

## **Status report on the secretariat's activities concerning DETA (Database for the Exchange of Type Approval documentation)**

### **1. Starting point**

*Documentation:* ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1106, paras. 52 and 53  
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2013/65 and Corr.1

1. During the November 2013 session of WP.29, the Secretary pointed out that the DETA concept had already been incorporated into draft Revision 3 of the 1958 Agreement. He added that a request had been transmitted to the relevant UNECE Committee to secure the necessary budget for the second half of 2015. He informed WP.29 that this matter was still under consideration by UNECE and that for 2016–2017, it would be necessary to include the funding of DETA in the general budget of the UNECE for its approval by the General Assembly. He added that the WP.29 secretariat was targeting March 2016 for the final implementation of DETA.

2. The secretariat suggested limiting the maintenance services for DETA that would be provided by the United Nations, to the normal Geneva office working hours. WP.29 agreed with this proposal.

### **2. Status report**

3. In 2011, WP.29 endorsed the proposal by the IG on DETA to develop the new application on the basis of ETAES system running since years for a similar purpose within the European Union. In 2013, a first version of DETA has been presented to WP.29. The World Forum agreed that the piloting out phase should start for a 2-year period, for which the TAA of Germany (KBA) volunteered to host the DETA application during this piloting out phase (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2013/65 and Corr.1).

4. A number of internal meetings had been held within UNECE to host the DETA application within UNECE or the United Nations Organization in Geneva (UNOG). At its January 2014 meeting, the Committee in charge of approving this IT project (ICTMG) underlined the importance of the activities of the World Forum WP.29 and endorsed in principle the hosting of DETA within UNECE or UNOG.

5. However, due to the considerable impact on the regular budget on one hand side and the current financial difficulties within the UN due to considerable budget cuts, ICTMG requested the secretariat to seek the goodwill of WP.29 and to call for possible donations to implement the DETA project. Financial contributions by the Member States or NGOs are highly welcomed to cover the implementation and operational costs of DETA, at least for the first couple of years. In a longer term, the operational costs could be covered by the regular budget of UNECE.

6. ICTMG also requested a justification on the choice of infrastructure (based on Oracle) which seemed to be oversized or such an application. The secretariat was of the position that the choice of the DETA application (running on ORACLE systems) was based on ETAES. Changing the infrastructure (shift from Oracle to MS SQL database systems) would require additional development costs.

7. In the meantime, UNECE/ISU had a telephone conference with the main stakeholders (T-Systems, KBA) to discuss possible solutions to run in future DETA on MS SQL database systems existing within UNECE. T-Systems proposed to develop future versions of DETA for MS SQL systems. A first release of such a version could be planned to be available by the end of 2016 at the earliest.

### **3. Proposal**

8. The secretariat seeks WP.29 delegates:

- (a) to reconfirm its position on the choice of the software solution based on Oracle or SQL in future,
- (b) to identify possible donors to financially contribute to the installation costs of the DETA database within UNECE (or UNOG) in 2015/2016, and
- (c) to endorse the proposal that the operational costs of DETA should be covered by the future regular budget and, thus, to transmit an appropriate request to EXCOM.