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Collaborative Compilers Hub

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Communication TT: Collaborative Compilers Hub (BOPCOM 20/24)

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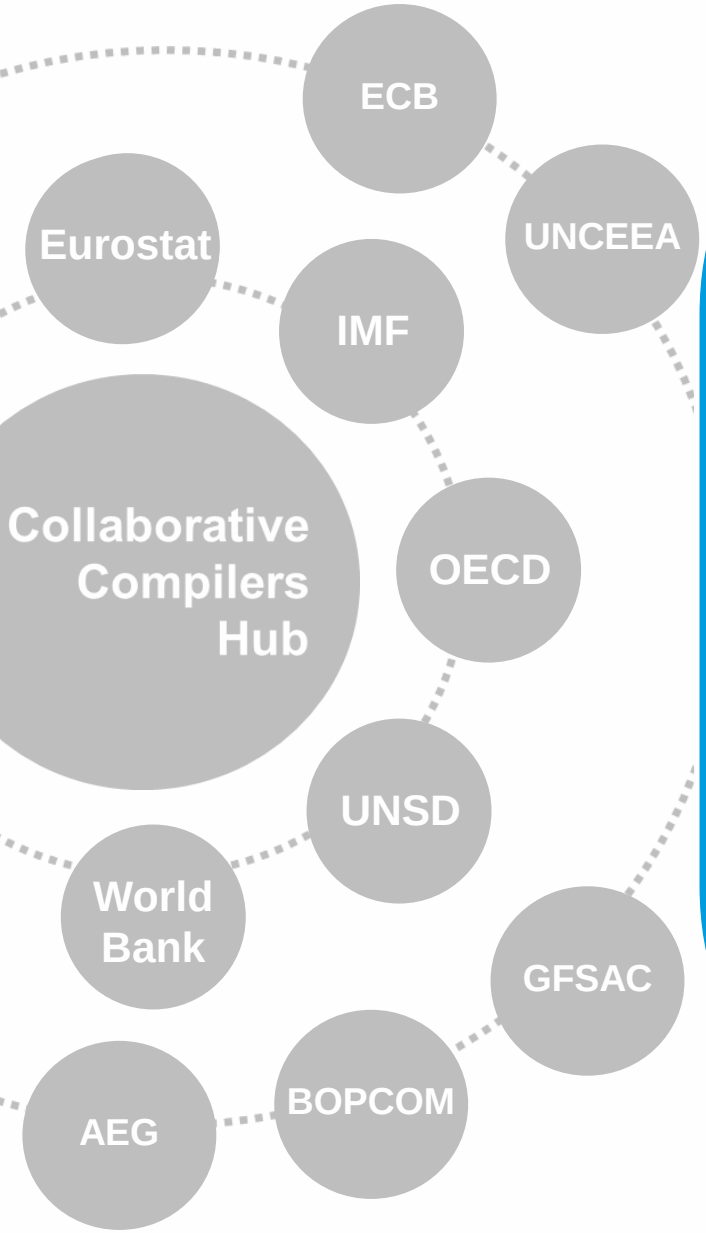
Collaborative Compilers Hub: Value Proposition

- **Enhance "discovery"** by compilers to the international macroeconomic accounting community, to international accounting/statistical manuals, guides, handbooks, classifications, training material, processing tools and research initiatives.
- Facilitate access to digital statistical standards and provide a platform to **collaboratively maintain and update** these manuals.
- Facilitate **co-development and co-investment opportunities** among individuals and organizations.
- Promote **collaboration between different statistical domains** (e.g., National Accounts, Balance of Payments, Government Finance Statistics, Monetary and Financial Statistics, Environmental-Economic Accounting, Price Statistics, Business and Trade Statistics, and International Classifications).

Collaborative Compilers Hub: Project Design



- The Joint sub-Task Team will be **chaired** by Michael Smedes and the secretariat will be held by IMF & UNSD.
- The M**embers** of the Joint sub-Task Team will consist of country representatives and representatives from the ECB, Eurostat, IMF, OECD, UNSD, and World Bank.
- The **initial development** of the of the Hub will be undertaken by the IMF IT and Communication Departments, in collaboration with other international organizations to ensure effective design, usability and use of resources.

Collaborative Compilers Hub: Proposed Features

Research Corner

Approved international agencies, national statistical offices, and other agencies will be able to upload abstracts and links to published research, working papers, conference papers or other documents related to macroeconomic measurement.

Digital Manuals

The foundation of the Hub will be a digital version of the standards to be developed with support of a dedicated team.

"Discovery"

The Hub will be a space that enhances discovery of the rich set of statistical standard intellectual property and the members of the community of practice.

Contact Forum

The Hub will include a contact area where national accounts compilers can make available their contact information, along with their expertise, and identify current areas of research and interest.

Digital Library

The Hub will include links to all supporting classifications, related manuals, handbooks, and guides.

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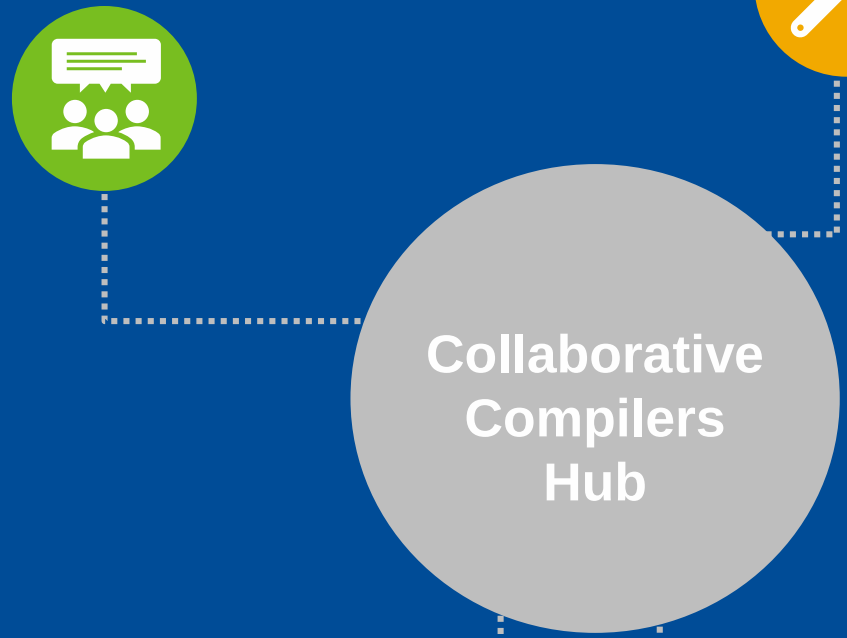


Discussion Forum

The Hub will include a discussion forum where compilers, researchers, and other stakeholders across the world can interact and discuss accounting related questions and exchange ideas.

Tools Section

Approved international agencies, researchers, and national agencies will be able to post links to tools such as worksheets, algorithms or other procedures useful and appropriate for compilers.

Co-development and co-investment

The Hub will be a space of collaboration, where compilers and researchers from different agencies and regions can work together to develop solutions for common problems.

Training

The Hub will contain a training section with links to training opportunities including links to the growing list of online training.

Committees' Information

The Hub will include information about the Committees' activities and their research agendas.

Collaborative Compilers Hub: Project Design

Project Plan

Discovery and Strategy

Define problem statements and goals; map stakeholders; conduct market research and interviews; and brainstorm solution's functionalities and features.

Content Strategy and Information Architecture

Take stock of information and knowledge to be included; Prototype Information Architecture (IA) and content strategy; and author text and other content forms.

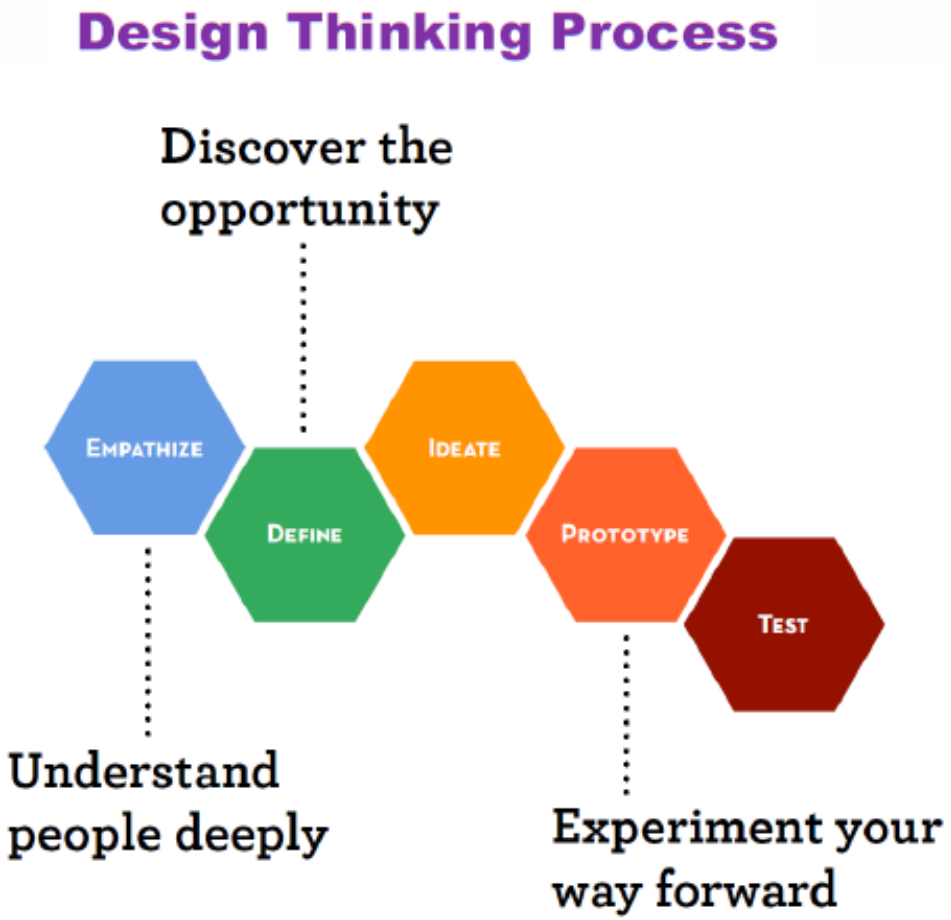
Design concept and Prototype

Draft design concept; build low fidelity prototype; develop moderators' guide; and conduct user tests.

Production

Develop branding (name, look, feel); production of design, graphics, etc.; user testing; and Quality Assurance (QA) testing with stakeholders.

Implementation and Launch



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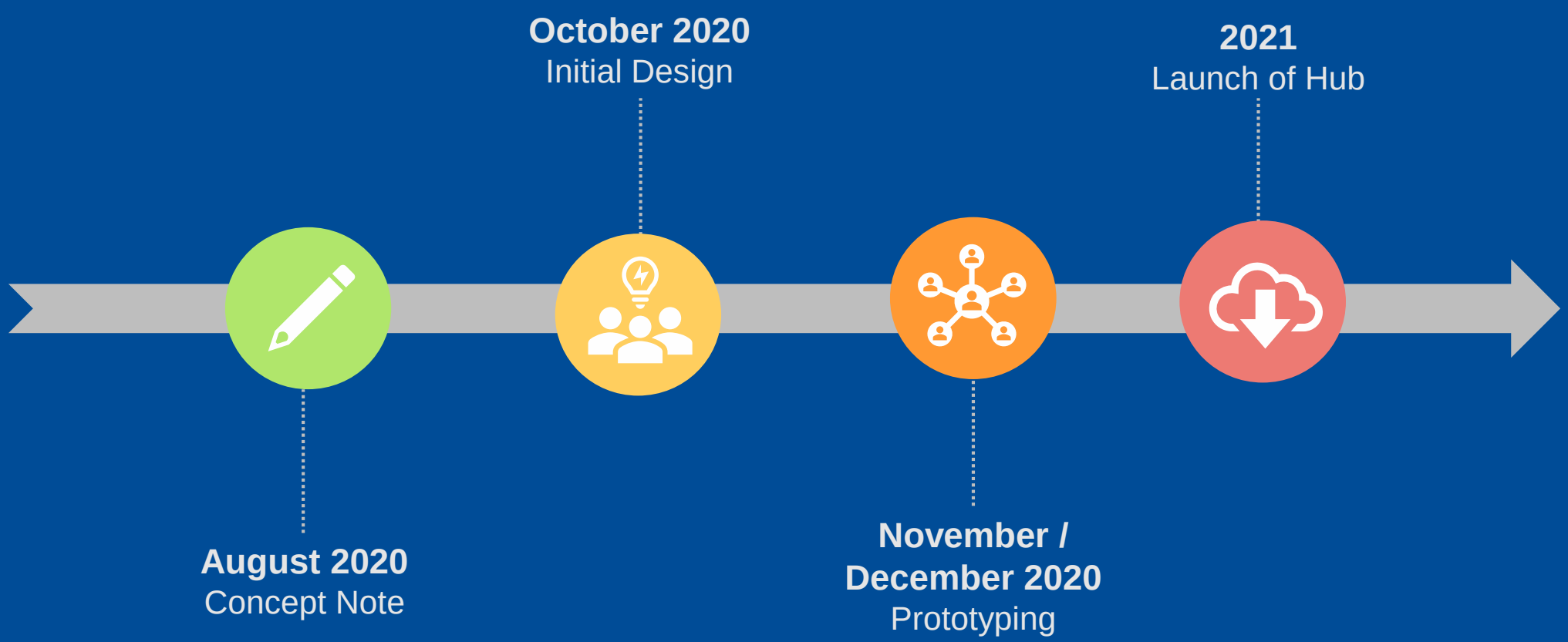
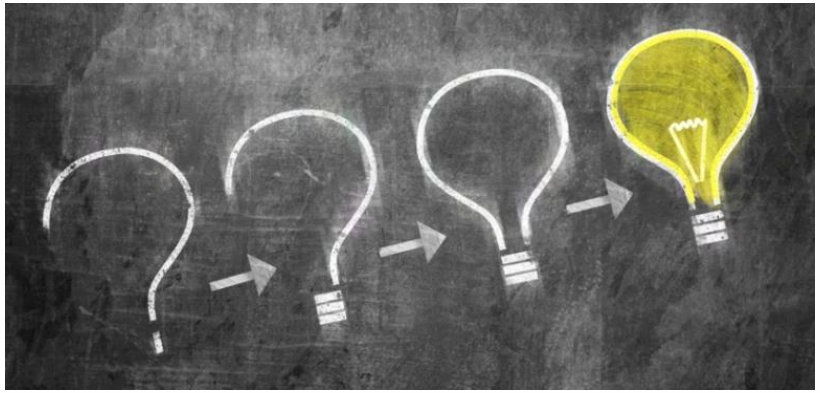


Collaborative Compilers Hub: Questions to AEG

- Are the defined features considered suitable?
- Should other features be included?
- Would the global consultation of the Guidance Notes for the SNA update be a practical way to launch the hub?
- Are there any views on the content to be made available?
- Are you interested in participating in this workstream?



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