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Minutes

Agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting

Michel Catinat welcomed the participants, in particular the new representatives: Uuno Vallner and Allar Viik, representative and alternate representative of Estonia respectively; Rémi Arquevaux, new representative of France; Kristel Wattel Meijers and Marijke Abrahamsen, new Dutch representative and alternate representative respectively; Karen Higginbottom, new alternate ISO – IEC and Seth Newberry, new representative of OMA.

M. Catinat also welcomed the invited experts: Luc Maes and Charles Parisot (COCIR) Karima Bourquard (IHE), Jacques Verhoosel (TNO), Fredrik Fehn (SW).

M. Catinat briefly explained the situation with the new College and highlighted that there are no changes within DG ENTR and DG CNECT with consequences for the MSP. Both services keep their responsibilities in the different domains (i.e. DG ENTR for ICT standardisation, DG CNECT for ICT policy and research) and both services will continue to manage jointly the secretariat and the chair of the MSP. The new Commissioner for DG ENTR is Elsbieta Bienkowska and for DG CNECT Günther H. Öttinger. President Juncker identified clear priorities and his second priority is the development of the Digital Single Market.

M. Catinat thus presented the agenda. *OFE* asked for a change of the date for the MSP meeting in October 2015 because October 1 is not possible for OFE; the Commission agreed to change the date.

The afternoon session was chaired by *Viorel Peca* (from point 5.2 onwards).

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda *(document ICT/MSP (2014)223)* was approved with no comments and will be made public.

3. Previous MSP meeting- 22/05/2014

3.1 Approval of draft minutes of previous meeting

The minutes from the last meeting *(document ICT/MSP (2014)219)* were approved with the following comments from DE and FR on point 6.1. regarding UBL 2.1 (first bullet point),

- third paragraph: "The majority of the MSP members…Nevertheless, **DE and FR** disagreed…."
- fourth paragraph: "Viorel Peca concluded … . The **two** members that objected…"

The minutes will be made public after amendment.

3.2. Follow-up of actions

M. Catinat highlighted that all actions identified were completed with the exception of the organisation of a meeting with the MS to discuss about the submission of TSs. The MSP agreed to have this meeting on 5 December 2014, subject to room availability in the Commission.

The list of decisions and action points *(document ICT/MSP (2014)220)* from the previous meeting was also approved.

4. MSP: Policy and Management issues

Final Report from Task Force Identification & Alignment (TF ID&A) (doc. ICT/MSP (2014)014v6, 014-2 v5, 182v5)

Rebekka Porath (DIGITALEUROPE), member of the TF replacing the TF Chairman, *Joris Gresnigt* (NL), presented the work items and the conclusions reached by the TF and invited the MSP for comments and/or decision on the following issues:

(1) Request the MSP to decide on the use of the revised submission form (doc ICT/MSP (2014) 014-2 rev5) for all new submissions:

CEN appreciated the work of the TF and the new submission form. However, *CEN* noticed that section 2 raises problems in the sense that the question whether work in this area is undergoing in the ESOs is missing. After discussion, it was agreed to add the following sentence:

18 a) Is the adoption of new European Standards which cover the same areas as the proposed specification (or standard) foreseen within a reasonable timeframe?

With this change made, the MSP approved the revised submission form (doc ICT/MSP (2014) o14-2 rev6) for all new submissions and will make it public.

(2) Request the MSP to decide on the 'Best practise document /Tracking of specific situations in evaluations' (to agree with capturing, maintenance and with the first version)

MSP approved document ICT/MSP (2014) 180 v.5.

(3) Request the MSP to decide on the 'Guidance document on the evaluation process' doc ICT/MSP (2014) 182v5.

The wording under point 6 was discussed due to potential misunderstandings in the sense that the Commission can only launch a targeted consultation once the MSP has given a positive advice. According to EU regulation 1025/2012, the Commission can also launch a sectorial expert consultation <u>after a negative</u> advice of the MSP. Thus the wording under point 6 will be changed as following:

*"**Following the advice** of the MSP the European Commission **may** launch a targeted consultation of sectorial experts."*

Further the inconsistency with Document ICT/MSP(2014)014 was pointed out and it was agreed to modify Document 14 in point 4.2.7 as following:

*"After the Platform gives an ~~positive~~ advice to the identification of the technical specification, the Commission **may** launch the consultation…The list of experts **may** include those ….*

With the abstention from ANEC (due to a lack of knowledge about the discussion in the TF), the MSP approved document and agreed to supply it to all participants in future evaluation groups.

(4) Request the MSP to decide on the revised document on the identification process (doc ICT/MSP 014 rev6).

Due to unexpected comments received during the meeting and repeating issues already discussed within the task force, *M. Catinat* concluded that the document in the current version could not been endorsed at this meeting and proposed a deadline of two weeks (until 17 October 2014) to send written comments with concrete editorial proposals; general comments will not be taken into consideration. All comments received will be uploaded in CIRCA to ensure transparency. A revised version will then be uploaded on 6 November to ensure that the MSP can endorse it at the meeting in December.

(5) Re-use of MS evaluations

To prevent duplication of effort and to speed up the process, evaluations of TSs already undertaken in a MS should be re-used. Thus, the TF considered that a question on the availability of existing evaluations should be added in the submission form with a clear reference citation. The TF proposes to start with a pilot project and use one evaluation group for several (+-30) IETF specifications already assessed by The Netherlands.
The MSP agreed with starting the pilot.

(6) Use of eSens specifications

The MSP agreed to use the regular process for the submitted eSens specifications.

5. Policy priorities: Rolling Plan for ICT Standardisation

5.1 Maintenance RP

- Consultation on RP 2014 (for information) (*doc ICT/MSP (2014)227*)

Jochen Friedrich (the chair of the Task Force) presented the status on the Rolling Plan. The task force collected comments through a consultation, which has ended on the 10/09. The result is the draft advice of the MSP to the Rolling Plan which will be put on the 3/10 in CIRCA, together with a comment sheet. The consultation to the MSP is open until the 16 of October. The MSP will decide on the final document at the meeting of December.

In the discussions, the following issues were raised:

ANEC expressed it confusion about the treatment of their comments on the RP by the TF and asks to ensure that all comments are made on the same version of the RP. The task force explained that the procedure on how comments are taken into account is described on the wiki.

Spain also stated that their comment was not taken on board. The Task Force is not aware of any comment from Spain. It was agreed that Spain will resubmit the comments and the TF will consider them in the same way as the other already received.

The new Rolling plan in particular lists now all actions, a feature that will ease follow up.

M. Catinat said that the dashboard so far does not show many examples of completed actions but he hoped that this will change in the future. He reported that his hierarchy regards the RP as an important document and thus requests a more forward looking approach on the RP: It should contain strategic mid-term reflections on standardisation needs. He invited the MSP to come up with ideas on how to do this.

During the brainstorm discussion, some MS suggested first to collect MS strategy information for alignment with the RP while others raised some questions about the multiple ongoing papers and reflections around the same area (i.e. rolling plan, Vademecum, UWP). The Commission will collect input from MS but also from the SDOs.

M. Catinat thanked for the first brainstorming session and asked MSP members to share with the Commission any document where MS could have already expressed this prospective strategy vision (e.g. *UK* end of the year, etc.). It was concluded that the strategic standardisation planning will be put on the agenda of the next MSP for further discussion.

5.2 EU Policy areas requiring standardisation activities: debrief about the meeting of 4 September on Cyber Security Standardisation (*doc ICT/MSP (2014)238*).

M. Catinat presented the conclusions of the workshop on Cyber Security hold on 4th September. He highlighted that the conclusions are his personal ones as the workshop Chairman. The objective of the workshop was to get an answer to the questions whether there is a role of the MSP in the area of ICT standardisation in cyber security and if yes, how could it look like. The most important outcome of the discussion was that there certainly is a role of the MSP but due to the complexity this role could not be defined more precisely. For the exploratory work, additionally to the MSP members, ENISA and the Cyber Security Coordination Group (CSCG) should be involved. Therefore, *M. Catinat* invited the MSP to reflect on the appropriate approach.

During the discussion, the following points were raised:

DE, supported by UK, W3C and DIGITALEUROPE, highlighted that the workshop conclusion was the organisation of a new workshop to explore the role of the MSP, to set up the terms of reference (ToR) and to identify concrete actions. *ETSI* shared the view that another workshop would be needed and stressed the link to the RP as the right tool for the identification of possible actions.

DG CNECT H4 briefly summarized the current policy context against the Cyber Security Strategy of the Commission and the proposal of a Directive on Network and Information Security currently under discussion in Council and Parliament. Art. 16 of the Directive refers to standards but that it is too early to draw any conclusion on the concrete standardisation needs. A closer cooperation between the MSP and the NIS Platform would be necessary.

The MSP agreed to set a team to reflect on the best way forward. The following members volunteered to participate: UK, CH, CEN, ETSI, OASIS, Digital Europe, OFE, W3C, ETNO, ISO, IETF.

6. Identification of ICT specifications

6.1 Reports from Evaluation working group:

- IHE Technical Specifications (*docs ICT/MSP (2014)228 & 229)*)

Emilio Dávila (DG CNECT), Chair of the eHealth working group (WG), clarified that the IHE profiles are Technical specifications in the sense of Article 13 of Regulation 1025/2012. He presented the evaluation report and specified that *DE* had issued a minority statement.

DE explained the minority statement and made clear that they had a dissenting position regarding market acceptance, IPR and quality of underlying standards for some of the profiles, which need to be checked individually. The WG Chair clarified that the WG had decided not to look into every single underlying Technical Specification since this would have been unmanageable and instead looked at them only where there was a reasoned request. *COCIR* expert explained that concerns from DE were already addressed in the last version of the report. *AT* and *CH* supported the identification of the IHE profiles. ES supported it as well, proposing however to postpone the final decision until December to look into *DE*'s concern. The WG members explained that concerns have already being addressed, so this new period is not needed.

The Chairman highlighted that public procurers are not obliged to reference the MSP identified specification. To conclude, the MSP endorsed the evaluation report and issued a positive advice by majority to the identification of the 27 IHE profiles. DE maintained its minority statement. IHE Network may be the sectorial committee to be consulted.

6.2 ICT technical specifications proposed for identification

- **XBRL**

Marijke Abrahamsen (NL) presented the submission of XBRL specification for identification (see *doc ICT/MSP (2014)222,232& 233)*.

The Platform agreed on setting up an evaluation-working group. The following members of the MSP expressed interest in the evaluation: Commission (secretariat) NL, UK, DK, ES, SW, CH, CEN, Digital Europe and, IEEE. XBRL Europe to be invited as observers.

The Chairman concluded by saying that other members could express their interest in the evaluation group in the coming two weeks by email to the MSP secretariat.

- **OAI-PMH version 2.0**

Marijke Abrahamsen (NL) presented the submission of the OAI-PMH version 2.0 specification for identification (See *doc ICT/MSP (2014)230,234)*.

The Platform agreed on setting up an evaluation-working group. The following members of the MSP expressed interest in the evaluation: Commission (secretariat), UK, NL, CH, Digital Europe and W3C.

The Chairman concluded by saying that other members could express their interest in the evaluation group in the coming two weeks by email to the MSP secretariat.

- **WCO Data Model version 3.3**

Marijke Abrahamsen (NL) presented the submission of the WCO Data Model version 3.3 specification for identification (See *doc ICT/MSP (2014)231,235).*

The Platform agreed on setting up an evaluation-working group. The following members of the MSP expressed interest in the evaluation: Commission (secretariat), NL, UK, FR, CH and Digital Europe.

The Chairman concluded by saying that other members could express their interest in the evaluation group in the coming two weeks by email to the MSP secretariat.

- **eSens specifications: ebMS3-AS4; BDX location and ebCore-PartyID**

Serge Novaretti (DG CNECT H3) explained the submission of ebMS3-AS4; BDX location and ebCore-PartyID specifications for identification (See *doc ICT/MSP (2014)224, 225, 226).*

The Platform agreed on setting up an evaluation-working group. The following members of the MSP expressed interest in the evaluation: Commission (secretariat), NL, DK, UK, IEEE, Digital Europe, OASIS and CEN.

6.3 Update about the identification process of UBL 2.3

Belén Martínez Arriola (DG ENTR) informed the MSP about the progress in the preparation of the Commission Decision to identify UBL 2.3 that received the positive advice during the previous MSP meeting. She explained that the inter-service consultation within Commission departments concluded and that the Commission implementing Decision by written procedure is expected by the end of October.

To conclude this point, the Chairman asked MS about new submissions. NL announced their intention to submit around 30 IETF specifications at the next MSP meeting.

7. **MSP Member issues and initiatives**

- Societal stakeholders:

- *Presentation by OASIS*

Due to the time constraints, *OASIS* agreed to postpone their presentation to the next MSP meeting.

- Commission issues

- Independent Review (for information by the Commission)

Hein Bollens (acting Head of Unit ENTR B5) presented the ongoing Independent review of the European Standardisation System.

He reminded that the Council expressed in 2004, followed by the European Parliament in 2010, the importance of the European Standardisation System and the need to keep it under constant review. He recalled that the concrete legal base for the current review was Action 29 of the Commission Communication on a strategic vision for European standards (COM (2011)311 outlining the five strategic objectives. He underlined that the three main aspects of this review are the assessment of the strategic objectives, the performance evaluation and the efficiency and speed of the system. He announced the final report is expected by the end of 2014.

- Vademecum (for information by the Commission)

Hein Bollens also referred to the ongoing review of the Vademecum on European Standardisation based on the new legal requirements of Regulation 1025/2012 for Mandates. He announced that the Commission has organised a stakeholders meeting on 14th October to discuss in full transparency the draft Vademecum and invited all MSP participants to attend.

Digital Europe, CEN and ETSI announced that they had sent extensive comments to the Commission.

- Public consultation on IPR on ICT standardisation

Torsten Frey (DG ENTR) announced that the Commission will launch a public consultation on patents and standards in October open until January 2015 and encouraged all MSP members to send their views.

He recalled the context of this consultation (i.e. increased litigation in ICT, ongoing discussions in SSOs, recent anti-trust cases and strong need to update and strengthen the current framework). He explained that the underlying objective is to get a clear understanding about the interplay between standardization and intellectual property rights and announced that the main purpose is to find out how the current IPR framework performs and how it should evolve, namely regarding transparency, patent transfers, patents pools, FRAND, patent dispute resolution and injunctions.

Many MSP members confirmed their interest and announced that they will reply to the consultation. The European Patent Office (EPO) that was invited to attend this MSP meeting welcomed the approach to further explore the link between the standardisation and IPR and announced that EPO will do a presentation at the December meeting.

The Chairman concluded by asking the MSP members to spread the information and encourage any interested party to contribute to this important exercise.

- Information on workshop public entities reducing lock-in

Thomas Reibe (DG CNECT) debriefed about the first workshop held last 7th July on 'avoiding lock-in's in public procurement' organised in the context of Action 23

(provide guidance on ICT standardisation and public procurement) of the Digital Agenda for Europe. He explained that this first workshop was a great success with 77 participants of central and local public authorities, research institutes and ICT suppliers for the networking opportunity and the discussion on how to reduce lock-in by using open standards (one of the objectives of DAE Action 23). He announced that the next workshop will take place in Brussels on the 3rd of December, the day prior to the next MSP, and will focus on sharing best practises on ICT procurement and in particular on the adoption of open standards and to explore the state of the art of ICT public procurement using standards through Europe. He called for best practices by the member states for publication on Join-up or to be discussed at one of the next workshops.

8. Meeting calendar

The MSP agreed on the following dates:

- 4 December 2014
- 26 February 2015
- 11 June 2015
- 24 September 2015 (changed in according of point 1 decision)

9. Any other business

All documents marked with x in the agenda will be made public. This would also apply to all documents under Agenda point 4 once finally approved by the MSP.

The Chairman *Viorel Peca (CNECT)* made the following closing remark: being this the last MSP meeting under Barroso II Commission, he wanted to give express thanks to VP Kroes for her support for innovation and entrepreneurship.

The meeting was closed at 17.30.

Annex: list of participants

Abrahamse Marijke, Asserson Margarethe, Arquevaux Remi, Amutio Miguel, Barthel Henri, Berghmans Arnaud (invited for point 6), Biro Peter, Bourquard Karima (invited for IHE point), Capitaine Philippe-Rene, Cattani Rodolfo, Cosgrove-Sacks Carol, Cowan Ian, Dor Margot, Encarnacao Nuno, Fehn Fredrik, Ferrazza Marcellino, Friedrich Jochen, Garcia Garcia Emilio, Giovannini Chiara, Grant Patricia, Hanssens Barth, Hicks Simon, Iffour Karine, Ifian Alina, Higginbottom Karen, Kolkman Olaf, Kuebler Bork Annegret, Laurens Jean, Law David John, Madsen Ole, Maes Luc (COCIR for IHE point), Marques de Santos Jorge, Owens Gerard (EPO invited for SEP point), Parisot Charles (invite for IHE point), Porath Rebekka, Polidori Stefano, Prager Martin, Raptis Georgios (invited by M. Sindelar), Rasmussen Pouline, Riccoboni Anne, Robachevsky Andrei, Rognvaldardottir Gudrun, Schifano Nicolas, Sebestyen Istvan Sinigaglia Alice, Thornby Charlotte, Toffaletti Sebastiano, Tziapouras Marios, Vasilakis Anastasios, Verhoosel Jack (invited for eSens point), Wahl Alain, Watterl-Meijers Kristel, Weisberger Stefan, Weiler Dirk, Wenning Rigo, Wurges Dominique, EC staff.