

This is a newsletter of the NAP&NB Harmonisation Group. The goals of this group of National Access Points (NAPs) and National Bodies (NBs) are primarily to strengthen the position and role of NAPs as backbone of European ITS, transport and mobility data infrastructure and to support and contribute to the EU Green Deal in the decarbonisation of the transport sector. The Group will address NAP and NB specific issues and work towards harmonizing the implementation of the Delegated Regulations (EU) No. 886/2013, 885/2013, 2015/962 and 2017/1926. It will also exchange best practices and experiences to set up and run NAPs and NBs (e.g. advice on NAP architecture, common level of service, user acceptance and experience).

Last but not least the NAP&NB Harmonisation Group will respond to the EC call for proposals for a coordination mechanism to federate the National Access Points established under the ITS Directive (see also the news item on 'coordination mechanism' below in this newsletter).

If you want to join this group, please contact the chair of the NAP&NB Harmonisation Group [Timo Hoffmann](#) and/or visit the [LinkedIn Group](#).

### News from the NAP&NB Harmonisation Group Working Groups

The NAP&NB Harmonisation Group has established 5 Working Groups, each covering different topics. Here you will find an update of the work carried out in the Working Groups:



Chair: [Petr Bureš](#)

*WG1 Data standards and NAP architecture:* This Working Group elaborates on different approaches to NAP architecture / implementation in Member States, establishment of common features, principles and technology. From our last meeting, a sub working group for metadata led by Peter Lubrich from BAST has been established, ensuring a future common approach to the information provided by NAP operators about published data. The work, currently funded from EU-EIP, is focused on bringing together the metadata specification DCAT-AP closer to the NAP-specific metadata definitions, set up by the Coordinated Metadata Catalogue. An envisioned product will be a "napDCAT-AP" extension, eventually fostering interoperability of NAP metadata with, e.g. open data portals. Within this initiative there have been a seminar to present latest developments; the concept and draft of "napDCAT-AP" is presented [online](#). With regards to other recent related developments, the NAP architecture is being finalized by [FRAME-NEXT](#) project and recently [new testing tool for DATEX II profiles](#) compliance with ITS Directive has been introduced within the CROCODILE project.



Chair: [Damaris Grüber](#)

**WG2 National Body processes:** The Working Group is aiming at the harmonisation of processes for random inspections and compliance assessment as well as defining common quality and evaluation criteria. With presenting the current status of National Bodies in the participating Members States the work was started. A questionnaire was jointly developed and pre-tested in order to gather the status of National Body implementation and pressing issues from all Member States. Hereto, the attempt to set up a complete contact list was started and the questionnaire was spread widely. Lately, the Working Group started to focus on the exchange of ideas and experiences concerning random inspections and compliance assessment itself.



Chair: [Lucian Ilină](#)

**WG3 Best practices:** In this Working Group, to identify, define and share best practices for NAP operators, a list of contact points of all NAP operators across Europe has been prepared. A draft questionnaire is being developed and will be circulated to establish the urgent needs that NAP operators want to address. **The Passau Declaration** adopted on 29.10.2020 supports the idea of *Strengthen smart connectivity - towards a European mobility data space ecosystem* and mentions that the participation of all Member States in the forthcoming coordination mechanism to federate the National Access Points is desirable in order to **enhance and harmonize** the functioning of the **National Access Points** as well as to define long-term strategic objectives



Chair: [Louis Hendriks](#)

**WG4 External Connections, influencing and communications:** The chair of the NAP&NB Harmonisation Group, Timo Hoffmann, recently has given two presentations, i.e. at the **ITS Virtual Congress** (session: *National Access Points for multimodal services and MaaS*) and at the **Digital Transport Days** (session: *Importance of further developing the Common European Mobility Data Space*). Working Group 4 also has established a [LinkedIn group](#) for the NAP/NB Harmonisation Group. Through this LinkedIn group you will be kept up to date about the developments of the Coordination Mechanism for NAPs in Europe. Join the group today!



Moderator Magda Kopczynska (DG MOVE) and speaker Timo Hoffmann (BAST) at the Digital Transport Days 2020.



Chair: [Timo Hoffmann](#)

**WG5 Proposal Coordination:** Even though the call has not been published up to now, the working group has started with the coordination of the writing of the proposal. Specifically, the working group chairs together with a small group of other NAP/NB representatives have started to elaborate a governance structure for the project, has come up with a working group structure and has initiated discussions with some related projects (DATA4PT, Data Task Force, DATEX II, EU EIP, FRAME NEXT, IDACS and TN-ITS GO). The web meetings with the projects are planned to continue in December and next year. Currently, input for tasks and activities to be covered by the CEF PSA project are collected from member states and projects as input for scoping and budgeting talks in the upcoming weeks and months.

## Call: Programme Support Action on 'coordination mechanism to federate the National Access Points'

The EU Commission (DG MOVE) issued a [Concept Paper](#) dated 15 June 2020 that outlines their preparation of a "Coordination mechanism to federate the National Access Points established under the ITS Directive". This coordination mechanism should be set up as long-term institution where Member States experts, NAPs operators and National Bodies/competent authorities can concretely work together on common issues related to the development, operation and evolution of NAPs for the implementation of ITS and further contribution to the Common European mobility data space. The 'coordination mechanism' will be funded through a so-called Programme Support Action (PSA). The call for this Programme Support Action is expected in the first days of December 2020, but it came too late to be included in this newsletter. As soon as the call for this PSA is published we will inform you via our [LinkedIn Group](#) and a dedicated mail to everyone in our mailing list. In order to be ready for this call, the NAP&NB Harmonisation Group is planning two kick-off meetings:

### Kick-off meetings for the proposal on the Coordination Mechanism for NAPs – Register now!

The European Commission would like to have as many Member States as possible to participate in this new Programme Support Action. Therefore, the NAP&NB Harmonisation Group organises two online kick-off meetings to inform potential partners (Member States, NAP operators, Ministries) about the PSA call and our plans for submitting a proposal.

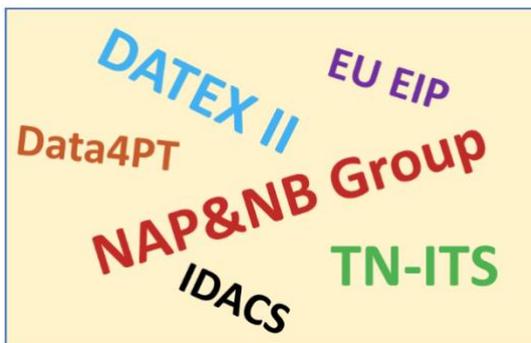
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 13.00-15.00h CET and
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00-12.00h CET

If you are interested to participate in one of these meetings (the meetings are the same, you can join either on 15<sup>th</sup> or on 17<sup>th</sup>), **please register** by sending an e-mail to [Hoffmannnt@bast.de](mailto:Hoffmannnt@bast.de) and [Damaris.Gruher@austriatech.at](mailto:Damaris.Gruher@austriatech.at) providing the following information for all participants:

- Date (15<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> December)
- Name (2 or max. 3 persons per Member State please)
- Organisation(s)
- E-mail address(es)

After registration you will receive an Outlook invitation with the login information for the meeting (WebEx).

## Joint meeting of projects on 'coordination mechanism to federate the National Access Points'



On 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 the NAP&NB Harmonisation Group had follow-up meetings with the projects DATEX II and TN-ITS GO. The main objective of these meetings was to discuss how these projects, which both will end in 2021, can be integrated into the upcoming PSA on the coordination mechanism to federate the National Access Points. Apart from content, also organisational aspects and governance were discussed. Frank Daems (TN-ITS): "We recognize the great opportunity to enhance the cooperation that will positively impact on dissemination,

accessibility, awareness and quality of its data service". On 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 also follow-up meetings were held with the projects EU EIP, FRAME-NEXT, Data4PT and IDACS. The NAP&NB Harmonisation Group is interested to cooperate with these projects, and all four projects agreed that this would be a desirable path forward. It was agreed that all projects will identify topics which require further cooperation, to create synergy and avoid overlap. Further meetings are foreseen in November and December 2020 to make the integration and cooperation more concrete.

## Document sharing

If you are a member of the NAP&NB Harmonisation Group, you will be allowed access to the document sharing platform of the Group. If you are participating in a WG and want to have access, please send an e-mail to [Benjamin Witsch](mailto:Benjamin.Witsch).



## Members of the NAP&NB Harmonisation Group

NAP and NB representatives from 15 countries are active in the working groups of the NAP & NB Harmonization group (Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland), and we have people from 11 other European countries that are kept informed about our group's activities e.g. via this newsletter. For more information on the NAP & NB Harmonisation Group or become a member please download our Position Paper [here](#) or reach out to [Timo Hoffmann](mailto:Tim.Hoffmann), [Louis Hendriks](mailto:Louis.Hendriks) or any working group chair.

## Interesting events and readings

- [The Passau Declaration](#) on the occasion of the virtual Informal Meeting of EU and EFTA Ministers of Transport under the auspices of the German EU Council Presidency on 29th October 2020" is calling for participation of all EU member states in the NAP coordination mechanism to be set up by the CEF PSA Call.
- [UVAR Box](#) is a new EU project which will provide tools to structure data on 'Urban Vehicle Access Regulations'. This is relevant for the NAPs because it is expected that this data type will be included in an update of the Delegated Regulation concerning RTTI. With the introduction of UVAR a big number of cities will become data suppliers for the NAPs as well.
- KPMG published an interesting report on '[Automotive Data Sharing](#)'. Learn more about data sharing of OEMs utilizing Safety Related Traffic Information and NAPs.
- Regarding NAP Metadata an extension for the NAP domain is drafted, namely "[napDCAT-AP](#)" to support harmonisation.

Do you have news about NAPs to be included in the next Newsletter? Send us an e-mail ([louis.hendriks@rws.nl](mailto:louis.hendriks@rws.nl)) or share it on our [LinkedIn Group](#).



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