

Betreff: European Standardisation Package, Call for Collaborators

Dear colleagues,

as you are well aware, the European Parliament European will decide on the European Standardisation Package very soon. To our understanding, the European Standardisation Package together with its consulting council – the European Multi Stakeholder Platform (MSP) – will give the European Commission the power and opportunity to issue a list of ICT standards, which in turn may be referenced in public procurement.

The Standardisation Package is a chance and a risk at the same time. The chance is that we as Member States use the MSP to recommend “our” standards to the commission. If these standards are accepted by the Commission, we can use them in public procurement without additional effort. This will most likely lead to more harmonisation of European ICT infrastructures and to more interoperability across Europe in the long run (desired effect). However, the risk of the construction of the MSP is that other interest groups such as industry and standardisation bodies use the MSP to “sell” their standards and indirectly their products (side effect).

From our point of view, it is essential that Member States collaborate to find out our common interests in the MSP and later on to agree on common ICT specifications, which we as Member States could propose to the MSP. Therefore, I would kindly ask you to consider this collaboration and to give feedback whether you are willing to work with us and to prepare the forthcoming MSP meetings. Any proposals on how to organise such a collaboration, e.g. organisation of meetings, telephone conferences etc. are most welcome.

I am looking forward to your (hopefully positive) answers.

Best regards,  
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