



## 4<sup>th</sup> ETS newsletter: it's all about progress

Dear readers and followers of the ETS project,

We are delighted to send you our fourth ETS project newsletter. A quick recap: the ETS project is dedicated to the development of a pension tracking service where every European mobile worker is able to have an overview of his/her pensions. The project aims to bring all European pension entitlements together in one platform. The ETS project was launched in 2019 and will continue till the end of 2021, but most likely even longer.

In the last few months, the project group has moved forward on the key elements foreseen as part of the project implementation. One of the main upcoming milestones is to build the pilot version of the ETS including the first interfaces to retrieve personal pension data from Belgium. This newsletter presents an article on the progress made on this version, the obstacles and challenges the project group is facing with regards to authentication and roll out.

Furthermore, in the sections below we have outlined the most relevant developments as seen from our perspective, including:

- EIOPA's engagement with Pension Tracking Services,
- the challenges the ETS project group faces regarding authentication
- the next steps in building the ETS pilot
- the most recent policy developments at the EU level on pensions and workers' mobility.

Please keep an eye out for the ETS LinkedIn page, this will be launched soon!

Your ETS Team

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### Pension Communication report

In this newsletter, we provide an outlook of the publication of the report on the pension communication survey which was conducted in collaboration with Lisa Brüggem, Professor for Financial Services at Maastricht University School of Business and Economics. We are looking forward to sharing the results with you and the broader European community!

### Online ETS/NTS meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April

National Tracking Services (NTS) play a vital role in the development of ETS. The ETS consortium organized on the 20th of April a meeting with the representatives of various different NTSs for an online discussion. The assembly meeting started with sharing recent developments from each of the NTSs. Rather interesting to get an update on what national counterparts are working on! Claudia Wegner-Wahnschaffe, the Project Manager of the ETS, shared some recent developments of the project. Dr. Andre Geilenkothen from AON Germany shared his insights on the feasibility and state of play of the development of a German NTS. Guests from EIOPA presented the state-of-play on the call for advice on best practice recommendations for the setup of NTSs.

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**EU holds magnifying glass on pension tracking systems**



Last year the European Commission presented the Capital Markets Union Action Plan. This plan commits the European Commission to developing best practices in several areas, pensions are one of them. The action plan will help Member States and citizens facing demographic challenges. One of the concrete actions that will be undertaken as part of this plan is the development of a best-practices system for national pensions tracking services. For this reason, the European Commission (FISMA) sent a [call for technical advice to EIOPA](#) to be delivered by the end of this year. In the Call for advice is highlighted that existence of national tracking services is a precondition for scaling up of the ETS. As a result, the ETS project team is working on getting as many NTSs as possible connected and to make sure there is a steady development of NTSs in Europe.

#### *EIOPA will contact Member States and National Tracking Services*

EIOPA officials already have started to seek contact with MS and NTS to collect technical information functionality of NTS's, identification and access to data and cross border perspectives as well as legal aspects like GDPR and insights in holders of data. In the process EIOPA is assisted by a network of pension tracking services. Alignment with the works of the ETS project is considered important and ETS project partners are amongst many other stakeholders represented in the Network. EIOPA staff participated in a regular meeting the ETS project organizes with representatives of existing NTS's to present the plans for the coming months in more detail. More to come in the next newsletter.

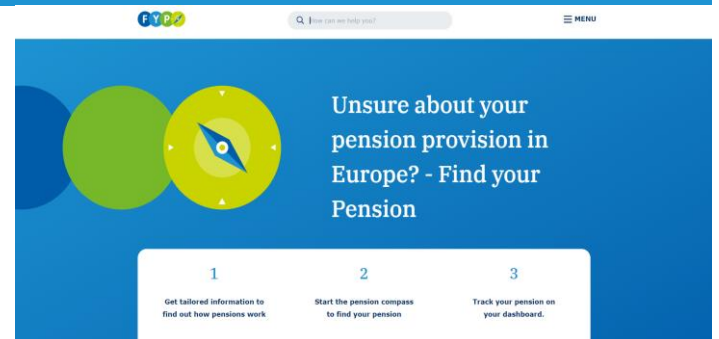
## ETS pilot website FYP

The ETS pilot website is coming soon!

Preparations for the ETS pilot website called FYP are in full swing and we are looking forward to share the developments with you! The launch of the website will take place towards the end of June.

After 10 years of building the FindyourPension.eu portal with the goal to inform and assist mobile researchers in dealing with their pension provisions, we promise that [www.findyourpension.eu](http://www.findyourpension.eu) will assist and help all EU movers regarding their pension biographies, and later on track their individual entitlements in Europe.

Soon we will have the new platform up and running with the first European Pension Landscapes, contacts and interfaces. The content delivery, however, will still take a little while. The first step, regarding the technical facelift of the platform is now imminent. You can also read more about our approach for creating the pilot and its functionalities in our [previous article](#).



## Data authentication

With the help of the ETS, users can retrieve personal and individual pension data. Therefore, the institution providing the data must be certain that the person requesting the data is who he or she claims to be, meaning the user must be identified and authenticated. This is a particular challenge for the ETS, as different countries have to be covered.

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## European Pillar of Social Rights

On 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021, the European Commission published its Action Plan for delivering the Pillar of Social Rights, setting new headline targets at EU level to be reached by 2030 in the areas of employment, skills and social protection. The new action plan transforms the 20 social principles and rights of the Pillar as endorsed in 2017 into concrete actions for ensuring well-functioning and fair social protection systems.

Following the new Action Plan, several principles of the Pillar will require further legislative or non-legislative initiatives at the EU level which will have direct relevance to the broader objectives of the ETS project.

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## A little reminder...

The ETS-project is a consortium of eight European partners. The goal of the consortium is to create a platform for mobile workers where they can find their pensions from across Europe. The aim is to make sure that no pension is left behind. The project is a collaboration of eight parties who are working on finding the best ways to build a platform that works for everyone.

#### Members of the consortium

- ✓ **AEIP** (European Association)
- ✓ **APG** (the Netherlands)
- ✓ **Federal Pensions Service** (Belgium)
- ✓ **Minpension.se** (Sweden)
- ✓ **PGGM** (the Netherlands)

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