



# 9<sup>th</sup> SSN/LRIT Group Meeting

## Planning for phasing out of the XML protocol

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# Background



- “proprietary” XML interface was initially set-up in 2004 in SSN v1. In SSN v2 (2009), a SOAP interface was added to align to industry best practices and the “proprietary” XML interface was maintained.
- Maintaining both interfaces implies an additional effort and complexity to the central SSN system
- In addition, it does not offer the same level of support as the SOAP for the transition between major versions of SSN
- phasing out of the “proprietary” XML interface was initially proposed in 2017, but the HLSG decided to postpone it because of the impact on some MS’ national systems and the development of SSN v4
- SSN LRIT Group meeting (October 2020) discussed the issue and agreed again to postpone the phasing out of the “proprietary” XML protocol

## SSN v5 available in Production in December 2021

To facilitate the transition, it is foreseen that SSN v4 messages will be supported until December 2023

## SSN v6 next major release

Foreseen to address the requirements from EMSWe Regulation (not defined)  
But the date for the implementation is August 2025

**Proposal to phase out the “proprietary” XML by August 2024 between SSN v5 and SSN v6.**

### Actions required:

Member States are invited to agree on the proposed date of **August 2024** for the phasing out of the “proprietary” XML protocol.



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