

Minutes from the meeting of ISG Brussels, 2018-11-22

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Agenda:

- 1) Presentation of the survey on the topics
- 2) Discussion on the working plan for 2019
- 3) Digital accessibility directive
- 4) AOB

1) Presentation of the survey on the topics

Luis presented the results of the survey asking the Member Societies for ranking the topics chosen for the possible group's work according to the importance and urgency. The first three in the mixed rank are The Impact of AI on Society, The impact of IoT on Society, Big Data and Data Science, the second three are Public e-services and e-citizen, e-health and assisted living, Digital accessibility and inclusion.

The discussion clarified that the group will present its first outcomes to the Council in November 2019 and continue its work on the other topics in the following years. The group preferred to focus on one topic for 2019: The impact of AI (and IoT) on the Society. Topics related but not covered (like security or data science) will be shared with the other CEPIS groups (LSI SIN).

2) Discussion on the working plan for 2019

The outputs of the group should be at least of three types: a) recommendations addressing the European Commission or other relevant organisations b) documents covering the best practice and relevant findings of the analysis work c) the outputs addressing the media and general public. We should also address the public who is not using technology.

Several reports were mentioned, among them: The societal impact of the Internet of things: A report of a workshop on the IoT organized by BCS with some recommendations. The idea of collecting various reports on the impact of AI and IoT on the Society has been widely supported. Also the idea to contact IFIP TC 9 focused on very similar topic and ask for reports or analysis.

There was a proposal for another track which can lead to quick results: Public e-services and e-health and assisted living. The group can use the separate part of the DESI 2018 report covering exactly this area and naming the best progressing countries and less progressing. This can serve as the base for the best practice in this topic.

Conclusions:

- 1) Luis will create the common space for the group to share the reports and enable off-line discussions (each member will receive an invitation mail to Adminproject.eu):
- 2) The members of the group will upload the report in English they treat as relevant to the topic and also the short summary (according to the template which will be provided by Luis) until the end of January 2019, the same date is valid for reports in other languages where only the English summary and URL on the document will be provided
- 3) The members of the groups will write down their recommendations and topics based on the reports they went through until the end of January and these will be the base for the next group's face to face meeting.

- 4) Milan will provide the part of DESI 2018 report focused on public e-services and e-health as the base for the next group's meeting.

3) Digital accessibility directive

Luis presented the information on the Digital accessibility directive EU 2016/2102 together with the obligation for Member States to implement it until 23rd of September 2018. The duties from the directive relate to IT professionals but also to others, like teachers, public officers, SMEs working with public sector, etc. They need to be educated in what the legislation is bringing them and how to make digital information accessible. The European Union gives preference to this topic (also financially), because almost 18% of Europeans have some type of disability. Several initiatives have been prepared: e.g. CEN prepared the Curriculum for training ICT professionals in Universal Design, TC WI:2018 (E).

Luis informed about the project WADMIA (www.wamdia.eu) focused on three target groups with the goal to provide them the skills for creating accessible web pages and documents. Its outcome will also inspire changes in implementation of ECDL certification or DigComp. In three years every public institution will have the duty to present yearly a public report about the compliance with the directive. It will have also an impact on education, as learning materials must be accessible.

The members of the group reported on the situation in their home countries with limited importance given to this topic in almost all of them. In the discussion the approach of OCG from Istanbul Council has been recollected with the attempt to certify the compliance of the web page/document with the directive.

This topic was an example of the possible approach and output of the ISG to the Council. The group recommended to use the video of the WAMDIA project for the presentation before the Council as an example of impacting message to Society.

4) AOB

The schedule of the ISG meetings will be settled for 2019 after the coordination of the dates with other SInS and WGs in CEPIS.

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