Weekly Policy News Summary

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EC is setting up expert group on AI: marrying cutting-edge technology and ethical standards

The Commission has opened applications to join an expert group in artificial intelligence which will be tasked to: (I) advise the Commission on how to build a broad and diverse community of stakeholders in a "European AI Alliance"; (II) support the implementation of the upcoming European initiative on artificial intelligence (April 2018); (III) come forward by the end of the year with draft guidelines for the ethical development and use of artificial intelligence based on the EU's fundamental rights. The call is open until 9 April.

It will consider issues such as fairness, safety, transparency, the future of work, democracy and more broadly the impact on the application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights. The Commission has already taken action to make optimal use of what artificial intelligence can offer, with:

- investments in research and innovation in the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme including a call for an AI-on-demand platform that will gather tools and algorithms for users such as SMEs, non-tech sector and public admnistrations to test solutions based on artificial intelligence, investments in digital infrastructure such as high-performance computing, the network of Digital Innovation Hubs and projects across thematic areas using artificial intelligence for developing new knowledge, products and services;

- the creation of a Digital Single Market, including a comprehensive framework for the free flow of personal and non-personal data, first-class connectivity across Europe and stronger cybersecurity rules.

EC ISA² action : Interoperability Maturity Assessment of a Public Service (IMAPS)

IMAPS, an online survey open to all public administration, helps public service owners evaluate, improve and consider all key interoperability aspects of their digital public service. Nowadys, public administrations no longer exist in isolation thus interoperability of public administrations has become essential**.** IMAPS consists of a compact and user-friendly self-assessment through its online survey, and the results output offers tailored recommendations and confidential improvement guidance. It is fully aligned with the new European Interoperability Framework (EIF). **ENTER IMAPS SURVEY**

GSA releases 2018 Grant Plan

Five new Fundamental Elements calls have been announced in the Galileo Exploitation Grant Plan for 2018: for Advanced interference detection and mitigation techniques; a Commercial Service User terminal ; and a call for the development of GNSS receiver technologies for premium and general mass markets . During 2018, the GSA will continue to fund the development of E-GNSS receivers and associated technologies in the priority market segments of road (autonomous driving) and mass-market (leveraging I-NAV improvements and OS authentication). A rail project is also planned, with the objective of supporting E-GNSS enabled safety-of-life rail signalling applications. Additionally, an open call will offer the EU GNSS industry the possibility to get funds for further development to fill the gaps in E-GNSS receivers and associated technologies. A brief look at the upcoming FE grants can be found here . Interested in funding opportunities? Join the FE Info Day