

REETS-TEN

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D7.4: Option for a sustainable REETS/EETS Interoperability Management Platform

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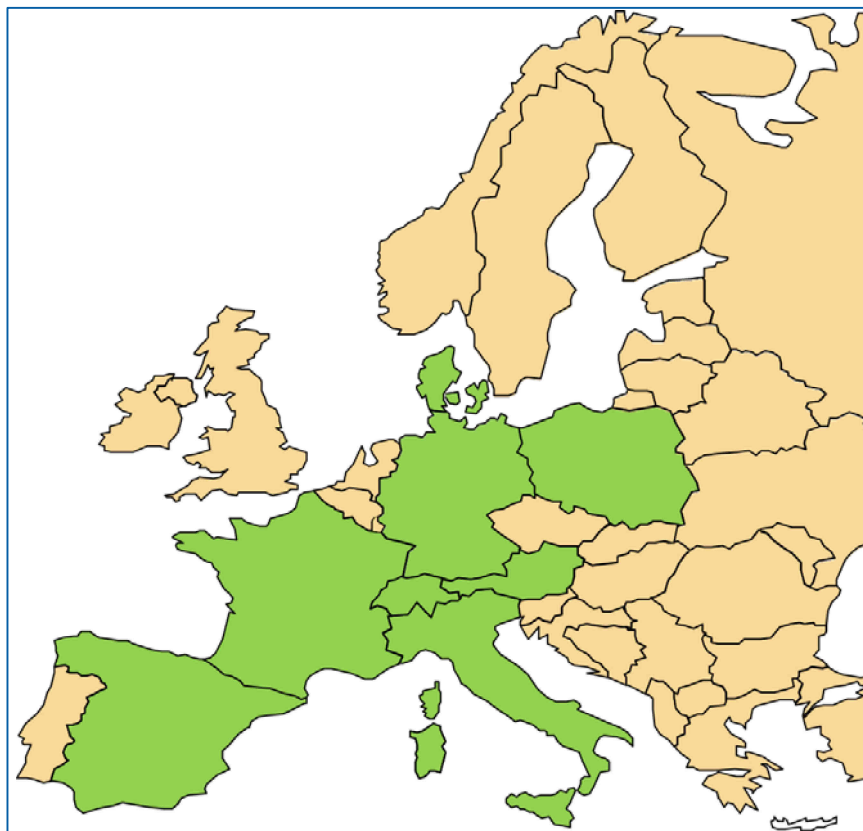
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The REETS-TEN project

The REETS-TEN project seeks to facilitate the implementation of the EETS (European Electronic Toll Service) in an area in which interested Toll Chargers agreed to proceed in such a trial. In that regard, the REETS-TEN project is the sole EU project in the EETS area with the participation of all the stakeholders (States, Toll Chargers, EETS Providers, Manufacturers, NoBos, others). The project covers the geographic region of 7 REETS States. Of course during this period the results of the project will be used by all and mainly by the States and the EU Institutions.

The REETS-TEN geographic area includes eight countries and 78 Toll Chargers. Service Providers may open contacts with these Toll Chargers if they are aiming to deliver a service in the geographic area. The countries included in the REETS-TEN project are Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain and Switzerland.



Overview of the REETS-TEN participating countries (in green)

The first phase, the analysis phase of the project (Activities 1-4) ended at September 2014:

The REETS-TEN project analysed, in its first phase, the EETS implementation components, in order to highlight and, if possible, solve the issues that proven to be a hindrance to achieving a smooth implementation process.

To that end, the analysis process has been segmented in 4 areas, as follows:

- Contractual framework and Risk management (Activity 1)
- Certification (Activity 2)
- Key Performance Indicators (Activity 3)
- Back Office Interfaces (Activity 4)

Findings and recommendations have been developed in the four research areas; they have been drafted and agreed by all the stakeholders represented in the REETS-TEN project, thus representing a broad consensus among a relevant part of the current stakeholders of interest for the EETS.

The second phase, the monitoring phase of the project (Activities 5-8) sets up the necessary structures for:

- Designing and establishing an efficient information platform for the Member States, the EC, the Stakeholders and the open public.
- The monitoring of the phased deployments of REETS/EETS cross border pilots in various EU regions.

The Information Platform as key product

The key product of the Activity 7 of the REETS project is exactly what article 19 of EETS Decision 2009/750 asks and what EC describes in its Communication COM (2012) 474 final. It is a comprehensive “Information Sharing Resource Platform” (in short: Info Platform) designed to act as a single information platform gathering up-to-date information on EETS provided by the stakeholders and offering this information to all the interested parties through a single point of access on the internet. Such a unique point will enhance the multidirectional information services, e.g. among all states, between state to state, between State and EC and between state and interested stakeholders and the public.

The Information Platform described in the REETS-TEN project is structured to serve not only during the period of the project (that ends at 31/12/2015). The Information Platform is designed in a way to serve (with the political blessing of the Member states and European Commission and with the definition of a permanent procedure for its update) as an efficient interactive single point of access, addressing properly the EETS specificities, mainly after the closing of the REETS-TEN project. It is designed to serve the function requested by the Decision 2009/750/EC and by EC Communication COM (2012) 474 final §4.1.

The Information Platform will be managed and coordinated by the Info Platform Management Team in order:

- To gather the needed data,
- To manage and process the received data,

- To produce the information product and, as a result,
- To provide the information product openly to the Member States, the EC, the interested Stakeholders and the public.

The information as “information-production” and “information-provision” of the Information Platform are performed by the Activity 7 Sub-tasks 7.1, 7.2 and with close cooperation with the Activities 8 and 5 which will constitute an integral part of the Information Platform.

The Deliverables under Activity 7 are as follows:

- D7.1 REETS Implementation Guide
- D7.2 REETS Implementation Knowledge Base
- D7.3 Report on REETS Interoperability Management Platform
- D7.4 Options for a sustainable REETS/EETS Interoperability Management Platform

The scope of the deliverables

Beyond the practical implementation of the Information Platform, the Deliverables D7.3 & D7.4 describe **in paper the designing and functioning of the Information Platform**, as answer to the EC request, for the deployment of a single point of access on internet that will provide up-to-date information on EETS. Whereas D7.3 (Report on REETS Interoperability Management Platform) describes the structuring/governing/operating of the Information Platform as “Information producing” and “Information providing” mechanism, D7.4 (Options for a sustainable REETS/EETS Interoperability Management Platform) describes how the Information Platform will function during the project duration as REETS Information Platform and after the end of the project as EETS Information Platform, provided that it is “blessed” by the European Commission and supported by the Member States.

Information Platform after the end of the project

The EETS Information Platform is designed to function under the EC auspices and with the support of the European Commission being the official EETS single point of contact via the internet. It can collect all the available official EETS information, coming from the EETS Stakeholders (Member States, TCs, SPs, NoBos, Conciliation Bodies, Standardizations bodies, Manufacturers, others) and can disseminate the proper information through a user friendly Information Sharing mechanisms.

The EETS Information Platform will only function with the support of the EC and the Member States, that have to endorse to that end the coordination by the Info management team in order to gather the needed data, to manage the received data and produce the information product.

The roles of the European Commission and the Member States are crucial for the successful operation of the EETS Information Platform as the Information Platform stakeholders (Toll Charger and Service Provider) need the endorsement of the European Commission and the Member States to set-up interactive contacts with EU authorities regarding the EETS reality in each state and regarding information of institutional relevance.

To evaluate properly the quality of the implemented Information Platform the readers are kindly invited to visit the websites:

Before the 31/12/2015

The Information Platform is operated under the REETS website and specific in the web address:

www.reets.eu/eetsinfoplatform

The webpage of the REETS-TEN project will be operated under the web address: www.reets.eu

After 31/12/2015

The Information Platform is operated under the following website and specific in the web address:

www.eetsinfoplatform.eu

The webpage of REETS-TEN with all its project results will be operated under the web address:

www.eetsinfoplatform.eu/reets