
Weekly Policy News Summary

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Assembly of European Regions: Declaration of Cohesion Alliance

The [#CohesionAlliance](#) was created through cooperation between the leading European associations of cities and regions and the European Committee of the Regions. It demands that the EU budget after 2020 makes cohesion policy stronger, more effective, visible and available for every region in the European Union. The declaration has been signed by more than 4000 supporters, regional and local governments, NGOs, and associations. The EU-wide alliance urges the Commission, on the eve of the publication of the draft future EU budget on 2 May, to make cohesion policy stronger in every region of the EU. In the declaration handed to Commissioners Oettinger and Crețu, the Alliance stressed that financial allocations for cohesion policy should not be cut in the next EU long term budget after 2020: at least one-third of the EU budget should be still in support of cohesion policy. You can find the declaration [here](#).

DG CONNECT and JRC: New study on Digital Government APIs

DG CONNECT together with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) launched a study with the purpose to gain further understanding of the current use of APIs in digital government and their added value for public services. This study reflects the Commission interest to look carefully at innovative ways to improve interconnectivity of public services and reusability of public sector data, including dynamic data in real-time, safeguarding the data protection and privacy legislation in place. In particular the study will: assess digital government APIs landscape and opportunities to support the digital transformation of public sector; identify the added value for society and public administrations of digital government APIs (key enablers, drivers, barriers, potential risks and mitigates), define a basic Digital Government API EU framework and the next steps.

The study aims to be participatory and benefit from work performed in European public administrations at all levels. Therefore Public Administrations in the EU are encouraged to participating sharing best practices and take part in the different activities of the study. If your public administration may be interested in running a small pilot and/or invite the project team to an event please contact [Unit CONNECT H4 eGovernment and Trust](#) .

EC: Summary report of the consultation on the review of the PSI directive

The public consultation on the review of the PSI Directive ran from 19 September to 16 December 2017. The objective of the consultation was to collect input in view of reviewing the Directive . This summary report takes stock of the contributions and presents preliminary trends that emerge from them, focusing on quantitative aspects. The summary is available at <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/summary-report-consultation-review-directive-re-use-public-sector-information>
