

CONCLUSIONS

SEED Meeting, Rome Italy, 24th January 2013

In line with Technical Protocol for implementation of the IBM¹ agreed conclusion of the Dialogue of 2nd December 2011, and the Final Action Plan for the Implementation Group (IG) for the Technical Protocol on IBM – 4th December 2012, the following conclusions have been reached:

1. Both Parties (as defined in the Technical Protocol for implementation of the IBM agreed conclusion of the Dialogue of 2nd December 2011) agree to the implementation of the SEED system for electronic data exchange.
2. Both Parties agreed to exchange data which is currently under their Customs' competencies, which is in case of one Party (Belgrade) means only transit declarations, including TIR and ATA carnets.
3. The option for data processing via a single Middle server is the preferred choice for both Parties.
4. With regard to the location of the Middle server, both Parties agreed to locations other than Belgrade and/or Prishtina:
 - the first proposal agreed by both Parties was for the Middle server to be located within European Commission in Brussels;
 - the second preferred option is for the Middle server to be located within the Italian Customs Agency (ICA) (the implementing agency of the SEED Project) in Rome – this proposal is fully supported by the ICA General Director, who assured both Parties that all necessary assistance to guarantee the protection of the equipment and data would be provided;
 - the third option is to examine the possibility of locating the Middle server in one of the EU Delegation offices in the Region, other than Belgrade and/or Prishtina;

A decision on the location of the Middle server will be raised with the EU IBM Agreement Chief Negotiator and discussed with the members of the IG during his imminent visits to Belgrade and Prishtina next week.
5. Within 7 days of receiving the decision for the location of the Middle server, the SEED Project Team agrees to produce an Action Plan for implementation, to include activities, timings and budget.
6. In order to secure the funding for the implementation of SEED data exchange, the EU IBM Agreement Negotiator is required to send a formal request to DG Enlargement.

¹ One Party recognises the line as a border; the other Party recognises the line as an administrative boundary