

Making e-services a reality in Europe 6-7 November 2014

Time Agenda item

14:00 Welcome speeches

- 1. Welcome through Tudor
- 2. Luxembourg Government representative
- 3. European Commission representative
- 4. Minister of Justice of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

14:45 The history of the Large Scale Pilots – European Commission

A number of public e-services already exist at national level, but when it comes to the cross-border dimension, electronic communication faces numerous challenges. Since 2008, seven Large Scale Pilot (LSP) projects have been launched by the European Commission for the creation of seamless cross-border digital services infrastructure. Much has already been achieved to break down the barriers and facilitate the mobility of citizens and business in the EU Single Market.

15:10 Heading for the Digital Single Market

Carsten Schmidt, e-SENS project coordinator

By ensuring that national systems can easily communicate with each other in various policy areas, the LSPs support the creation of the Digital Single Market in Europe. The latest contribution to this process is the e-SENS project. Building on already available solutions, e-SENS aims to provide generic and reusable solutions for any area of interaction between Europeans and public authorities.

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 The need for a true European Interoperable Architecture – e-SENS's contribution

Klaus Vilstrup Pedersen, Leader of WP6 - Building Blocks Provision

Provision of efficient digital public services in Europe entails a need to use common standards and principles of interoperability. e-SENS aims to provide a comprehensive set of reusable building blocks for European digital services infrastructure. The development of these modules is based on the European Interoperability Architecture.

Presentation & discussion

16:30 Putting digital solutions in place: e-SENS real-life testing

Lefteris Leontaridis, Leader of WP5 - Piloting

Deployment of ICT services between countries across Europe can prove that seamless cross-border communication is feasible. A number of real transactions between business/citizens and public administration based on generic building blocks will be available in a wide spectrum of domains. This will enable testing of the infrastructure in real environments, as well as providing an opportunity for European business and citizens to reap the full benefits of the Digital Single Market.

Presentation & discussion

17:00 Thinking ahead – plans for e-SENS sustainability

Katrin Weigend, deputy leader of WP3 - Sustainability and Long-term Governance

In the long run, the success of e-SENS and other LSP projects will require a stable and consolidated sustainability plan. There are a number of players with a legitimate interest in sustaining the technical solutions. Roles and responsibilities need to be assigned so as to ensure a stable governance structure.

Presentation & discussion

17:30 Connecting Europe Facility

DG Connect, European Commission

The CEF, with a budget of €970 million dedicated to Digital Service Infrastructures (DSIs), aims to deliver networked cross-border services for citizens, businesses and public administration. The main component of a digital service infrastructure is the core service platform. e-SENS as well as other LSPs are expected to provide a valuable input to building the platform, while at the same time ensuring the sustainability of the solutions.

Presentation & discussion

18:00 End of Day 1



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09:30	Perspectives of three key stakeholders - The demand for cross-border services for citizens and businesses – the end user perspective (Association of European Border Regions, tbc) - Europe's benefit from e-Government – the Member States perspective - Business opportunities for the IT industry with LSP solutions – the IT industry perspective (IBM, tbc)	
10:30	Coffee break	
11:00	Session 1	Session 2
	e-SENS architecture for digital public services. Building blocks to facilitate electronic communication in various domains: • e-health	European regulations and initiatives for interoperable digital services in Europe • CEF – Digital Service Infrastructures (DG DIGIT, European Commission)
	e-justice	elDAS – Electronic Identification and Trust Services
	e-procurement	(EC/representative of eIDAS expert group)
	business lifecycle	 ISA – Interoperability Solutions for European Public Administration (ISA representative)
	(WP5: Piloting, WP6: Building Blocks Provision)	Conclusion: Implications for the long-term sustainability of LSPs (WP3)
	The preliminary e-SENS architecture has already been developed, providing technical documentation for generic and reusable building blocks. This session will provide insight into technical developments as well as demonstrate in a practical way their potential use and added value in various domains.	The aim of e-SENS is to ensure the compliance of ICT solutions based on e-SENS specifications with a number of EU requirements, regulations and related initiatives. These already provide guidelines and map out directions to follow, at the same time ensuring valuable input. The session will provide political context of the project and its close relation to EU-level initiatives.
13:45	Conclusions Serge Novaretti, e-SENS Project Officer, European Commission Carsten Schmidt, e-SENS project coordinator	
14:00	Lunch	
15:00	End of Day 2	
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