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1. GENERAL COMMENTS

The European Commission thanks CEN and ETSI for this reply. It is a document well prepared that addresses all the issues requested in the Mandate.

2. GOVERNANCE

CEN/ETSI propose a governance system based on a coordination group established by the European Commission and a parallel monitoring of the activities by the ITS-SG.

The Commission has considered carefully the proposal and considers that its active involvement could help to the proper development of the mandate implementation.

However, giving the fact that the coordination of standardisation activities lies with the ESOs, it would be more natural that a recognised person at the ESOs chairs the coordination group.

On the other hand, the co-existence of a coordination group that would mirror and overlap with the mission statement of the ITS-SG could create confusion among the stake holders.

It might be the time to reform the ITS-SG or even to convert it into a new group, replacing the current one by a more adapted governance board. Even a change of name would give the new group a fresh image to the stakeholders. However, in any case only one group should be in charge of the overall coordination of ITS activities.

The Commission considers that this group should have these qualities:

- meet often (3 or 4 times per year), in full-day meetings
- clear Governance, adding e.g., procedures to draft the agendas in a transparent way
- involve both standardisation experts and relevant stakeholders
- involve the Commission services interested in ITS

- cover all the activities of mandates 338 and 453 (the terms of reference of the group could be based on those of the current ITS-SG, updating them to include reference to M/453)

The Commission is willing to contribute actively to the success of this coordination group, and endeavours to:

- prepare the agenda in close cooperation with the coordination group secretariat
- participate actively at every meeting
- if necessary, to co-chair specific meetings of the group

A first meeting of this coordination group should be organised shortly in order to present the finalised version of the work programme. The Commission will contribute actively to the agenda of this meeting.

Finally, several open workshops are planned. Those workshops should involve the Commission and the stakeholders, and they should be announced well in advance. The meetings of the coordination group may be organised back-to-back with these workshops.

3. MINIMUM SET OF STANDARDS AND SCHEDULE

The Commission welcomes list of proposed standards. In order to ensure that the standards are implemented efficiently, the Commission suggest determining the critical path, that is, those standards whose possible implementations delays would jeopardize the whole implementation. Therefore, the global list could be split into two:

- the critical standards
- the rest of the standards (extended list)

The list of critical standards can be created as a careful selection of the total list provided, in cooperation with the stakeholders mentioned on chapter 8 of the CEN/ETSI reply.

The Commission would also appreciate that the ESOs reflect the involvement of the stakeholders in the full proposed list of standards, not only for those standards considered critical. In general, the stakeholders should be involved since very beginning and thorough the full process.

A justification for the chosen standards, as mentioned in the mandate, would be also welcome.

In addition, a detailed schedule should be produced, at least for the standards in the critical path, mentioning the type of standard to be produced (e.g. EN, TS).

4. SPECIFIC COMMENTS

Introduction and executive summary

A clear solution for a single coordination group has to be proposed, taking into account to the "governance" suggestions above.

4.2. Relation with European R&D projects and industry organisations

Current EU projects. Other projects could be included, such as GEONET, which has provided all the input for the Geonetworking parts of the standards.

Intelligent Car Support. Can provide general support to ITS standardisation and could help with the portal. It could help to promote the workshops and facilitate exchanges with the stakeholders.

6.1. Roadmap with timelines and milestones for the activities including reporting and coordination of the standardisation activities

A reference to the eSafety Forum would be welcomed.

7.1. CEN – ETSI Cooperation mechanisms

The content of the open portal should be more explained. If draft standards are not available, at least a clear description of the activities, the list of foreseen standards and deliverables, and the contact persons of the different TCs and Subgroups, as well as coming meetings and events, should be published.

8. Bodies to be associated

In addition to the bodies, mentioned, the mobile operators should be involved. For instance, the Mobile Network Operators (GSM Association) should be included.

Concerning "Toll provider's organisations", at least one specific organisation should be mentioned.

It is unclear whether these organisations have been already involved in the drafting of the reply by ETSI/CEN. Even it is not possible to wait for all of them to provide comments in order to finalise every document, they should have at least a chance to get involved.