

**Operating Steering Committee for Trade Facilitation (OSC)
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Workgroup: BPA/procedure analysis and streamline

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Members

The working group is responsible for:

- Defining the actions and issues for review and discussion, their verification and acceptance, their prioritization, in line with the Roadmap, the MoU commitments and any other report findings and recommendations as well as other issues raised by the business community, global developments etc.
- Defining group interim and final objectives along with scheduling of interim and final actions and deliverables.
- Defining all necessary resources (human, financial etc).
- Defining areas where technical assistance along with foreign expertise and know how is required (TFGR, UNECE etc).
- Monitoring timely implementation of actions and deliverables.
- Introducing a regular reporting mechanism to OSC.
- Collaborating with business community etc

The group meets regularly, under the responsibility of the project manager. Also, the OSC responsible can summon a meeting. The team keeps minutes of all its meeting key points. The team assigns the minute keeping process to a certain team member along with his/her substitute.

For a more effective monitoring and completion of actions and in order to facilitate the whole procedure, the group, under the responsibility of the project manager, can set up smaller sub-groups in order to handle more technical or complex issues, if necessary.

The project manager has the responsibility to develop a detailed project plan for all decided team actions.

During the implementation of each action, it is likely that more project plans will need to be developed in order to facilitate the implementation of different or similar sub-actions.

The development and monitoring of each project plan is assigned in certain project manager/team member.

Every project plan is proposed to and approved by OSC.

The implementation of each project plan is the responsibility of the project manager and the main scope of the team.

Each project plan implementation monitoring is the responsibility of the project manager and is the main object of the team. OSC responsible along with the project manager(s) is reporting to OSC, in every Committee's regular meeting or more often if it is needed, for the progress of the project or other issues of the team.

Finally, the group has the responsibility of establishing a permanent cooperation and communication with public and private bodies and agencies.

The team is more specifically responsible for:

- The preparation for conducting 5 BPA studies in 2013 and 5 in 2014 according to the Roadmap. Close implementation and monitoring in collaboration with relevant departments, agencies, market entities, contractors etc.
- The widening of the scope of BPA analysis in order to cover also the "buy" and "pay" areas and processes, according to UNECE methodology. Also selection of export destinations.
- The review of market recommendations by all involved market entities, agencies and other working groups concerning review, analysis and streamline of procedures and proposals to OSC for further studies beyond the RoadMap which will be evaluated as important for trade facilitation.
- The sectors that have been selected by OSC for 2013 and 2014 studies (along with their candidates) are:

Study sectors for 2013	Study sectors for 2014	Candidate sectors
Olive oil	Fish	Furs
Cosmetics (with an emphasis in natural cosmetics)	Wine	Marble
Aluminium profile products	Pharmaceuticals	Livestock
Canned peaches	Frozen bakery products	Tobacco
Dual use products (wires or tubes and pipes)	Clothing	Πλαστικά
		Honey

Project manager – project plan

More specifically the project manager is responsible for:

- Developing a project plan which has to be adopted and agreed by the group,
- For regular reporting to team members for the project implementation progress,
- For alerting and communicating to the group for any difficulties or other issues faced during implementation,
- Liaise the group with competent agencies, bodies etc.

The project plans are developed in order to facilitate the project oversight. They are the main instruments of the group and are necessary in order to ensure that projects are implemented according to defined schedule and agreed objectives and are on track.

Project plans must include also:

- The reference to the Roadmap action or any other action source (eg BPA findings, market or business community issues etc),
- The objectives,
- The interim and final deliverables as well desired outcomes,
- The expected improvements for stakeholders including some key performance indicators,
- Implementation phases and schedule,
- The description of activities and
- Dependencies, contingencies and risks (required additional funding, support by other agencies etc)

The main project plan objective is for the team to allow tracking of the project for the stakeholders and OSC.

It is the responsibility of the project manager to define how the project will be implemented. It is the responsibility of the working group to check that the plan is credible and that the working group can monitor the implementation progress on the basis of the project plan.

Actions-deliverables

- Monitoring timely execution of studies by the contractor, according to agreed implementation schedule.
- Find general information for each product sector (statistics, lists of involved agencies, organizations, services, etc).
- Supervision of interview procedures (questionnaires etc) as well as of data analysis, always based on the guidelines of BPA methodology developed by UNECE.
- Evaluation of results (eg comparison with other countries, etc.).
- Recommendations for improvement.
- Check study drafts in all stages of their development.
- Review and verification of study results by all involved parties.
- Present findings to OSC, including proposed changes.
- Receipt of final BPA studies.
- Presentation of study results to stakeholders (agencies, departments, etc.) in cooperation with the communication working group.
- Receive approved final copies.
- Present study results to all interested parties (businesses, agencies etc) in cooperation with the communication working group.

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