
Weekly Policy News Summary

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The Directive on Security of Network and Information Systems (NIS Directive)

After two years of preparation, the first ever EU-wide Cybersecurity legislation enters into application on 10 May and lays down measures with a view to achieving a harmonised high common level of security of network and information systems within the Union so as to improve the functioning of the internal market. To that end, this Directive: a) lays down obligations for all MS to adopt a national strategy on the security of network and information systems; b) creates a Cooperation Group in order to support and facilitate strategic cooperation and the exchange of information among MS and to develop trust and confidence amongst them; c) creates a computer security incident response teams network ('CSIRTs network') in order to contribute to the development of trust and confidence between MS and to promote swift and effective operational cooperation; d) establishes security and notification requirements for operators of essential services and for digital service providers; e) lays down obligations for MS to designate national competent authorities, single points of contact and CSIRTs with tasks related to the security of network and information systems. Full text of the directive:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal->

[content/EN/TXT/?toc=OJ:L:2016:194:TOC&uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2016.194.01.0001.01.ENG](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?toc=OJ:L:2016:194:TOC&uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2016.194.01.0001.01.ENG)

Calls for proposals under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) programme

The Commission has published two calls for proposals under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) programme to stimulate and sustain the deployment of European Digital Services (DSIs). Up to €29 million will be made available to meet the needs of public administrations, businesses and citizens in their cross-border activities. Interested applicants from all EU MS, as well as Iceland and Norway, are invited to submit their proposals in the areas of Automated Translation, eDelivery, eInvoicing and Public Open Data through the dedicated proposal submission system, accessible from the individual call webpages on the [2018 CEF Telecom Calls web page](#). All call documents and additional background information are also available on the individual call webpages. The calls for proposals are managed by The Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA). A [Virtual Info Day on the two calls and application process](#) will take place on 17 May 2018.

Public consultation on SEA Directive

This consultation is part of the evaluation of Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain public plans and programmes on the environment (SEA Directive) and is part of the REFIT programme. The aim is to gather information and the views of stakeholders and the wider public on how the SEA Directive has perceived and performed, including the value of having uniform EU legislation requiring the environmental assessment of certain plans and programmes. Any interested party, including private citizens, companies, organisations, public authorities, etc. are welcome to contribute to this consultation. You can contribute to this public consultation by filling out the [online questionnaire](#). Consultation period is **23 April 2018 - 23 July 2018**. Full text of the directive is at:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=celex:32001L0042>
