



INSPIRE Directive – Status

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Main goal of INSPIRE

- “better spatial information for the formulation and implementation of Community policy”





Structure of directive

- General provisions
- Metadata
- Interoperability
- Network services
- Data sharing
- Coordination & monitoring mechanisms



INSPIRE

		<u>2007</u>	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Metadata	Rule Implement	▲ ↑			▲ →		
Specifications	Rule Implement			▲ ↑	Annex 1		▲ 2,3
Network Services	Rule Implement	▲ ? ↑			▲ →		
Data sharing	Rule Implement	▲ ? ↓ ▲					



Co-decision process

- Commission proposal for INSPIRE, published 23rd July 2004
- 1st Reading completed
 - Parliament – adopted proposal (with amendments), 7th June 2005
 - Council – reached political agreement (on an amended version of the text), 24th June



Co-decision process – 2nd Reading

- 2nd Reading started in February
 - Commission's assessment of Council's political agreement
 - European Parliament, Environment Committee, approved recommendations from Rapporteur
 - Council, met twice, but now waiting on European Parliament plenary vote (June)



Focus of discussions

- General provisions
- Metadata
- Interoperability
- Network services
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Interoperability

- Article 7 – “*As a basis for developing the proposals for such implementing rules, the Commission shall undertake an analysis of the feasibility and expected costs and benefits*”
- “To the extent feasible, MS shall ensure all newly collected or updated spatial data sets ... are brought into conformity with the implementing rules



Network Services

- Article 13 – MS may limit public access where such access would adversely affect any of the following:
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 - Intellectual property rights
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- Article 14 – MS shall ensure that:
 - ‘discovery services’ are available to the public free of charge
 - ‘view services’ are, as a rule, available to the public free of charge.
However,



Data sharing

- Old article (23) – The measures provided shall preclude at the point of use, any restrictions, in particular of a transactional, procedural, legal, institutional or financial nature.
- Became (Article 17) shall preclude any restrictions likely to create, at the point of use, *practical obstacles to the sharing of spatial data sets and services.*
- *The provisions [above] do not prevent public authorities ... to require payment*

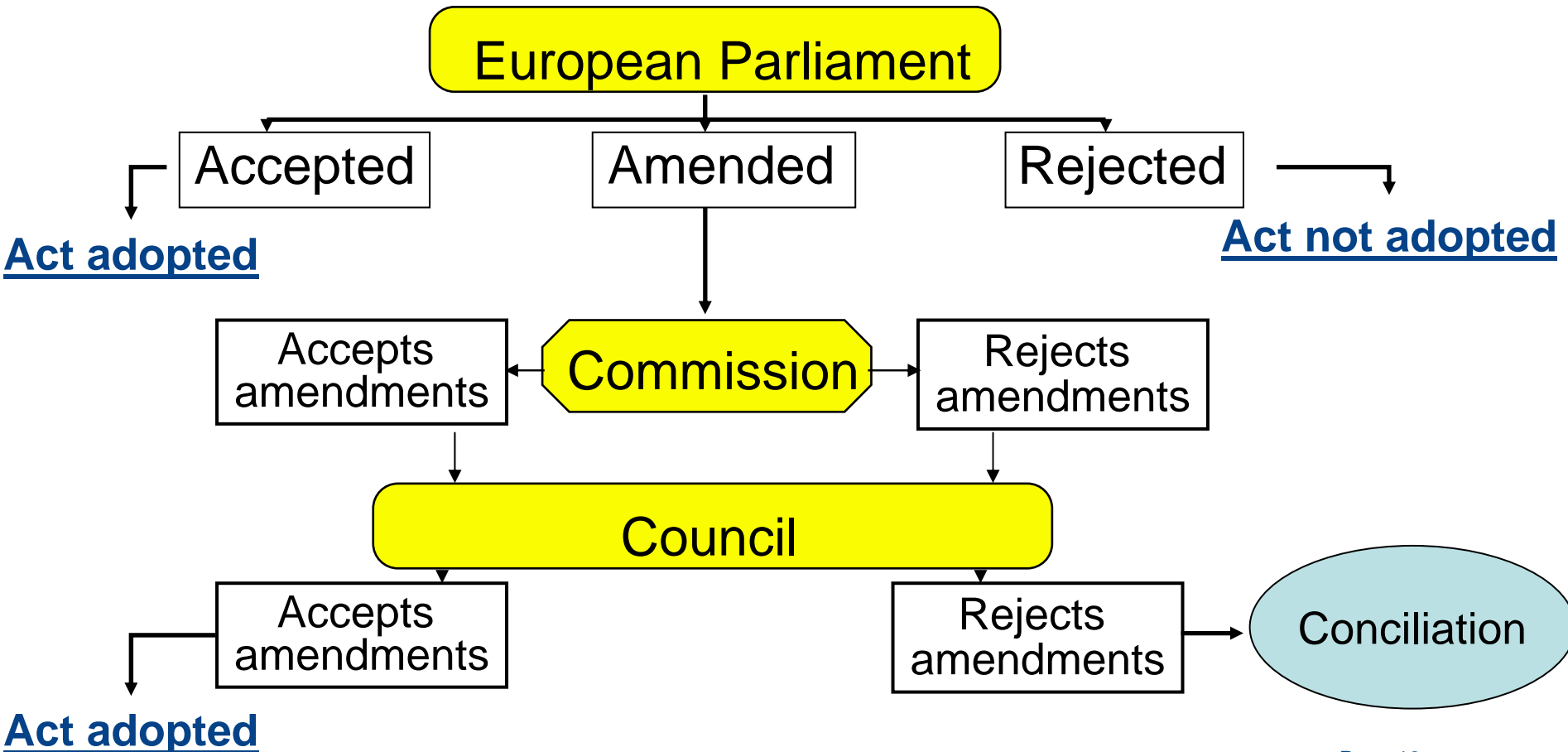


EuroGeographics position

- Supportive of the principles of INSPIRE
- Supports the Council Common position
- Trying to introduce more 'fact based' discussion - sustainability
- Stress the differences and similarities between our Members
- Focus on the goal of INSPIRE and show how the Common position is workable
 - Cost benefit
 - Data sharing
 - View services
 - IPR

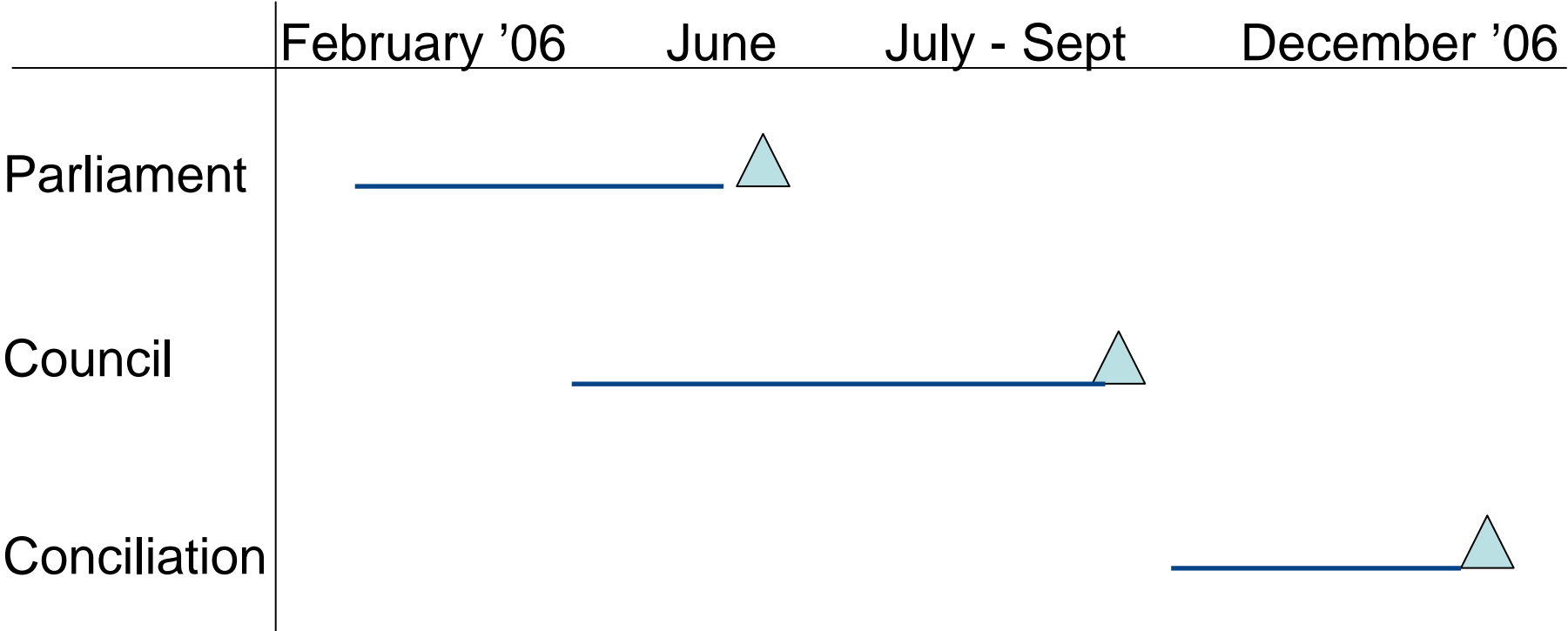


Next steps: Co-decision, 2nd Reading





Timeline for 2nd Reading





Conclusions

- Gap between Parliament (& Commission) and Council is wide
- Heading towards 'conciliation'
- We will have a decision, one way or the other, at the end of this year