

SINGLE WINDOW INTEROPERABILITY - LEGAL ENVIRONMENT

SECTION

CONFERENCE CALL 31 JULY 2014 AT 15 -16 CET
MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Present :	Excused absence :
RAILAS, Lauri (FI) L BERNAL TURNES, Paloma (US) p BONDARENKO, Alexei (RU) p FIELD, Richard (US) p SHAH, Hemali (AU) p SMEDINGHOFF, Tom (US) p THOMPSON, Lance (FR) p	LUDDY, Bill (US) E

Summary of the meeting:

- The participants agreed to build on draft Discussion Paper 0.3 presented to the meeting with some amendments. The structure and style of the draft were, in the main terms, agreed upon. As regards the scope, it was pointed out that the scope of the project as expressed in the four different discussion papers to be produced by the four sections would be defined in a conference call on 19 August 2014 between the Leaders and Editors of each four sections. Before that and especially with a view to the conference call of 14 August 2014, the scope would be as expressed in draft 0.3.
- It was agreed that the possibility of establishing supranational Single Window systems such as that envisaged in the Asean Single Window Agreement should fall within the scope of the Discussion Paper.
- As the group had agreed to slightly amend the outline, it was agreed that there would be a new item 2.4 entitled 'Level of Interaction', which would address whether the study would concentrate G2G interoperability or go further. Alexei BONDARENKO and Tom SMEDINGHOFF kindly accepted to propose a wording for the proposed item 2.4 in a timetable which would facilitate inclusion in the draft to be distributed by 13 August.
- Alexei BONDARENKO raised the issue of whether (the new) item Relationship with Recommendation No. 35 should list other Recommendations and texts addressing the legal aspects of Single Window and whether language of exchange could listed as a legal issue
- Furthermore, Alexei BONDARENKO proposed that part 3 should include, as item 3.2, a subtitle "The main principles of Single Window Interoperability" as such principles a found in the constitutive documents of the Eurasian Treaty. Alexei kindly accepted to propose a wording for the item
- It was considered useful to study the trade policy aspects
- These minutes will be approved at the beginning of the next conference call scheduled to take place on Thursday 14 August 2014 at 15 hours CET. Any remarks and contributions should ideally be sent to Lauri RAILAS by Tuesday 12 August 2014. A new draft Discussion Paper 0.3 will then be distributed to the participants on Wednesday 13 August 2014.