

# CYPRUS LAUNCHES GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION PORTAL

Cyprus has launched a new geoportal which enables users to search, view, download and access government geospatial datasets.

The e-service at [www.geoportal.gov.cy](http://www.geoportal.gov.cy) was developed in accordance with the INSPIRE Directive and the provisions of Law 43(I)/2010. The pioneering project allows access to a large volume of official, updated geospatial datasets directly from the organisations that produce and maintain them. It also includes information related to the development of INSPIRE in Cyprus with relevant links. In addition, there is a link to the INSPIRE platform in which all electronic geospatial services have been stored. The geoportal works both in Greek and English.

All relevant information and descriptions are included in the metadata of the geospatial datasets. The e-services can be searched, viewed, downloaded and most importantly, directly accessed by any GIS system or any other relevant application. They can also be integrated with users' own datasets.

The geoportal constitutes a very useful tool for a wide range of users including government departments and services, universities and schools, technical offices and citizens. It is expected that it will significantly improve existing procedures, reduce processing time and will play a key role in assisting citizens and improving the national economy.



It is heavily based on the Integrated Land Information System operated by the Department of Lands and Surveys since 1997. The department is now developing a brand new multifunctional portal which will offer a large variety of information, applications and e-services. This will be directly connected to [www.geoportal.gov.cy](http://www.geoportal.gov.cy) and will further enhance INSPIRE functionality when it becomes operational in 2016.

