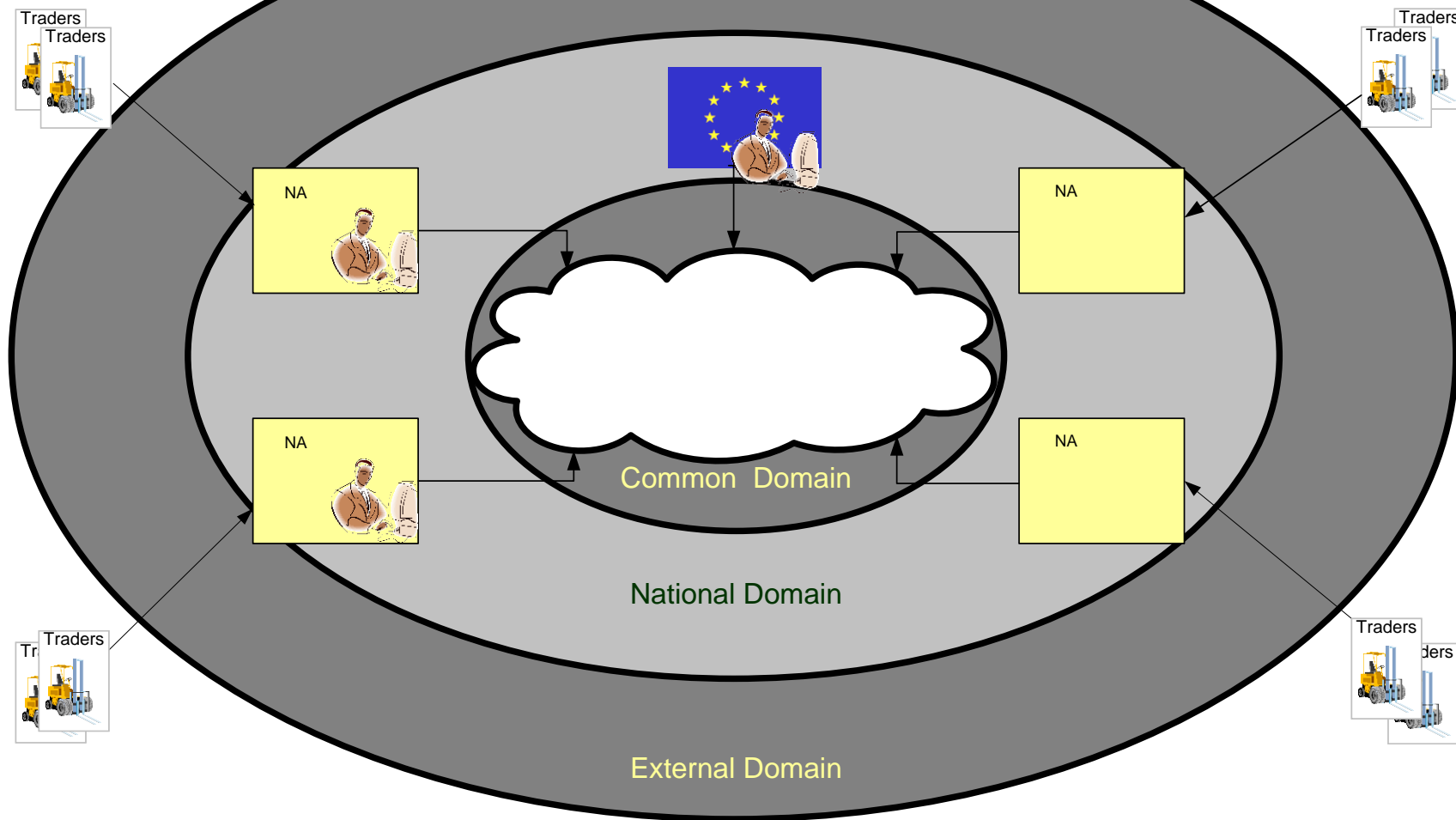# Single Window

# European Commission Vision & Legal background

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- ❑ Customs union
- ❑ Level of competencies – EU vs. Member States
- ❑ Mission of customs – delegated tasks from other agencies (Veterinary, Environment, etc.)
- ❑ Legal framework for the EU Single Window
  - ❑ **Electronic Customs decision (decision EC/70/2008)**
  - ❑ **Which service drives the legislative framework? Customs, Transport, Environment?**
- ❑ Legal and Business IT collaboration:
  - ❑ **Electronic Customs Group**
  - ❑ **Customs Policy Group**

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- ❑ A phased approached
- ❑ Customs oriented and managed – goods 'only'
- ❑ Based on international standards
- ❑ Not one single window for the EU:
  - ❑ **National interoperable Single Windows**
  - ❑ **European Commission intervenes at Community level for harmonisation and coordination**
- ❑ Deadline not set in legislation
- ❑ No shift of competences between authorities
- ❑ Standardised tool for customs controls

❑ To enable economic operators to <u>lodge electronically and once only</u> all information required by customs and non-customs legislation for EU cross-border movements of goods

❑ Development of interoperable national Single Window systems in all Member States:

- o 28 national customs administrations
- o Community AND national policies applied by national customs administrations

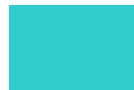❑ National Single Window systems and EU centrally-managed systems interoperable

Traders

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Common Domain

National Domain

External Domain

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# Complexity of Single Window:

❑ phased approach

❑ first stage – validation of documents

❑ veterinary documents chosen

❑ functional specifications = setting standards

EU veterinary system TRACES now connected to the EU Single Window since January 2014

❑Reusability

❑Show case, define generally useable (technical) solution

❑Strong involvement at COM level

Further projects to be considered

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DG TAXUD website on electronic customs:

http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/customs/policy_issues/electronic_customs_initiative/index_en.htm