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## EU and India intensify cooperation on ICT standardisation

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The European Union (EU) supports cooperation between the European and Indian telecom standards bodies (ETSI and TSDSI), and between the statistical organisations of the EU and India (Eurostat and Central Statistics Office). Cooperation had started during 2015/16 with stakeholders from India and the EU meeting in several workshops to define priority areas for cooperation. "Digital technologies will continue to have an enormous impact on all our lives through their impact on governance, banking and industry, and infrastructure both economic and social" said H.E. Mr. Tomasz Kozłowski, Ambassador of the European Union to India, "and it is important for us to work together to ensure that common standards allow data, knowledge and communication to flow across these channels in the future".

A three-year project (until 31 October 2019) will now support joint initiatives in the following priority fields: 5G, Intelligent Transport Systems/Machine to Machine (M2M) communications, Network Functions Virtualisation/Software Defined Networks (NFV/SDN), and security as a cross cutting issue. For statistical cooperation it has been agreed to focus on the implementation of the SDMX standard for national accounts. The project is expected to facilitate trade between the EU and India by increasing inter-operability and the ease of doing business for companies, thereby supporting crucial initiatives of the Government of India such as "Make in India", "Digital India" and "Smart Cities", while adding additional weight to both European and Indian ICT standardisation efforts at a global level. The project supports the EU-India Strategic Partnership and delivers on the agreement reached during the March 2016 EU-India Summit to enhance cooperation on ICT standardisation.

### **Examples of activities envisaged:**

ICT component: Provision of technical assistance in the identified priority fields (5G, Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS), NFV/SDN, and Security as a cross-cutting topic); development of joint initiatives; organisation of EU-India dialogues along with sharing of best practices (workshops, trainings, analyses/studies, exchanges/study visits/supporting experts to attend international meetings).

Statistics component: Provision of technical assistance; testing of real data transmission (from

federal/regional offices to headquarters and from headquarters to international organizations) and setting up structures for a regular data transmission; evaluation of the effectiveness of cooperation in the pilot area of national accounts; organisation of expert meetings and workshops, trainings, exchanges/study visits.

### **Webinar series to start on 10 February 2017**

Cooperation initiatives will be kicked off with a series of monthly webinars for an expert public, the first of which will focus on "*Mobile Broadband Communications for Public Protection/Safety and Disaster Relief: a 5G Perspective*" on 10 February 2017, from 14.30 - 15.30 hrs., featuring Mr. Nishant Shah, Senior Project Manager, National Centre of Excellence in Technology in Internal Security - IIT Bombay. Registrations here:

For further information on the project, please see:

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