

EPs Development at This Time

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EPs Project

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Background of EPs Project

1) In Sep., 2016, at Bangkok Forum, there was a mini-conference held by T/T Domain. There the new trend of tourism was talked. It was at this conference that a Green Paper project on this topic was suggested to start by a Bureau member.

2) The next year the Green Paper project on Sustainable Tourism (Experience Programs) (EPs) was proposed to complete almost in a year. This project has a good harmonization with the concept of UN/SDGs.

3) The final working draft was submitted by the end of 2018, and after the careful checks and improvement of the paper by the Bureau, it was submitted to the April Plenary, 2019.

4) Then the Experience Programs Technical Artefacts Project was proposed to Bureau, and approved in Sep., 2019.

5) The development process has been on the way, but in this year the COVID 19 issues have been affecting the project processes.

6) The following tables show the amended milestones.

7) The working results so far developed are attached here.

Some Output of EPs Green Paper Reported in Plenary in April, 2019

New trends in tourism and the subject of this project

1. The purpose of this Green Paper Project was to examine a recent global trend in tourism, called Sustainable Tourism (Experience Programs) (EPs), and to consider next steps in facilitating the trade of EPs globally. In this paper, as far as the standardization processes are concerned, conventional tours are considered in the same category as EPs, as it is anticipated that even conventional tours could benefit from careful consideration of the ‘New perspectives’ in tourism, shown in Figure 1.

2. New EP tourism trends are mainly driven by regional businesses that emphasize the 'New perspectives' shown in Figure 1.

<i>EP</i>	<i>Past</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>New perspectives</i>
Conventional tours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sightseeing tours • Optional tours (optional add-ons to basic tour packages) • Tours based on eco or green tourism 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To vitalize regions
New trends in tourism		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture tours • Industry tours • Health-related tours • Sports tours • Social tours • Any kind of activity tours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To sustain environments • To improve Quality of Life (QOL)

Figure 1: EP comparison of conventional tours and new trends in tourism

Revision of Milestones as of Aug. 2020

Milestones	ST Submitted Schedule	ST Revised Schedule	EPs Submitted Schedule	EPs Revised Schedule
Project Inception	April, 2019	April, 2019	Sep., 2019	Sep., 2019
Requirements Gathering	April-July, 2019	April – July, 2019	Sep.- Oct., 2019	Sep.- Oct., 2019
Draft Development	July- Nov., 2019	July, 2019-~ Suspend here until the End of Aug.,2021, Restart here again by re-scheduling	Oct.- Jan., 2020	Oct.- May, 2021
Public Draft Review	Dec.- Jan., 2020	As a whitepaper project, no need of this process	Feb.- April, 2020	July~ End of Aug., 2021
Project Exit	April, 2020	Re-schedule	June, 2020	End of Aug., 2021
Publication	April, 2020	Re-schedule	June, 2020	End of Aug., 2021
Note		Re-scheduling depending on COVID 19 Situation		It could end earlier.

EPs Development Expected Milestones

Work Item	Description	Completion Time	Note
1. Class (ABIEs) Diagrams	Development of Processes and Class Diagrams	Sep. 30, 2020	Draft was made
2. BIE Charts	Development of BIE Charts	Oct. 31, 2020	Some drafts made
3. CC Charts	Development of CC Charts	Nov. 30, 2020	
4. Code Table	Development of Code Table	Dec. 31, 2020	TT&L Code Table considered
5. Technical Guideline	Development of TG	Dec. 31, 2020	
6. BRS	Development of BRS	Dec. 31, 2020	Some drafts made
7. RSM	Development of RSM	Dec. 31, 2020	Some drafts made
8. Verification & Schema Production		Mar. 31, 2021	Use cases of EPs
9. Technical Harmonization	Hand over to UN/CEFACT Technical Group	May 31, 2021	
10. Public Review	Hand over to Public Review	June 30, 2021 for 60 days	
11. API Consideration	Simple Use by API Application Trial	Aug. 31, 2021	