

# Cross-domain data management in a complex environment, the case of the Italian Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia (INGV)



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## 3 Departments

### Environment



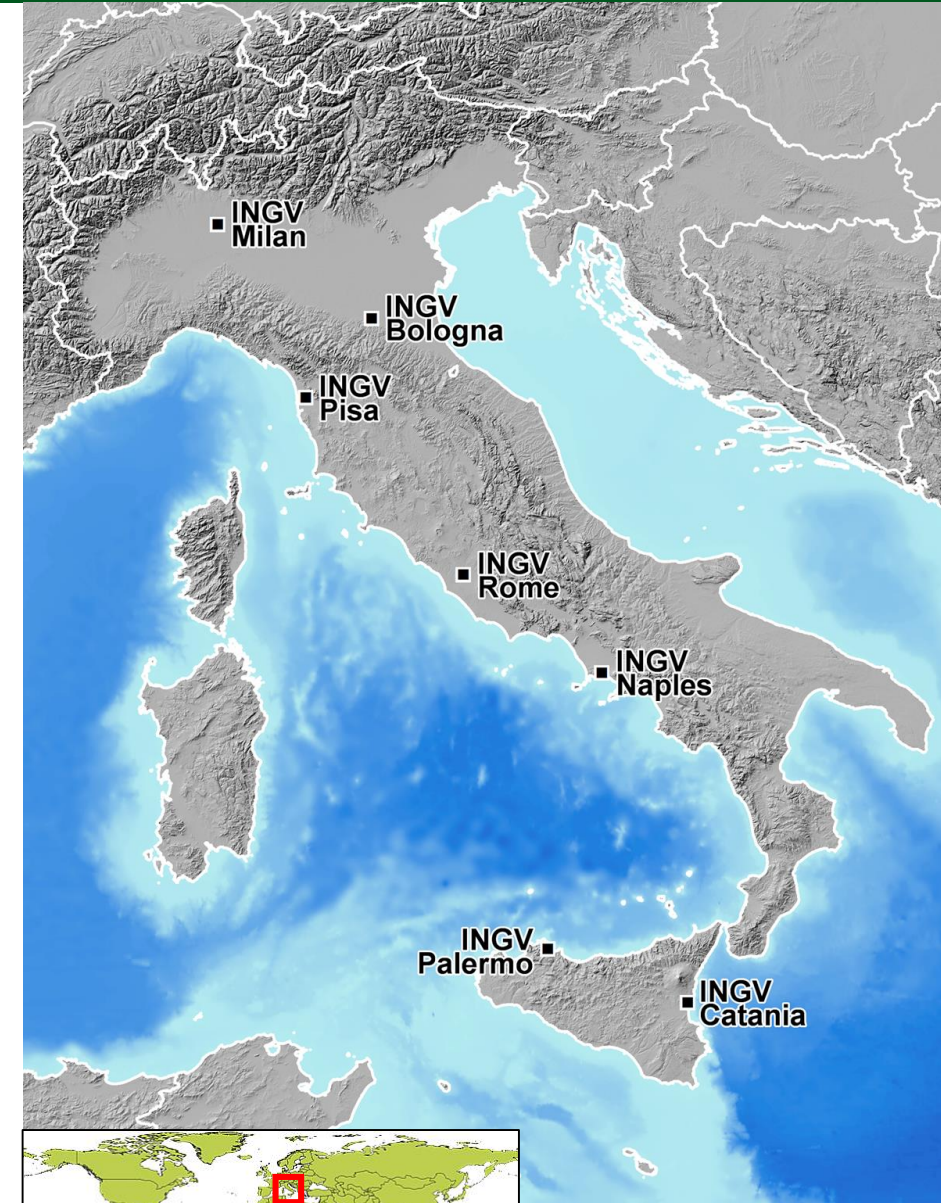
### Volcanoes



### Earthquakes



- Main branches distributed in 7 Italian cities
- Smaller branches in 17 other cities
- ~ 800 researchers & technicians
- Seismic, GNSS, gravity, magnetic, geochemical networks
- Experimental laboratories for rocks and fluids
- Computational resources
- 3 surveillance centers 24/7 for the seismic, volcanic and tsunami monitoring in cooperation with the Civil Protection



- Establish a framework allowing to facilitate the adoption of Open Science principles
- Provide a clear set of definitions for key terms
- Identify the research data and publications made publicly available
- Classify the various type of data and their level of intellectual contribution
- Define the ownership, rights and terms of use associated to data
- Identify roles and responsibilities for the data management
- Establish facilities and/or tools allowing to put the Data Policy into practice
- Pave the way for enhancing the how the scientific research evaluation works
- Define a detailed implementation roadmap





- Rules on the Public Sector information
- European protection of databases (sui-generis rights)
- Copyright conventions & treaties
- Open Access rules for publications
- Rules on publicly funded projects
- European INSPIRE infrastructure



## Guidelines on Open Access & Open Science

- Research Data Alliance (RDA)
- OpenAIRE
- Digital agenda for Europe (& Italy)
- Science Europe
- European Commission
- League of European Research Universities (LERU)
- ERICs (European Research Infrastructures Consortia)

Clear separation between Research Infrastructure and the output data that enters the Research Life Cycle



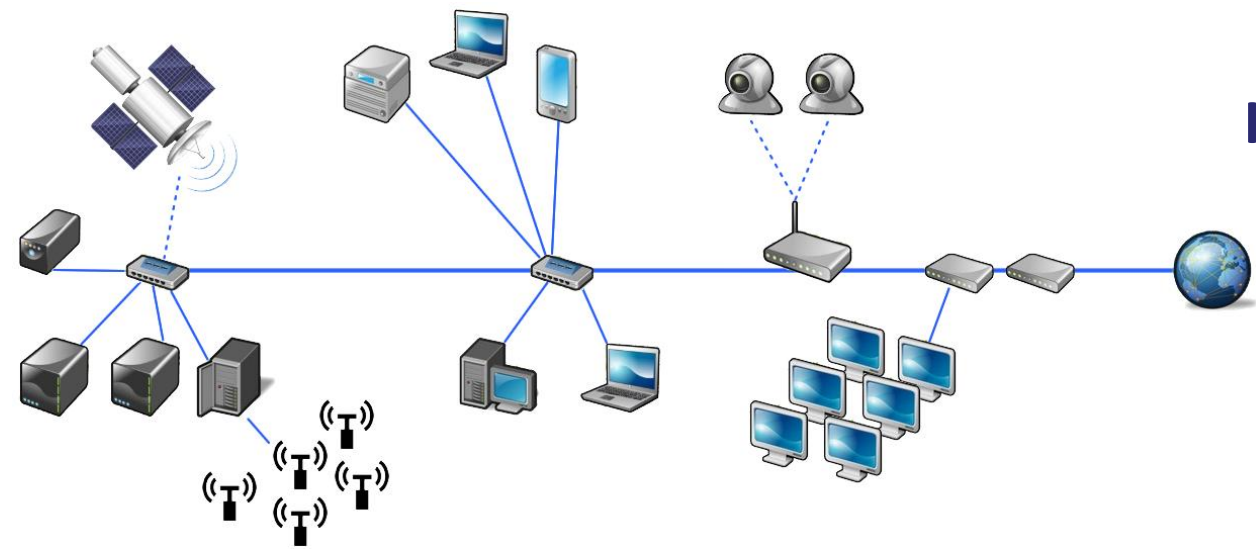
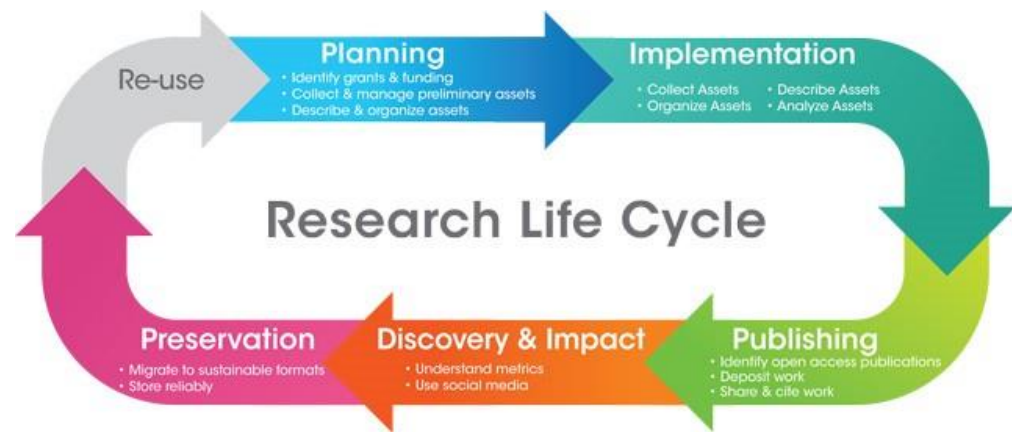
Scientific steering committee(s)



Researchers career



Administration



Data Management



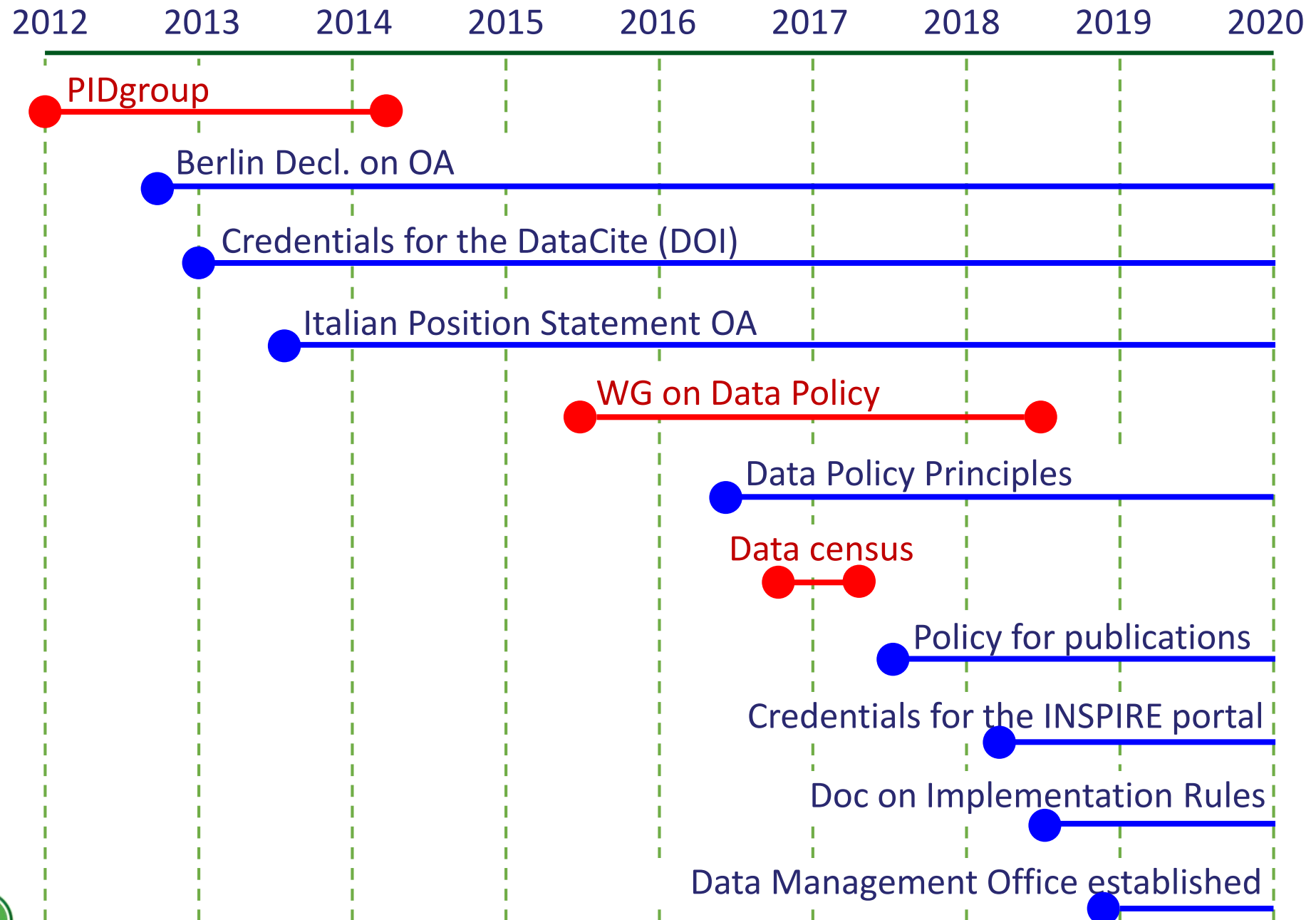
Data Policy

Research Infrastructure



Data Creation

# Implementation roadmap



● Temporary

● Long-term

The regulations composing the INGV Data Policy consists of 3 documents:

## 1. Data Policy Principles\*

- Define the area of competence, the legal framework and the main principles inspiring the Data Policy

## 2. Open Access Policy on published papers\*

- Establish a Commission supervising the adoption of the Open Access principles
- Enforce employees to deposit their works in the Institutional repository (green road) established since 2005, and encourage the publication on the Open Access compliant scientific journal (gold road) run by INGV

## 3. Detailed implementation plan for data management\*

- Provides precise definitions and procedures on how to manage published data
- Establish the Data Registry and Data Management Office to look after it

*\* In Italian only, an English translation is ongoing.*

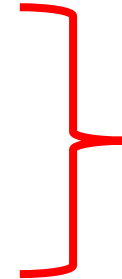
In coordination with the EPOS & EMSO ERICs, INGV selected the Creative Commons licenses. The type of license depends on the level of intellectual contribution to the data creation.

0 raw or basic data

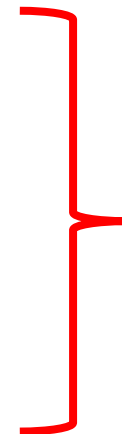
1 data products coming from (nearly) automated procedures

2 data products resulting from scientific investigations

3 integrated data products resulting from complex analysis



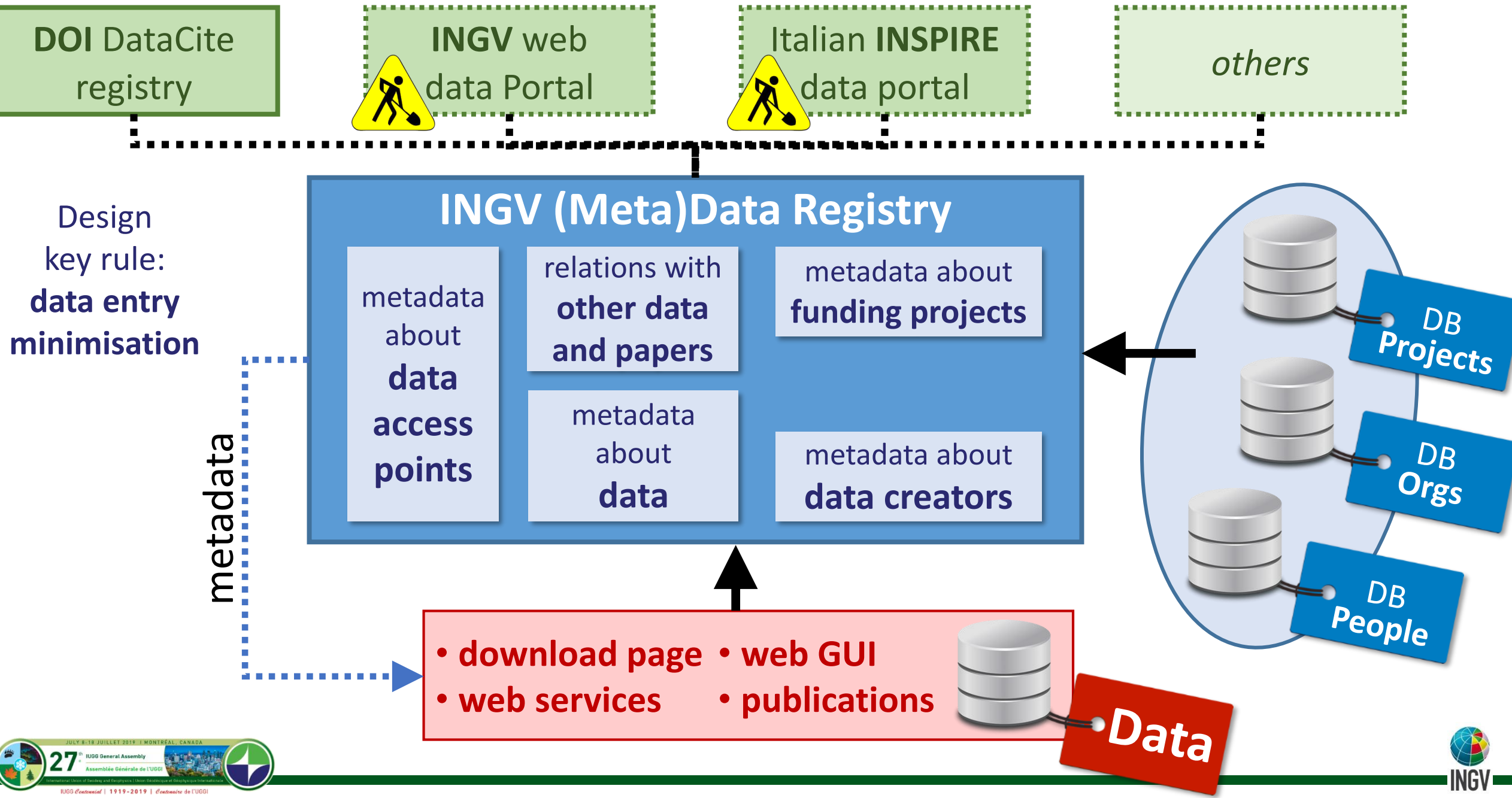
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# (Meta)Data Registry



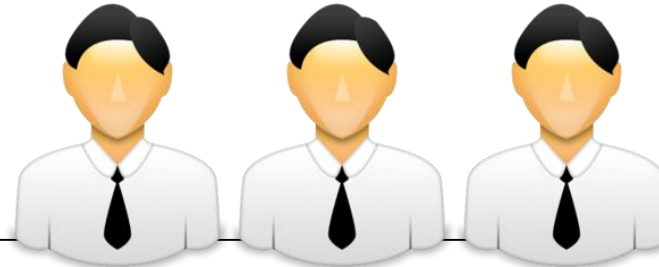
- Promote the adoption of Open Science
- Implement and manage the (Meta)Data Registry
- Revise agreements dealing with data in coordination with the legal office

*\*Part-time involvement*



**Office  
Coordinator\***

- Plan the activity
- Interact with scientific and administrative managers
- Interact with the legal office
- Interact with the transparency manager



**Seismic, Volcanic, Environmental  
Data Experts\***

- Deals with disciplinary specific issues
- Supervise the Data Registry scientific content
- Suggest the most suitable standards for harmonizing and optimizing data



**IT Expert\***

- Support the coordinator in selecting IT solutions
- Supervise the various existing databases hosting the data
- Interact with the IT management office

- INGV has created a legal, scientific and administrative framework laying key elements for a better exploitation of the outcome of its research activities.
- The preparation work took 3 years, required a very high effort at the beginning to acquire the necessary skills (i.e. legal terms, overlapping and articulated guidelines) and, being a pilot program, had to deal with no comparable examples.
- The decisions incorporated in the Data Policy received contributions and the endorsement of many people at multiple levels (President, Scientific and Management Boards, Directors of Departments & Branches, Scientists, IT experts).
- A Data Registry was created together with a Data Management Office; it will collect, identify (DOI), give credits to the data producers, clarify the terms of use of the data and will make accessible the data to anyone from a unique entry point.
- The first benchmark of the regulations and tools will come at the end of 2019.

Thank you  
for your attention!

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