

## Nine months more for the TOOP Project!

### Successful results of the TOOP Project paved the way for the project extension and further work towards the implementation of the 'once-only' principle!

Following a decision of the European Commission, the duration of the TOOP project has been extended and will continue its operation until the end of March 2020. The project, started on 1 January 2017 and initially intended for 30 months, has been successful in piloting cross-border data exchange between national e-government systems, thus advancing the work towards cross-border implementation of the 'once-only' principle (OOP) in the EU/EEA. Building on this fruitful collaboration of the 20 participating Member States and associated countries of the EU, the extension will offer an excellent opportunity for European countries to reap even more benefits in the light of the upcoming Single Digital Gateway.

The additional nine months of the project will provide a chance for participating countries to further test the solution for the adoption of the 'once-only' principle and to take the early steps towards implementation of the Single Digital Gateway Regulation (SDGR). The extension will enable the integration of their national e-government solutions with the upcoming OOP infrastructure to be built at a pan-European level. It will also ensure that the project will provide further support to the European Commission in developing the legal framework, such as the implementing act(s), supporting the implementation of the SDGR. It will continue to work on the technical and operational specifications based on the experiences gained in the project in order to ensure that the implementing act(s) is well suited for the purposes intended by the Single Digital Gateway Regulation.

Furthermore, TOOP will ensure sustainability of the SCOOP4C project, which is coming to an end on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019. On the basis of the collaboration agreement signed between the projects, the SCOOP4C findings will be further explored and disseminated for improved understanding and recognition of the OOP. The project will also further build a community of stakeholders dedicated to digitalization of public services in line with the OOP.

The TOOP extension will contribute to reaching an important milestone of pan-European implementation of the OOP which will enhance the functioning of the EU Digital Single Market and the digitization of the society. We are excited to continue our journey and support the emerging Digital Europe!

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