

Weekly Policy News Summary

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The Commission published Communication “Towards a common European data space”

With this Communication, the Commission proposes a package of measures as a key step towards a common data space in the EU - a seamless digital area with the scale that will enable the development of new products and services based on data, and will make it easier for businesses and the public sector to access and re-use data coming from different sources, sectors and disciplines in the EU. Together with the initiatives that are already in place, such as: GDPR, the proposal on the free flow of non-personal data and the initiatives on boosting connectivity and encouraging high-performance computing, these measures aims to create a truly European common data space supported by both EU-wide policy measures and targeted research and innovation funding. Full text of the communication is available at

http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/dae/document.cfm?doc_id=51630.

The Commission published the 2018-3 Call for proposals under the CEF

The funding is available for:

- projects developing capabilities as requested by the Directive on security of network and information systems (the *NIS Directive*)
- for development in cybersecurity supporting Cooperative Connected and Automated Mobility
- for public bodies to meet EU Policy objectives associated with Operational Level Cyber Security.

This call is part of a set of coordinated calls covering the CEF Transport, Telecom and Energy sectors. The coordinated calls aim to exploit synergies between these three sectors. To receive co-funding under the [CEF Telecom 2018-3 call for proposals](#), actions must be ready for deployment, contribute to EU DSM policies and have a long-term sustainability strategy. The funding will be allocated to those eligible proposals which best meet the award criteria as specified in the [2018 CEF Telecom Work Programme](#) and in the call text. A [Virtual Info Day](#) on the call and application process has taken place on 17 May 2018, recording is available [here](#). The call is open until 22 November 2018. The indicative planning of the upcoming CEF Telecom 2018 calls is available [here](#). Examples of successful CEF co-funded projects are available [here](#).

European Data Protection Supervisor: Public consultation on Digital ethics

With the evolution of digital technologies has come a paradigm shift in almost all aspects of our daily lives; this evolution raises ethical questions and complex dilemmas for societies to grapple with. Are technologies shaping our values? Can data protection rules and laws alone regulate new technological developments such as robotics or AI? It is time to explore the horizon beyond compliance with data protection principles, to wider ethical considerations. The aim of this public consultation is to involve you in the discussion. All sections of society from associations and NGOs to trade organisations, public authorities or think tanks (among others) are invited to contribute to this consultation to inform the debate on digital ethics. Your responses will be incorporated in a discussion paper that the EDPS will publish for the [public session of the 2018 International Conference of Privacy and Data Protection Commissioners](#). Consultation period: **15 May 2018 - 15 July 2018**. Please click [here](#) to access the survey.
