



EXPERT GROUP ON THE CITIZENS' INITIATIVE

2.2 Online collection systems and technical specifications

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- *EU File Exchange Service*
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• Article 10(3) point 1

- Article 10. (Central online collection system)
 - §3
 - Point 1

“Within one month of the registration of an initiative, and at the latest 10 working days before the start of the collection period, **the group of organisers** shall inform the Commission whether it wishes to use the central online collection system and whether it **wishes to upload the statements of support collected in paper form.**”

• Article 12(3) point 1

- Article 12. (Procedure for the collection of statements of support)
 - §3
 - Point 1

“The Commission shall submit the statements of support collected online through the central online collection system as well as those collected in paper form and uploaded pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 10(3) to the competent authority of the responsible Member State.”

• Article 12(3) point 2

- Article 12. (Procedure for the collection of statements of support)
 - §3
 - Point 2

“Where a group of organisers has collected statements of support through **an individual online collection system, it may request the Commission to submit these statements of support to the competent authority of the responsible Member State**”

Summary

For every successful initiative, the Central Online Collection System submits the statements of support to the Member States for:

- **Electronic statements of support** of Initiatives using the **Central Online Collection system**.
→ **ALWAYS** (art 12(3).1)
- **Electronic statements of support** of Initiatives using an **Individual Online Collection system**.
→ **At Organiser's request** (art 12(3).2)
- **Paper form uploaded to the central system**.
→ **At Organiser's request** both for the organisers using the central or individual systems -> art 10(3).1 & art 12(3).1)

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• **Article 12(3) point 3**

- Article 12. (Procedure for the collection of statements of support)
 - §3
 - Point 3

“The Commission shall submit the statements of support in accordance with the second to fourth subparagraph of paragraph 2, using the EU file exchange service referred to in Article 4(5).”

• Article 4(5)

- Article 4. (Procedure for the collection of statements of support)
 - §5

“The Commission shall develop a EU file exchange service for the transfer of statements of support to the competent authorities of the Member States, in accordance with Article 12, which guarantees the confidentiality, integrity and authentication of the transfer, and make it publicly available and free of charge.”

Impact on Citizens

No need to contact 28 different administrations when submitting their statements of support. Only one point of contact.

	Electronic Statements of Support	Paper Form
Central Online Collection System	Automatic	at request
Individual Online Collection System	at request	at request

Impact on Commission

Use of the EU File Exchange Service to submit to Member States:

- The electronic statements of support collected via the central Online Collection System (art 12(3).1)
- All other statements of support uploaded by the organisers either paper forms or collected electronically by the Individual Collection System (refer previous slides, art 10(3).1 & art 12(3).1, art 12(3).2)

Impact on Member States

- A secured and reliable channel to receive the statements of support

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What is the EU File Exchange Service ?



Existing Projects using the EU File Exchange Service

Project Name	EU Institutions	eDelivery	eTrustEX
e-Justice	DG JUST		
BRIS	DG JUST	X	
ODR	DG JUST	X	
EDMA	DG COMPETITION		X
EU-CEG	DG SANTE	X	X
DECIDE	SECGEN		X
DECIDE	Publication Office		X
DECIDE	European Parliament		X
DECIDE	EESC		X
DECIDE	COR		X

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Next Steps

- For Member States:
 - Liaise within your administration to check existing implementation of the EU File Exchange Service.
- For Commission:
 - 2018: Start design and development of the integration between the central online collection system and EU Secure File Exchange
 - 2019: Test with Member States

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• Article 12(5)

- Article 12. (Verification and certification of statements of support by the Member States)
 - §5

“Statements of support which have been collected online shall be submitted following an **electronic schema** made publicly available by the Commission”

Electronic Schema

Similar to the one existing for OCS and published in Join-up (xsd file)

<https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/catalogue/distribution/oct-exportxsd-0>

Benefit for Member States

- Mandatory use of this schema for electronic statements of support, i.e. uniform for all initiatives.
- Facilitate verification of statements of support (predictable file structure).
- Lower the cost of verification.

Questions

