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POLICY

European Commission is looking for low cost solutions to rolling out High Speed Communication Infrastructure

In the Digital Agenda, one of the flagship initiatives of the Europe 2020 Strategy, Member States have endorsed ambitious broadband targets aiming for 100% broadband coverage by 2013 for all Europeans and increased speeds of at least 30MBps for all by 2020. To achieve this goal the Commission has launched a new Public Consultation looking for stakeholder's views on reducing costs setting up new networks for high speed internet in the EU.

The full text of the public consultation is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/ecomm/doc/library/public_consult/cost_reduction_hsi/cost_reduction.pdf

ENISA to publish new guide for monitoring cloud computing contracts

ENISA, the EU's cyber security agency, has launched a new practical guide for IT procurement teams, focusing on continuous security monitoring throughout the life-cycle of a cloud contract.

The publication builds on the research done by ENISA in 2009, when the Agency produced an assurance framework and tool for IT teams to assess the security of service providers before making a decision to move to the cloud. For the full text please visit this website:

<http://www.enisa.europa.eu/activities/application-security/test/procure-secure-a-guide-to-monitoring-of-security-service-levels-in-cloud-contracts>

DG INFSO to change its name

From July 1, 2012 onwards the European Commission's DG INFSO (Information Society) will be called DG Connect with the word "Connect" standing for Communication Networks, Content and Technology. Neelie Kroes, Vice-President of the European Commission, says the new name is more compatible with the Digital Agenda for Europe Flagship Initiative that is expected to revolutionize the broadband connection all across Europe. More information can be found here:

<http://blogs.ec.europa.eu/neelie-kroes/dg-connect-launch/#more-1832>

PSCE ACTIVITIES



PSCE to provide input into EP3R meeting

The EP3R (European Public-Private Partnership for Resilience) Working Group meeting was held on the 19th of April in Rome. PSCE representative Mr. Paul Smith from AiT attended a session on identifying critical infrastructures (WG1). This session focused on identifying a process for defining a common terminology such that the WG has a unified understanding about terms. During the WG1 meeting it was announced that a new Working Group on "mutual aid" would be set up. The aim of this WG will be to foster mutual aid activities between telecom organisations within EU nations in order to foster collaboration.

More information on the European Public-Private Partnership can be found here:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/nis/strategy/activities/ciip/ep3r/index_en.htm

PSCE to participate in the workshop on future cloud computing

On May 2, 2012 PSCE participated in the "Future Cloud Computing Research" workshop organised by the European Commission's DG INFSO. A group of experts presented an overview of the technological progress made during the last few years in the domain of cloud computing.

More information on the workshop is available here:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/cloudcomputing/index_en.htm

Next PSCE Conference: abstracts and final agenda published

We would like to remind you that the next PSCE Conference will be held on 30th and 31st May 2012 in Helsinki (Finland). The finalised agenda and the abstracts of keynote speeches are available on the PSCE website: <http://www.psc-europe.eu/index.php?id=398>

These documents will give you better idea on the content of presentations which will be divided into 4 sessions:

- User requirement for broadband
- Convergence of critical governmental networks
- Authorities' field command models
- Social media and the adaptation of PPDR procedures

For instructions on how to get to the conference venue, please visit this page:

http://www.psc-europe.eu/fileadmin/files/docs/Events/2012/Route_description.pdf

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