



## **e-SENS building blocks are being assessed by the European Multi Stakeholder Platform on ICT Standardization**

On 2 October 2014, the European Multi Stakeholder Platform on ICT Standardisation (MSP) agreed on the establishment of Evaluation Working Groups to assess three standards proposed by e-SENS: ebMS3/AS4, ebCore Party ID and BDX Location. The three standards being assessed are part of the e-Delivery building block. Following evaluation for maturity and sustainability they were identified as fairly mature and ready for public consultation, and were thus submitted to MSP.

The European Multi Stakeholder Platform on ICT Standardisation was set up at the end of 2011 and advises on matters related to the implementation of ICT standardisation policies. It is composed of representatives of national authorities from EU Member States and EFTA countries, European and international ICT standardisation bodies, as well as stakeholder organisations representing industry, small and medium-sized enterprises and consumers.

The outcomes of the assessment by MSP will be available in January 2015 in the form of three separate evaluation reports. They will be discussed and decided upon in the MSP meeting on the 26th of February 2015.

The building block assessment is a crucial task of e-SENS, performed by WP3 "Sustainability and long-term governance", as it guarantees that the e-SENS building blocks are:

- technically mature and well-standardised (standardisation criteria)
- aligned with EU and national policies (policy alignment criteria)
- based on market use and business needs (business needs criteria)

The sustainability assessment framework used for the e-SENS BBs is based on CAMSS (Common Assessment Method for Standards and Specifications) and ADMS (Asset Description Metadata Schema). The first assessment cycle was performed between October 2013 and January 2014, when fourteen e-SENS building blocks were assessed. Eight BBs are mature enough to function as part of the e-SENS IT architecture:

- e-Signatures: EU e-Signature Standards Framework;
- e-Delivery: ebCore PartyID, Metadata Service Location, ebMS3/AS4;
- e-Documents: ASiC;
- e-ID: SAML, Personal Identity Attributes, QAA

In June 2014, the second cycle was started and another 4 eSENS building blocks were assessed. In September 2014, WP3 started to work closely with e-SENS Work Package 6 (Building blocks provision) to identify additional BBs for the next cycle of the sustainability assessment. The results of this assessment cycle will be ready by March 2015.

To access the results of the e-SENS assessment, see [D3.2 Assessment of the maturity of BBs](#).

To learn about the assessment procedure and criteria used by e-SENS, download [D3.1 Guidelines to the assessment the sustainability and maturity of building blocks](#).

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