
Weekly Policy News Summary

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Commission published proposal for a revision of the PSI Directive!!!

On the basis of the conclusions of the consultation, the Commission has published a proposal for a revision of the PSI Directive:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legalcontent/EN/TXT/?uri=COM:2018:234:FIN> .The proposal seeks to:

- Stimulate the publishing of dynamic data and the uptake of application programming interfaces (APIs);
- Limit the exceptions that allow public bodies to charge for the re-use of their data more than the marginal costs of dissemination;
- Expand the scope of the Directive to: certain data held by public undertakings in the utilities and transport sectors and research data resulting from public funding;
- Strengthen the transparency requirements for public–private agreements involving public sector information, avoiding exclusive arrangements.

The proposal is now being discussed with the European Parliament and the Council. The PSI directive has been implemented in various ways by various countries. In the page below you can find a list of countries and access the information on how they did it. <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/implementation-public-sector-information-directive>

Commission published Communication on Artificial Intelligence

Building on European values, the Commission is proposing a three-pronged approach on Artificial Intelligence: 1. increasing public and private investments which includes investments in research and innovation and better access to data; 2. preparing for socio-economic changes brought about by encouraging the modernisation of education and training systems; 3. and ensuring an appropriate ethical and legal framework based on the Union's values and in line with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU. This includes forthcoming guidance on existing product liability rules, a detailed analysis of emerging challenges, and cooperation with stakeholders.

AI also helps public administrations to provide tailor-made responses to citizens and to decrease the number of traffic accidents. AI can help fight climate change or anticipate cybersecurity threats. The Commission will fund projects to support the use of AI in many applications, from health to transport, and to digitise industry. Please see the full text here [Communication Artificial Intelligence](#)

Com: Technical specifications for the Copernicus service and space components published

Please follow [this link](#) to access the Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/620 of 20 April 2018 on the technical specifications for the Copernicus service component pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 377/2014.

Please follow [this link](#) to access the Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/621 of 20 April 2018 on the technical specifications for the Copernicus space component pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 377/2014.
