TAP Steering Committee meeting No 8

15 May 2012 – 15:00-18:30, 53, avenue des Arts, 1000 Brussels

Draft meeting minutes

1. Welcome

The co-chairman welcomes the new UITP representative Alexander Stuessi and proposes a quick introduction tour de table.

3. Minutes of last steco meeting

Adopted.
Revised minutes for meeting 6 have yet to be issued.

4. Explanations

The Project Manager presents the overview table of deliverables. The purpose today is to present the deliverables and to clarify. Then agree the steps for final formal approval.

   a. Masterplanning

Presented by Chris Querée (CQ).
CQ presents the masterplan, stresses the need to decide. Because we risk to waste one year due to budgetary cycle of companies.
The implementation plan depends on stakeholders creating 2013 budgets now for Phase 2. UIC has committed 600k€ <precise the period>. There is a need to be able to guarantee funds for service provision contracts by end 2013 (this would require ~30 companies each contributing 20k€ to start with ie 5 years in advance).
CQ raises the issue of "non-visible" RUs.
Regarding the timeline, it requires individual companies’ project plans in winter 2012/2013. Consolidation of RU/IM plans will be carried out during 1Q13 and 2Q13. The timeline refers to RU/IM implementation by 2015 but: this should be retail.
Regarding lifecycle cost estimates, annual cost of taking advantage of services ~4000€ pa paid by approximately 200 stakeholders in “permanent regime”.
The question is raised on the need for a consolidation phase. 2016 is achievable for Retail but RU/IM consolidation is still tied to TAF.
Moreover, the Commission stresses that TAP TSI is NOT a retail TSI therefore the plan should include all functions/basic parameters, not only retail parameters, even if e.g. there are few dependencies between Retail and RU/IM.

b. Governance
As was presented last time. The project Manager reminded that further consultation with TAF TSI joint sector group is planned (e.g. 27 June).

c. RU/IM
Christian Weber presents the RU/IM part. He explains that TrainID is for the moment out, because details have still to be defined. PG is surprised because in TAF context RNE told him that everything is defined. ChW explains that TrainID needs further joint work (also for TAF TSI). He approves the TrainID proposal on the table but there is a need to improve it and close some open points listed in TrID report.

d. Retail Specs
Ugo Del'Acciprete presents the implementation guide related to retail.

e. Retail Architecture
Dominique Margottin explains the retail architecture. There are data producers and data consumers. (Resource=data). Producers and consumers exchange information directly, no Common Interface. A registry identifies where resources are. Each time producers update their resources, they notify the registry. Registry notifies subscribed consumers. There will be a retail reference database that will be procured by the Governance Entity. (So will the data quality tool and the registry.). There will be no Certification Authority. The messages and their authentication are agreed bilaterally. The Economic Evaluation depends on type of producer.

f. FSM
Rob Parkinson explains that the deliverables are a detailed FSM matrix (Excel) and a Requirements Document. They outline gaps between TAP and FSM, from the perspective of Customer, TV, Carrier RU. Follow-on activities are defined.

Question from ERA on access to tariff data. The Commission replies that a meeting will be organised with CER (author of the document), ERA, COM (MOVE and COMP). The outcome will be reported at next meeting.

5. Legal status of Phase One deliverables, esp. Implementation Guides - results of ERA/ PM discussion
ERA presents slides explaining why implementation guides should be binding. The first reaction of some steco members is against. Finally it is decided that the really mandatory parts of the guides will be transferred into the TDs. The team will prepare a proposal that will be discussed with ERA in one of the scheduled meetings (8 or 25 June) based on the ERA/PM discussions on 7 May.
6. Next steps in the transition period

**Master Plan**
Kick-off meeting 25 September (subject to room availability) - Follow the TAF master plan process

**FSM activities**
Follow up on the FSM will happen. Initially will be a ECTAA-ETTSA-UIC project on dynamic fares (of business interests, not TAP TSI requirement). Report at next meeting.

**Change requests**
The Project Manager explains that for Retail workstream all error correction CRs will be proposed to the June CCM, some other CRs (enhancements) requiring further analysis will be submitted later. Concerning RU/IM workstream all CRs are already recorded on TAP CCM tool and will normally be studied by TAP CCM WP on 6th June.

**Communication**
Various communication activities are planned. There is a need to ensure that the deliverables are accepted before too much dissemination takes place.
The Commission asks the team to look for COM validation before publishing articles on TAP, while a previous approval is not necessary to present TAP with slides in meetings or conferences.

**Approval TAP steco**
Today the SteCo cannot approve anything, considering the short time between delivery (13 May) and the meeting (15 May). The steco can only take note that the project team delivered on 13 May. These documents can be published on the project website with a disclaimer.
A pragmatic approach is agreed: if any SteCo member has remarks on any deliverable he/she can point it out to ERA with copy to other SteCo members and the Project Manager. This will be possible until 15 June, afterwards ERA will use the second month to complete its assessment and, make its recommendation by 13 July. It was however noted that the Steering Committee members have been regularly updated of the project progress and status of deliverables; no major comments are therefore expected. In addition the PM proposed SC members remarks are sent to him first as most of them can be quickly explained by the team.

There will be the next SteCo on 3 July to validate the deliverables and to outline the steps for the Phase 2