

# Expert Group Profile

## Description of the Expert Group

Related Committee	Sustainability Committee
Name of the Expert Group	DPP Regulations Expert Group
Association Contact	Stan Faldin

### Description / Challenge / Initial Situation:

The Sustainability Regulation Expert Group within Catena-X e.V. is dedicated to monitoring regulatory developments, legislation, standardization and other relevant initiatives in the field of sustainability for the automotive industry.

As for now, the DPP Regulations Expert Group will **focus exclusively on Digital Product Passports (DPP)** as the initial and sole topic for its mandate. Other sustainability regulations will be considered **out of scope for this phase** and may be addressed in future extensions once a robust DPP foundation is established.

The group's primary focus is to transfer all available DPP regulations into a practical overview according to a defined framework which gets defined by the group.

While EU regulation (e.g. ESPR and related initiatives) remains an important reference point, the group's primary challenge and priority is the international dimension of Digital Product Passports. The expert group therefore explicitly seeks expertise on:

- Non-EU regulatory frameworks and initiatives (e.g. Asia, North America, international trade requirements)
- Global standards and standardization bodies relevant to DPP
- Cross-border interoperability and alignment challenges for Digital Product Passports

### Goals:

The group will establish a **globally oriented regulatory and standards overview for Digital Product Passports**.

The mandate of the group includes:

- Overview on status: Creating a basis including national, European and global regulations, legislations and standards on DPPs. The overview should be as comprehensively as possible – there is no guarantee of completeness though.
- Regular updates: An update mechanism for the overview above should be created based on a strategic monitoring solution. The updates will be reviewed and worked into the overview.

The mandate does not include:

- Legal consultation
- Answering to individual and company specific requests

By fulfilling this mandate, the group plays a crucial role in addressing regulatory complexity and facilitating the sustainable transformation of the automotive value chain. It ensures that Catena-X remains at the forefront of compliance and standardization while fostering technological innovation and collaboration. By expanding the scope to a global regulatory landscape, it fosters the

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internationalization of Catena-X and helps members to track and oversee upcoming DPP related requirements.

### **Rough planning – Milestones / Outcome / Deliverables (e.g., “Date & Activities & Outcome”):**

<b>January 2026:</b>	Announcement, re-application phase and confirmation of the members
<b>May 2026:</b>	Overview on status of international DPP regulations established
<b>October 2026:</b>	Regular update mechanism is in place
<b>November 2026:</b>	First further regulations for enhancement identified
<b>December 2026:</b>	Work plan for 2027

### **Why should I participate?**

- Help shape a practical overview that translates complex regulations into actionable insights.
- Help the Catena-x community stay ahead of global, European, and national regulatory changes and understand their impact on Catena-X use cases
- Gain early insights into evolving DPP laws, standards, and initiatives to ensure compliance.

### **What is expected of me?**

- Availability for weekly expert group meetings (currently Fridays 10:00 – 11:00 CET, change possible) and potentially additional analyses (meetings anticipated at 2 hours)
- Commitment to regular participation and contribution
- Subject matter expertise in the relevant areas (see competency description below for further details)
- Catena-X membership

*For more information on the responsibilities of an Expert Group, have a look at the [Working Model](#).*

## Organisation

### **Selection Framework:**

We are searching for max. 10-15 members from organisations along the value chain (OEMs, Tier 1/2 suppliers, materials), representing relevant industries, and 2-3 representatives of regulatory bodies, sustainability consulting, standardization and / or compliance. Additional experts from academia and for consistent administration will be needed.

The final composition will be defined after the application period.

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## Competence description expert group member

### Responsibilities

<b>Responsibilities and tasks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Developing and actively working on the evolution of the Catena-X DPP regulation monitoring</i></li><li><i>Continuously monitoring regulation, standardization and other initiatives</i></li></ul>
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### Competencies, knowledge and skills

<b>Management/methodological skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Backgrounds in global supply chains, trade compliance, or international sustainability initiatives</i></li><li><i>Strategic mindset</i></li></ul>
<b>Specific knowledge and skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Proven experience in international DPP regulation or standardization</i></li><li><i>Exposure to non-EU markets and regulatory ecosystems</i></li><li><i>Interest in researching and strategic communication</i></li><li><i>Regional Expertise for the Areas is a plus</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Korea</i></li><li><i>China</i></li><li><i>Japan</i></li><li><i>North America</i></li><li><i>Other</i></li></ul></li></ul>