Helping Member States to get ready for the Once Only Technical System

In preparation for the Once Only Technical System the Member States participating in the Doing Business Abroad pilot are getting their national systems ready and interconnected using DE4A common components. This way, users can log in to the systems of service providers abroad and the service provider abroad can collect information on the company the user represents, online and real-time.

To establish the connection between the four participating Member States, each country adds two generic items to their national infrastructure: the DE4A Connector and the eIDAS node. The DE4A Connector enables service providers to securely collect information about companies in other countries. The eIDAS node allows users to log in to websites of service providers abroad, using notified credentials of their own home-country.

Participating Member States deploy, connect and test these items extensively before using them for real life purposes. In September 2021, Sweden, Austria, Romania and The Netherlands confirmed the correct operation of the cross-border connections between each of their DE4A connectors. With this, they achieved an important milestone in the preparation phase of the Doing Business Abroad pilot.

The Member States have to take the final technical step in the preparation, which is to connect their service providers and data providers to these

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DE4A connectors. This is expected to be ready in 2021, satisfying all the conditions to start piloting the solution before the end of this year.

Participate in the Doing Business Abroad pilot

DE4A is looking for companies residing in Sweden, Romania, The Netherlands and Austria, to participate in an exciting new pilot, that will help to make cross-border business easier.

The Doing Business Abroad pilot aims to reduce the administrative burden of starting and doing business in another EU Member State. With the new Once Only Technical System, information about a company is re-used cross-border which reduces the time to register and afterwards request a service in another Member State substantially. The entire process is fully online and secure, using the authentication and authorisation means of the home-country that are familiar to the representative of the company.

For more information about the pilot and qualifying criteria please visit: ww.de4a.eu/doingbusinessabroadpilot

DE4A takes part in European Week of Regions and Cities

DE4A participated in the 19th European Week of Regions and Cities - the biggest annual Brussels-based event dedicated to cohesion policy. The project was invited to host a live online information session to demonstrate how interactions between citizens, businesses and governments can be streamlined. The session entitled 'Streamlining how citizens and business interact with governments' took place on October 12. The event was hosted by the Chair of DE4A project partner, EEMA, Jon Shamah, who provided overview of the project and its objectives.

Mr Shamah explained how DE4A is a pilot-led project that is aiming to make it easier for EU citizens, to live, work and study in whichever Member State they choose, by reducing the effort needed to transfer official documents, providing direct and permissioned communications. He explained how the project aligns with the European Commission's commitment to a digital society and value-based digital government, citing EU regulations – Single Digital Gateway (SDGR 2018), eIDAS and GDPR, as well as

declarations from Tallin, Berlin and Lisbon.

Attendees were introduced to the three pilots and given insight into how they will utilise innovative technologies (notably Blockchain) and the Once Only Principle (OOP) to realise the European Single Market in practice.

Dr. Alenka Žužek Nemec, from the Ministry of Public Administration, Republic of Slovenia, highlighted the benefits cross border interoperability and the OOP presents to governments and citizens such as reducing administrative burdens, improving data reliability and service delivery, as well as reducing fraud. However, Dr. Nemec also pointed to the main challenges that need to be overcome – trust, interoperability, user centricity and technological development. Dr. Nemec provided insight into the Once Only Technical system infrastructure which is being developed at an EU level to support the OOP in line with the SDGR's requirement for 'full cross-border accessibility.'
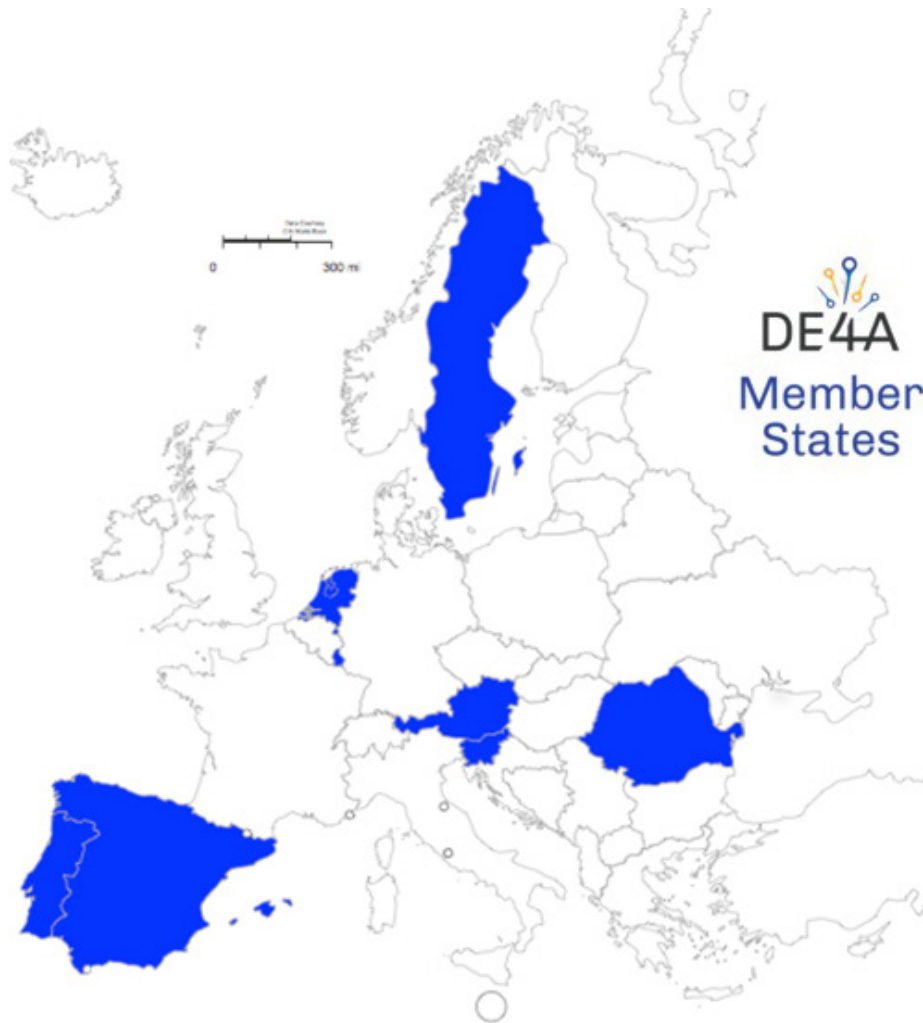
Explaining how three of the challenges highlighted by Dr. Nemec (user centricity, interoperability and trust) can

be overcome, was Gérard SOISSON, from the Ministry for digitalisation (Luxembourg), representing the Government IT Centre (CTIE). This was built upon by Ingegerd Widell from the Tax Authority of Sweden, who introduced the Moving Abroad real-life pilot that will commence before the end of 2021, to highlight the complexities (for all parties) involved in the current process of moving from one Member State to another, with a new procedure that streamlines the sharing of information.

A recording of the session is available at: https://vimeo.com/636512427

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