
Weekly Policy News Summary

Year 2018 – week 12

ISA² Work Programme for 2018 adopted

The Commission adopted the 2018 revision of the ISA ² rolling work programme. The work programme includes [53 actions](#), of which 36 are ongoing from the previous years and 10 are new. For seven actions from the previous years, no additional funding is necessary to ensure their completion. The budget for 2018 is EUR 26.4 million. New actions are:

- [Innovative Public Services](#). Study on landscaping of new technologies with the potential to be used in public administration and development of a pilot using blockchain.
- [Interoperable Meta Data and Processing Components for Open Source Information Mining](#), Defining best practice standards to make software components in the field of open source data processing exchangeable.
- [Improving statistical data and metadata discovery and analysis](#) ; [COMPARED](#) ; [Study on the future Comitology Register](#) ; [Electronic access to the European Commission documents - study](#); [FAIR Data Maturity Model](#); [Interoperability requirements for the Single Digital Gateway \(SDG\) implementation](#); [EU Captcha](#) ; [GovSEC - Security Governance for Cloud](#)

European Council conclusions

The European Council adopted conclusions on jobs, growth and competitiveness, as well as the Paris Agreement and Digital Europe. “Social networks and digital platforms need to guarantee transparent practices and full protection of citizens' privacy and personal data. EU and national legislation must be respected and enforced. This important issue, together with other issues relating to Digital Europe, including the adoption of all the legislative instruments establishing the Digital Single Market in 2018, and the promotion of research and innovation, such as artificial intelligence and the means to support breakthrough innovation and the development of digital skills, will be discussed by the Heads at their informal meeting in Sofia in May.” Full text [here](#).

Working group on Blockchain Policy and Framework Conditions

The EU Blockchain Observatory and Forum is launched by the DG CONNECT with support from the Parliament, and will highlight key developments of the blockchain technology, promote European actors and reinforce European engagement with multiple stakeholders involved in blockchain activities. Hence a call for contributors has just been issued and is open **until 9 April 2018**. „Blockchain Policy and Framework Conditions Working Group“ should consider issues ranging from smart contracts, protection of personal data, legal recognition of blockchains, token economics – especially utility tokens. „Working group on Use Cases and Transition Scenarios“ should focus on the most promising use cases, particularly with a public sector angle (e.g. identity and government services, possibly including health care, energy or environmental reporting). [More information on the call and application form](#).
