

ANNEX

Technical specifications and procedures

14. Optional access points

14.1. *Optional access points to BRIS according to the first subparagraph of Article 22(4) of Directive (EU) 2017/1132*

14.1.1. *Procedure*

Member States shall provide information on the planned timing of the establishment of the optional access points, the number of optional access points that will connect to the platform, and contact details of the person(s) that could be contacted for the purpose of establishing the technical connection.

The Commission shall provide the Member States with the necessary technical details and support for the testing and deployment of the connection of each optional access point to the platform.

14.1.2. *Technical requirements*

For the connection of optional access points to the platform, Member States shall comply with the relevant technical specifications set out in this Annex, including security requirements for transmission of data via the optional access points.

Where payment is necessary via an optional access point, Member States shall provide the payment methods of their choice and shall handle the related payment operations.

Member States shall carry out appropriate testing before the connection to the platform becomes operational and before any significant changes are made to an existing connection.

After successful connection of the optional access point to the platform, Member States shall inform the Commission of any upcoming significant change of the access point that may affect the functioning of the platform, in particular the closing of the access point. Member States shall provide sufficient technical details in relation to the change, in order to allow for proper integration of any related changes.

Member States shall indicate on each optional access point that the search service is provided via BRIS.

14.2. *Optional access points to BRIS according to the second subparagraph of Article 22(4) of Directive (EU) 2017/1132*

14.2.1. *Procedure*

The Commission shall assess any request received for the establishment of an optional access point in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 22(4) of Directive (EU) 2017/1132.

The requester shall provide all the information needed for the proper assessment of the request.

The Commission shall provide the requester with the necessary technical details and support for the testing and deployment of the establishment of each optional access point to the platform.

14.2.2. *Technical requirements*

For the establishment of optional access points to the platform, the requester shall comply with the relevant technical specifications set out in this Annex, including security requirements for transmission of data via the optional access points.

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The requester shall indicate on each optional access point that the search service is provided via BRIS.

14.3. *Requirements applicable to optional access points according to Article 22(4), first and second subparagraph*

The Commission shall inform the Member States about a request received.

The technical requirements shall also include measures to ensure that optional access points do not affect the correct functioning of BRIS nor compliance with the safety, security and data protection requirements, with due regard to the respective responsibility of each party within the part of the system under its technical control.

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