



ETN TRANS-EUROPEAN ELECTRONIC CUSTOMS PROCEDURES

ETN aims at the deployment of eServices for electronic customs clearance procedures in the EU. The ETN services will extend the national-level services to a trans-European level, allowing traders and forwarders to communicate with customs administrations in other countries.

The ETN services will provide a mean for traders to submit electronic declarations to local or foreign country customs administrations, providing for integrated management of trade in the EU.

The service is aimed at enterprises – traders and intermediate agents - with the need of moving goods in/out and through the European customs space. Main focus will be forwarders, moving large volume of goods Europe-wide. The ETN services (through its network) will also facilitate data entry simplification, maintaining the information in the system to avoid repetition. The network can also handle message interchange from consignor and consignee (sending and receiving parties), and also customs response messages, thus easing the traders' information flow – that now relies on non-permanent means like fax, or telephone calls.

ETN will seek the further fine-tuning of the services of the consortium partners to shape a common access point ensuring EU trade and customs compliance within a sustainable business enterprise.

The project plans to validate the wider acceptance of the services, to fine-tune the local modifications, to refine the current business model and to openly disseminate results. ETN aims at producing conclusions that could serve EU policies regarding single window and single procedures for European Customs policies.

The projected services will be validated through two pilot testing phases in which first, the network declaration flow will be tested between partners' national gateways. This pilot will be organised around large trade-supply chain operators with installations in different countries. Second, the common access point will be tested for customer integration with customers that already use the existing ETN prototype.

The partners include NKN, Spain (coordinator), CSF, Germany, ICARUS, Ireland and UK, SKG, Poland, TARIC, Spain and MOREDATA, Portugal as beneficiaries and DEXX, Belgium, MINIHOUSE, The Netherlands and DSLV European Association of Forwarders as members. All partners are Customs-related Service Providers (or CRSPs) except for NKN that is a business development consultancy company that acts as initiative coordinator and has evolved the idea of ETN since year 2000. DSLV represents the customers' point of view, necessary for the fine-tuning and shaping of the services.

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