



## Successful Once-Only Conference in Berlin paved the way for establishing the once-only principle across Europe

*On 28 November 2017, the two once-only projects SCOOP4C and TOOP held their first joint conference on the once-only principle (OOP) for citizens and businesses in Berlin.*

The conference focused on presenting diverse cross-border OOP use cases from SCOOP4C and TOOP partners. They were taken from different environments like the social, health, education and business sector to cover a wide range of implementation scenarios. In the afternoon, speakers and visitors had the opportunity to openly discuss the presented cases in different world café sessions.

The event was opened by Dirk Stocksmeier, Head of the ]init[ AG, who welcomed Serge Novaretti and Fleur Breuillin, both from the European Commission. In their keynote speeches, Novaretti and Breuillin emphasised the importance of the OOP in Europe and endorsed its implementation through the Single Digital Gateway initiative. Novaretti appreciated the joint contribution of both EU funded projects, SCOOP4C and TOOP, to approach the OOP from a citizen and a business perspective.

Moreover, the project coordinators Maria Wimmer (SCOOP4C) and Robert Krimmer (TOOP) took the occasion to officially sign a Memorandum of Understanding between both projects. “I am happy that we could today formalise what we have been doing successfully throughout the last months: working together on ways to make the OOP a cross-border reality”, Krimmer said.

The event aimed at creating awareness of the importance of the once-only principle for administrative burden reduction. It was a good opportunity to demonstrate the interim findings taken from the first 11 months of the TOOP project duration. Furthermore, the discussion included current drivers, enablers and barriers, which have to be taken into account when exploiting the full potentials of the once-only principle in Europe.

### **About the project:**

The Once-Only Principle Project (TOOP) was launched by the European Commission in January 2017 as an initiative of 51 organisations from 21 EU Member States and Associated Countries. The main objective of TOOP is to explore and demonstrate the once-only principle across borders, focusing on data from businesses. Doing this, TOOP wants to enable better exchange of business related data or documents with and between public administrations and reduce administrative burden for both businesses and public administrations.

Find out more at <http://www.toop.eu/>

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