In accordance with the recommendations of the GTN-P meeting held in October 2011 in Potsdam, Germany, the Executive Committee (EC) of the GTN-P was finalized and formally established during the X International Conference on Permafrost in June, 2012. The EC included five members from four countries (two from Europe and three from North America). Later, one more member from Switzerland was added to the Committee. The members of the EC are J. Noetzel (Switzerland), V. Romanovsky (USA), P. Schoeneich (France), S, Smith (Canada), D. Streletsky (USA), and G. Vieira (Portugal). Vladimir Romanovsky was appointed as the EC Chair.

During the rest of 2012, GTN-P EC was working on finalizing the GTN-P Strategy and Implementation Plan (SIP) and by the end of 2012 a final version was produced. After review by several representatives from the permafrost community, the final corrected version was published by the University of Alaska Press. The electronic copy was distributed among the permafrost community.

The next step in development of GTN-P indicated in SIP was the establishment of the Network of the National GTN-P Correspondents (NC). GTN-P EC approached all representatives of the IPA Adhering Bodies with a request to nominate the National Correspondents to the GTN-P. This network was established in the Spring 2013 as a part of preparation to the First National Correspondents Workshop on GTN-P Implementation and Data Policy, which was planned and executed by the GTN-P EC with a very strong support from IPA, GCOS and GCW. Twenty two countries nominated 32 National Correspondents (several countries nominated more than one NC). An Advisory Board was also established. Five members of the board are J. Broun (USA), H. Christiansen (Norway), B. Goodison (Canada), W. Haeberli (Switzerland), and H. Lantuit (Germany).

The first meeting of the National Correspondents of GTN-P was held in Geneva in the beginning of May 2013 at the WMO Headquarters. Out of 25 countries formally included in the GTN-P, 18 countries sent their National Correspondents to this meeting. The meeting was directly sponsored by ONR Global, GCOS, GCW, IASC, IPA, and CAREERI and gathered 50 participants total. The Strategy and Implementation Plan of GTN-P developed by the GTN-P Executive and Advisory Committees was discussed and adapted for implementation.

Very important activities during the last two years were directed towards the establishment of the GTN-P Data database and the database online interface. A two-hour Hands-On Training Seminar was conducted during the Geneva meeting to introduce to the NCs the usage of the GTN-P database for up- and downloading data. Data publishing issues have been explained to demonstrate how scientific and individual ownership of the data is
ensured. The official inauguration of the GTN-P database is planned by the Arctic Portal in spring 2014.