



OCS CHANGE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

18 April 2013

SUMMARY REPORT

PARTICIPANTS

Brussels: Mario Paulo Tenreiro (EC), Natalia Aristimuño (EC), Charlotte Rive (EC), Elisabetta Pitino (One of Us), Pablo Sánchez (Right2Water), Marc Vanloo (EC), Francisco Gimeno (EC)

Remote: Heinz Swoboda (Unconditional Basic Income), Lionel Antunes (Luxembourg), David Van Kerckhoven (Belgium)

1. INTRODUCTION

The participants to the meeting introduced themselves.

2. GENERAL VISION

Mario Tenreiro and Natalia Aristimuño (EC) presented the Commission's vision about OCS: it is and it will remain a tool for gathering Statements of Support. In accordance with the Regulation on the citizens' initiative, the Commission is responsible for the OCS compliance with legal framework and with security requirements, but the other stakeholders (e.g. ECI organisers, National authorities) should get more involved in the evolution of the software. The Commission is open to external collaboration for the development of the software.

3. PROPOSED APPROACH

Two boards, chaired by the Commission, will meet on a regular basis. The Change Management Board (CMB) will be responsible for the general orientation of the software. For practical reasons, the CMB will be composed by up to 15 members. In order to ensure transparency, all the requirements will be managed using Joinup.

4. IDENTIFIED REQUIREMENTS

Next release of OCS is planned before summer and is expected to include the following requirements:

- Make captcha easier
- Enable interface customization
- Links to social media
- Graphical display for the support received
- Customized error messages
- Call-back URL

5. TOUR DE TABLE

Captcha and error messages:

Elisabetta Pitino (One of us) explained that “One of Us” had got feedback from users experiencing some difficulties with the captcha and error messages.

Customisation:

Pablo Sanchez (Right2Water) is not convinced that customisation would have an added value for organisers. He rather considered that users are now becoming familiar with the visual identity of OCS, which increases their trust in the application and encourages them to provide the personal data required to support the initiative.

Heinz Swoboda (Unconditional Basic Income) would like that OCS includes the possibility to add the initiative logo.

Other comments:

Heinz Swoboda (Unconditional Basic Income) would like for OCS a flexible online counter and a xml-merge tool for the statements of support (different language files into one file for the verifying Authorities).

Mario Tenreiro (EC) suggested that quality checks should warn the user instead of blocking him for supporting the initiative. He added that there are some changes foreseen in Annex III of Regulation (EU) 211/2011 and that, as Croatia will become a member of the EU, the relevant annexes to the Regulation will also need to be modified.

CLOSING REMARKS

Next meeting will be organised in one month, on the 14 of May at the same time.