Denmark

New National Data Distributor in service

The Agency for Data Supply and Efficiency (SDFE) works to create a core part of the data foundation for growth and development in the Danish society.

SDFE is in charge of collecting, managing and making available public-sector data to Danish decision-makers, businesses and citizens.

Over the last years, SDFE has been in a transition from a traditional mapping agency to a data agency, recognising the value of combining geospatial data with other data sources.

SDFE is a key contributor to the Danish Digitisation Programme, and through the Basic Data Programme responsible for the national Data Distributor. Providing services for geospatial data has proven to be a relevant foundation and experience for handling the responsibility implementing the Data Distributor, which provides public-sector geodata as well as data from other domains.

This one-stop distribution channel, gives access to a range of interoperable basic public data, ranging from information about individuals, businesses and real property, to geospatial data on buildings.

At the end of 2019, the Data Distributor was implemented, and thereby went into operation. It marked the end of a challenging and exiting journey: The Data Distributor now allows public authorities, utilities as well as private companies to centrally collect, combine and apply basic data for the benefit of the Danish society. During 2020 it is planned to support the eIDAS regulation, which will allow EU/EEA users with an eID, to access data and services on the Data Distributor.

SDFE is committed to open data – and has analysed its economic value, demonstrating how open data multiplies the number of users and the value for society. With the Data Distributor, Denmark is now sharing the high quality authoritative Basic Data available, providing the foundation for digital transformation. This will support the creation of innovative and coherent digital solutions across the public and private sector.