

Validation Tool for Statements of Support (VTECI)



Release notes v 1.4.0

European Citizen Initiative (ECI)

Ready to use test environment available on demand: National Authorities interested to test VTECI are invited to contact us to get an access to our test environment.

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For more read the User Guide and Installation Guide: <https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/software/vteci/description>

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1. OVERVIEW

VTECI is a web based tool available for the verification and validation of Statements of Support (SoS). It allows National Authorities to fulfil their task specified in Article 8 of the Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council. This software is released under the European Union Public Licence (EUPL).

1.1. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide the summary of changes (improvements, new features, fixes and tasks) in a given release of the Validation Tool of the Statements of Support.

Detailed information about this application is provided on JOINUP: the project page provides the latest updates: news, User Guide and code.

More about the application: <https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/software/vteci/description>

1.2. Definitions, Acronyms, and Abbreviations

ECI	European Citizen Initiative
VTECI	Validation Tool for Statements of Support
OCS	Online Collection Software
SoS	Statement of Support

2. RELEASE INFORMATION

Version	1.4.0
Release date	October 25, 2014

3. CHANGE LOG

3.1. Fixes

Number of bug fixes and minor improvements are included in this version.

3.2. Main improvements

3.2.1. User interface

User interface has been simplified and is more intuitive. The new menu (left column) regroups the main actions which are now aligned to the workflow. This reorganization has enabled to reduce the number of views and buttons. Unnecessary steps have been removed. Views have been reorganized to improve readability and consistency between labels, headers, tabs, prompt box titles and button names. Texts explaining the major steps of the process have been inserted in the views. More details and figures are provided to the user to give him a better understanding of the state of the process.

3.2.2. New features

Several new features and improvement have been implemented:

- Application restructured according to a new menu and process simplification.
- Automated import of Online SoS files produced by OCS.
- More explicit management and progress report.
- Centralized encoding of main initiative parameters into the information page.
- Overall application performance improved.
- Same look and feel for process related to Online and Paper SoS.
- Same look and feel for managing the complete set of data or samples.
- Intermediate steps and windows removed thanks to an improved process organisation.
- Test environment accessible through the web.

3.2.3. Improved documentation and references

The site JOINUP has become the central point for information. Its content has been updated to reflect the evolution of the application. The consistency between media and the quality of the information provided has been improved. The User manual is structured according the main roles (administrator and users) and the application workflow. Ready to use test environment made available on demand.

3.3. Future improvements

At the time of this release, the content of the next releases is not defined yet. A number of improvements have been analysed. Our objective remains to provide a better user experience by reducing the application complexity and adding new functionalities to streamline the validation of SoS. Some areas of improvement are:

- Scanning and management of Paper Statements of Support (PDFs).
- Optimize the user interface for task intensive windows (encoding and validation).
- Reporting: add printable management report including the initiative fact sheet and figures.
- Investigate areas of performance improvement.