

DIS4SME



Providing European SMEs with the right skills on location data interoperability

Welcome to the fourth DIS4SME newsletter!

The [DIS4SME Project](#), co-funded under the Digital Europe Programme, is aimed at delivering **high-quality specialised training courses focused on location data interoperability** in different areas that can be applied in real work environments and the broader geospatial domain.

This issue highlights our completed courses in Italy and Belgium and explores forthcoming training opportunities. Additionally, we cover key events such as the second InfoDays, our participation in the ASITA 2024 Conference, and the recent progress meeting in Varaždin.

First training actions delivered in Italy and Belgium



The DIS4SME project recently organized successful training courses in Italy and Belgium based on the course [“Introduction to Location Data Interoperability”](#)

These initial training sessions have been essential in refining and improving the DIS4SME materials based on early participant feedback.

The Italian course was organized as an online scheduled training session by the Italian partner, Epsilon Italia Srl. It was delivered in Italian, with training materials provided in English.

The course introduced Italian SME managers to key concepts and trends in location data interoperability within the framework of EU data policies. Participants learned how to integrate geospatial data into their businesses and evaluate its impact on digital strategies. The two-days course featured a 3-hours theoretical session and a 2-hours practical exercise, providing both foundational knowledge and hands-on experience.

In Belgium, the introductory course on Data Interoperability was also targeted at SME managers and business owners.

Organized as in-person sessions by project partners GIM and KU Leuven, the training took place in November last year. It covered both technological and non-technological aspects of spatial data interoperability, helping participants integrate these concepts into their businesses.

Additionally, a **European-level online course**, held on January 24 2025, expanded the reach of this training. It provided managers and business owners across Europe with insights into how spatial data interoperability enhances competitiveness and operational efficiency.

More training sessions on the Introduction to Data Interoperability course will be organized. **Stay tuned** by checking announcements on the [course page](#).

Forthcoming DIS4SME courses

Throughout 2025, the DIS4SME project will continue to offer courses in data interoperability and its application in different sectors aimed at **managers, technicians and professionals in general**.

These courses will be organized and promoted in the different countries of the project consortium over the coming months as training actions led by our project partners in **Italy, Belgium, Spain, Croatia, and Slovenia**. These sessions will primarily target local audiences and professionals and, in most cases, will be delivered in the local language.

Nevertheless, before summer 2025, we plan to include the entire DIS4SME training offer on our **MOODLE learning platform**. This will provide an opportunity to make our training materials available to a broader audience at the European level in a self-learning environment. Find out more here: [DIS4SME Courses](#)

Check our list of courses and stay tuned!

Please check our courses dedicated pages and stay tuned for upcoming training actions organized in your country or at the European level.

[Introduction to location data interoperability](#)

An introductory course on concepts and implications of location data interoperability, framed within the EU data policy landscape, including technological and non-technological trends and technical aspects.

[Mobile food marketplace](#)

This course provides interoperability skills for developing mobile applications tailored to D2C or B2C models, focusing on location-based services as a key component of

innovative offerings.

[Digital agriculture](#)

The course provides skills in location data interoperability for digital agriculture, enabling farmers to optimize practices, enhance sustainability, and comply with EU regulations.

[Social monitoring of road conditions](#)

A course on designing and developing an ICT application for urban safety, allowing citizens to report dangerous road situations to authorities and improve public safety in their communities.

[3D, BIM and Digital Twins for urban planning](#)

The course addresses challenges in 3D geospatial data and interoperability, highlighting the increasing need for effective 3D data management in BIM, GIS, and Digital Twins.



The DIS4SME training offer

DIS4SME offers a series of specialised **FREE** courses that train **SMEs managers and technicians** in the effective use of **location and other spatial data**, aligned with the latest European policies and technology trends. Our courses cover key sectors such as **digital agriculture**, **urban mobility**, **direct-to-consumer commerce**, **advanced urban planning** and data interoperability in general.

Subscribe to our [newsletter](#) to stay informed about when our courses become available.



Course catalogue

<p>Introduction to location data interoperability</p> <p>Concepts and implications of location data interoperability, framed within the EU data policy landscape, including technological and non-technological trends and technical aspects.</p> <p>COURSE INFORMATION</p> <p>REGISTRATION COMING SOON</p>	<p>Mobile food marketplace</p> <p>This course provides interoperability skills for developing mobile applications tailored to D2C or B2C models, focusing on location-based services as a key component of innovative offerings.</p> <p>COURSE INFORMATION</p> <p>REGISTRATION COMING SOON</p>	<p>Digital agriculture</p> <p>The course provides skills in location data interoperability for digital agriculture, enabling farmers to optimize practices, enhance sustainability, and comply with EU regulations.</p> <p>COURSE INFORMATION</p> <p>REGISTRATION COMING SOON</p>	<p>Social monitoring of road conditions</p> <p>A course on designing and developing an ICT application for urban safety, allowing citizens to report dangerous road situations to authorities and improve public safety in their communities.</p> <p>COURSE INFORMATION</p> <p>REGISTRATION COMING SOON</p>	<p>3D, BIM and Digital Twins for urban planning</p> <p>The course addresses challenges in 3D geospatial data and interoperability, highlighting the increasing need for effective 3D data management in BIM, GIS, and Digital Twins.</p> <p>COURSE INFORMATION</p> <p>REGISTRATION COMING SOON</p>
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Check out our course catalogue today and stay tuned for upcoming training actions

DIS4SME InfoDays

DIS4SME InfoDays are events designed to inform European SME's about the DIS4SME project. New InfoDay sessions were held in November 2024 in several locations: Pamplona (Spain), and a Europe-wide event organized by OGC Europe.

Specific details of each of the sessions are presented below:

European InfoDay organised by OGC Europe (22nd Nov. 2024)

The main objective of the online session was to present the DIS4SME project at European level and to raise awareness of the available courses.

The event was instrumental in generating contacts and attracting the interest of SMEs and professionals with an interest in data interoperability. Throughout the day, detailed information was provided on all courses, highlighting how they can benefit companies in key areas such as competitiveness and efficiency.

The event was characterized by its interactive nature, providing numerous opportunities for attendees to connect with experts and other industry professionals.

You can follow the [OGC InfoDay in our YouTube channel](#).

InfoDay in Pamplona, Spain (29 Nov. 2024)

Organised online by the AIN team, this event maintained a similar approach to the previous one, adapting specifically to the needs of Spanish SMEs and offering a space for the exchange of ideas and experiences among participants.

During the session, the DIS4SME training offer was presented in detail, highlighting how the courses can boost local companies in their integration into the European digital economy. Furthermore, the concrete benefits that this training can bring in terms of competitiveness, innovation and technological adaptation, key elements for the sustainable growth of SMEs, were underlined.

DIS4SME at ASITA 2024



As part of the dissemination efforts, a poster was showcased in the conference's poster session.

On December 11th in Padova, Italy, the DIS4SME project was presented at the ASITA Conference, one of the most significant events in Italy dedicated to geospatial data and technologies.

The project took center stage during a workshop organized by GISIG, focusing on geospatial data interoperability and the emerging professional profile of the *Geospatial Data Interoperability Expert*.

Key project partners, including **CNR-IMATI** and **EPSILON Italia**, participated in the session.

G. Martirano, the project's scientific coordinator from EPSILON Italia, delivered a detailed presentation of the project's results, already achieved and expected.

This workshop provided an excellent platform to promote the DIS4SME project to the Italian geospatial community, highlighted the importance of geospatial data

interoperability, and fostered interest in the project's training programs.

It also served as an opportunity to encourage registrations for the upcoming training activities planned at both national and European levels.

DIS4SME Progress Meeting in Varaždin

The city of **Varaždin**, known for its baroque architecture and rich cultural heritage, hosted the fourth progress meeting of the DIS4SME project.

Situated in the north of Croatia, Varaždin provides a dynamic academic and professional environment, making it an ideal setting for this important gathering of project partners.



Held at the University North, Department of Geodesy and Geomatics, the two-day meeting brought together participants to evaluate progress, align efforts, and discuss upcoming actions for the project.

The meeting began with a welcome address, setting the stage for a productive discussion. Key sessions included a comprehensive review of all ongoing project tasks, with participants revisiting activities and adjusting plans for greater efficiency. Interactive discussions provided valuable insights into progress and next steps.











The day concluded with a wrap-up session and a social dinner, offering an excellent opportunity for networking and informal exchanges among project partners.

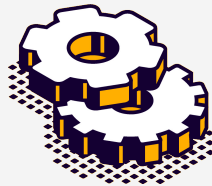
Day two focused on detailed discussions about the progress of the organizational aspects of the training actions and the finalization of training materials, including status updates from each participating country. Coordination was a key topic, ensuring that efforts across work packages remained aligned.

The event ended with a wrap-up session, reinforcing collaboration and setting clear objectives for the next project phases.

This meeting in Varaždin marked another milestone for the DIS4SME project, strengthening shared goals and the commitment of all partners.

DIS4SME Partners

GISIG  Italy Coordinator	SIIT  Italy Business Association	GAUDEAMUS  Slovenia Training Provider	EPSILON ITALIA  Italy Training Provider	KU LEUVEN  Belgium Training Provider
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