



Free Movement of Goods:
Implementation and Functioning of the
Quality Infrastructure System



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SAA Implementation Workshop

- **How to align to the Acquis in the field of free movement of goods – best practice examples from a new member state**
 - *e.g.: Recognition of conformity assessment agreements with third countries*

Harmonisation of legislation

TRANSPOSITION AND IMPLEMENTATION

- Management on:
 - government level
 - ministerial level
 - expert level

- **THERE IS NO GUIDEBOOK TO FOLLOW**
- **EVERYONE HAS TO FIND ITS OWN WAY**
- **LEARN FROM EXPERIENCES**

Harmonisation of legislation

- **Good action plan**
 - responsible ministry
 - milestones and timing (impact assessment, transitional periods)
 - responsible person
 - tool: screening with EU

Management on government level

- **Infrastructure (involved or assist in the process)**
 - government office for legislation
 - office for translation (terminology, glossary)
 - information system for monitoring

TERMINOLOGY AND TRANSLATIONS

Management on ministerial level

- **Develop rules of procedures**
- **Ensure or develop tools**
 - table of correspondence, internet, ...
- **Involve all stakeholders**
- **Stick to the text of the directive (including annexes) as much as possible**

Management on expert level

- Invite the right people to the Working Groups
- Read the guides
- Participate in the EU Commission meetings
- Consult people in MS and the Commission
- Find impact on industry, consumers, importers

Harmonisation of technical legislation

- Ministry (legislator)
- Market surveillance (enforcement)
- Standardisation, accreditation, metrology
- Conformity assessment bodies
- Industry and trade
- Consumers

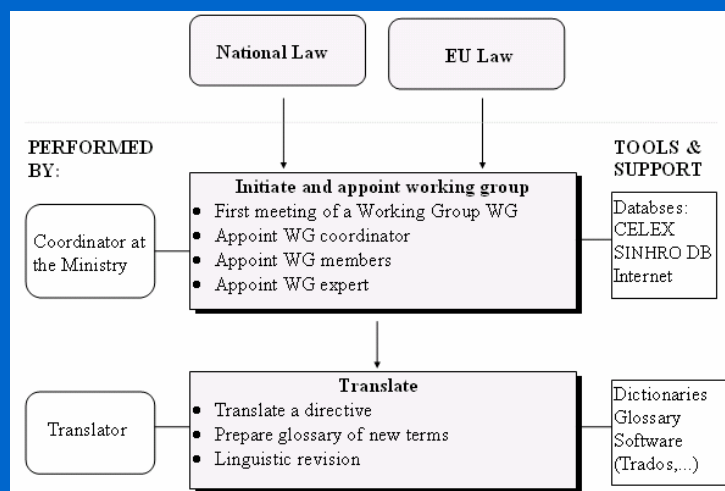
They have
different needs and
objectives!

Harmonisation of technical legislation

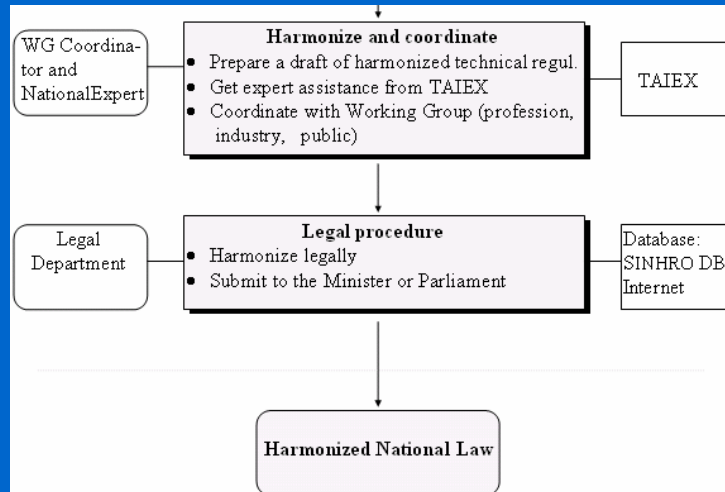
- Develop the rule of procedures
- Invite all stakeholders
- Define activities – Who will do what

FIND THE BALANCE AND FOLLOW NATIONAL PRIORITIES

Harmonisation – procedure



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Harmonisation – activities

In 3 steps (matrix organisation)

- **Prepare**
 - development of time plan

• **Most important (to do):**

- prepare a flowchart and a procedure
- involve stakeholders in Working Groups

Harmonisation – activities

- **Transpose (harmonisation)**
 - translation of directive
 - meeting of WG
 - first draft
 - transposition table
 - list of existing legislation
 - list of standards
 - legal comments
 - coordination and reconciliation
 - request for publishing

Harmonisation – activities

- **Implement (& monitor)**
 - market surveillance
 - monitoring of implementation
 - participation in EU activities
 - appointment of CAB
 - cooperation with NQI
 - solving implementation problems
 - dissemination of information

Harmonisation – Working groups

- **Define objective**
 - transposition of the directive
 - “channel” other initiatives outside those WG
- **Participants should identify their benefits**
 - participation of experts on voluntary basis
 - industry and trade participate through chambers

**CONFLICT OF INTERESTS SHOULD BE SOLVED EARLY
WITHIN THE WG**

Harmonisation – working groups

- **No formal nomination but professionals invited**
 - no political reference
 - no obligation to participate
 - no payment
- **Stakeholders (participants) have to find their interests for participation**
 - no WG – transposition by ministry itself

**NOT TO SOLVE PROBLEMS OF A SECTOR BUT JUST DO
TRANSPOSITION OF A DIRECTIVE**

Harmonisation – tools

- Situation Analysis Sheet (SAS)
- Table of Correspondence (ToC)
- Contacts with MS
- Terminology
- Awareness campaigns
- EU projects
- Internet
- Monitoring of progress ...

Harmonisation of legislation –

- **Slovenian (MoE) experience**
 - commitment to be reflected in the budget
 - find priorities and stick to timetable
 - involve all stakeholders in Working Groups
 - use table of correspondence and other tools
 - pay attention to terminology

Harmonisation of legislation

- **Slovenian (MoE) experience**
 - develop rules of procedures
 - lobby and make contacts with MS experts
 - participate as observer in Commission work
 - provide a lot of training to all stakeholders
 - be proactive in proposals for assistance