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Implementation of the Swiss National Geodata Infrastructure

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In 2001 a new type of proposal was made to the Swiss Government to make existing reference Geodata available for the entire territory for only the cost of delivery. This proposition was made within the framework of the implementation of the National Geodata Infrastructure.

What happened with this proposition? How was this proposal introduced into a bill on Geo-information currently submitted to Parliament? How much does the Federal Office spend annually to capture, manage and make regularly available the Geodata for which they are responsible? What parallels can be drawn between the provision of geographic data and the provision of software of the type Open Source?

The author proposes to respond to these questions among others and present the state of progress on the National Geodata Infrastructure and in particular reflections currently carried out in Switzerland on the subject of pricing policy of diffusion - traditionally or by the Internet - of Geodata. These reflections will also be placed in a European context in particular in connection with the directive « INSPIRE ».

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