactive teaching material
- Seminars
- Project work
- Study visits
- Self tests
- Examination





Net based exercises







Metadata for modules

- Information about producer
- Language, data, keywords, objective, length (ECTS)
- Content (levels etc)
- Prerequisites
- Requirements on equipment
- Course components





Blooms taxonomy

Level	Description
1	Knowledge. Recall data or information. Examples: Recite a policy. Quote prices from memory to a customer. Knows the safety rules.
2	Comprehension. Understand the meaning of instructions and problems. Examples: Rewrites the principles of test writing. Explain in one's own words the steps for performing a complex task. Translates an equation into a computer spreadsheet.
3	Application. Use a concept in new situation. Applies what was learned in classrooms into new situations. Examples: Use a manual to calculate an employee's vacation time. Apply laws of statistics to evaluate the reliability of a written test.
4	Analysis. Separate materials or concept into parts. Distinguishes between facts and inference. Examples: Troubleshoot a piece of equipment by using logical deduction. Recognize logical fallacies in reasoning. Gathers information from a department and selects the required tasks for training.
5	Synthesis. Build a structure or pattern from diverse elements. Examples: Write a company operations or process manual. Design a machine to perform a specific task. Integrates training from several sources to solve a problem.
6	Evaluation. Make judgement about the value of ideas or material. Examples: Select the most effective solution. Hire the most qualified candidate. Explain and justify a new budget.





Courses made of components

Course given to Swedish trainee

Component A in English

Netbased

Provided by Partner 1

Component B in Swedish

Netbased

Provided by Partner 2

Component C in Swedish

On-site

Provided by Partner 3







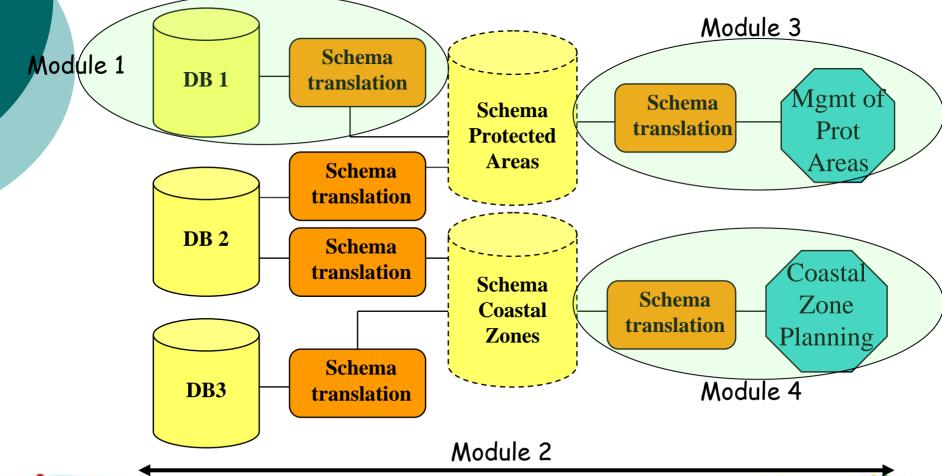
Modules

- Environmental web services
- Spatial Data Infrastructures
- Use of SDI for protected areas
- Use of SDI for coastal areas





GI-INDEED Modules





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M1: Environmental web services

- E-Commerce including web service stack (level 1)
- Web services (level 1-5)
- Open source solutions (level 1-4)
- Harmonisation of geospatial data (level 1-2)





M2: Spatial data infrastructures

- Concepts of spatial data infrastructure (level 1)
- History and current status of SDI (level 1)
- Organisational issues (level 1)
- Access to reference data (level 1-2)
- Network services (level 1-2)
- Metadata and catalogues (level 1-5)
- Data quality (level 1-5)





M3: Use of SDI for protected areas

- Driving policies for protected areas (level 1-3)
- Principles of management of protected areas (level 1-4):
- Using geo-information for the management protected areas (level 1-5)
- Use case development (level 3-6)





M4: Use of SDI for coastal zone

- Principles of coastal integration and coastal planning (level 1-3):
- Examples of using geo-information for coastal management (level 3-4)
- Integrated coastal management
 - structuring and analysing the problem (level 4-6):
 - setting solutions (level 4-5):
 - web publishing of geo-data (level 3-4):





WP3: Development and testing of training material

- Draft development finished
- Evaluation and synchronisation, March 2007.
- Local adaptation and pilot tests from April 2007





WP4: Autonomous course selctor

- Use cases defined
 - Student / trainee / staff looking for a course
 - Course examination
 - Career path
 - Adding tests, career paths, grades etc
 - Departmental requirements
- Development on-going





WP3: Valorisation

- Web site (<u>www.gisig.it/gi-indeed</u>)
- White paper, conference presentations [ongoing]
- Promotion material, CD's etc [ongoing]
- 9 workshops [ongoing]
- Business plan [ongoing]





Workshops and tests

- WS 1a-1d in Sweden, Italy, Hungary and Slovakia
 - Discussion of end user needs analysis
- WS 2 in Italy (October 2006)
 - First test of course components
- Beta tests in Sweden, Italy, Hungary and Slovakia (January 2007 - April 2007)
- WS 3a-3d in Sweden, Italy, Hungary and Slovakia (July - August 2007)
 - Presentation of final version





WP6: Quality Management

- Internal reviews
- External review by an expert (Jim Petch)
- Measuring and reporting outcomes of seminars





Summary

- Important project
- Fairly well on target (timing and budget)
- Flexible outcome for a wide range of users



