IMPLEMENTATION OF TOOP SOLUTION
GREEK SUCCESS STORY

providing data once-only.eu

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"The once-only principle is part of the European Union's (EU) plans to further develop the Digital Single Market by reducing the administrative burden on citizens, businesses and public administrations. The TOOP pilot initiative explored and demonstrated the feasibility of a better exchange of company information on the basis of a comprehensive, cross-border capable system architecture and the once-only principle."

BACKGROUND

The Hellenic National Electronic Public Procurement System (NEPPS) / "Promitheus" is an integrated information system that is owned and run by the Directorate for Management, Development & Support of NEPPS at the Ministry of Digital Governance. Promitheus' operating modus has been foreseen by provisions of the national public procurement law and it is offering eProcurement and eTendering services since 2013 to contracting authorities and economic operators. In this context, the Promitheus ESPDint subsystem was developed by the University of Piraeus (UPRC) in 2018, as the result of a multi-national CEF project ("ESPDint – Interoperable ESPD and VCD services inside and between European Countries"), providing also eESPD services as a subsystem of NEPPS. ESPD is the European Single Procurement Document, a self-declaration form for an economic operator to apply for public procurement procedures.

SOLUTION

Greece was the first TOOP partner who deployed a Data Consumer capability and demonstrated the 'once-only' principle (OOP) on a cross-border scale with the Swedish Business Register using the TOOP infrastructure as part of the General Business Mobility Pilot. The TOOP technical components were successfully implemented by UPRC enabling the Promitheus ESPDint subsystem to consume data from connected European business registers. Within the eProcurement pilot, the Promitheus ESPDint subsystem used by Economic Operators and Contracting Authorities is able to identify evidences through the e-Certis mapping system used in public procurement procedures across borders and enable their retrieval and validation through evidence metadata using the TOOP infrastructure.

RESULTS

The Greek TOOP pilot and its deployed Data Consumer capability addresses both the eProcurement and the General Business Mobility domains enabling the consumption of business data and related evidences from data providers across borders. It reduces bureaucracy for businesses due to the 'once-only' provision of specific information to the administrations. The expected result is that the administrations will increase their efficiency and speed up the administrative procedures. Within the General Business Mobility pilot, Promitheus ESPDint successfully consumed data from data providers in Austria, Estonia, Italy, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia and Sweden. Within the eProcurement pilot, Promitheus ESPDint has been able to retrieve evidences from data providers in Slovakia, Germany and Norway.