Open Standards for ICT Procurement: Saving while reducing ICT lock-in

The Scenario

Under Digital Agenda, the European Commission commits itself through **Action 23** to provide guidance on the **link between ICT Standardisation and Public Procurement** in order to help public authorities use standards to **promote efficiency and reduce lock-in**.

As a matter of fact, using ICT open standards results in:

- Higher savings when procuring ICT
- An increased level of competition among suppliers
- Being compliant with EU Public Procurement directives

The Workshop]

If you are involved somehow in ICT procurement and want to know how other organizations similar to yours are successfully dealing with ICT "lock-in", you are warmly invited to attend the ?Open Standards for ICT Procurement: Saving while reducing ICT lock-in? workshop, taking place in Brussels - at DG CONNECT - on June 12th, 2015.

The Workshop will be a great opportunity to meet MSP members, procurement managers, policymakers and ICT suppliers to discuss how to effectively reduce lock-in by using Open Standards.

The main **goals** of the event are:

> - Discuss ways in which Pre-Commercial Procurement can be used as a tool to steer the development of solutions towards concrete public sector needs;
> - Share some good and bad practice examples about the Procurement of ICT and Innovation within EU Public Administrations;
> - Gather new ideas to revamp the EC policy for the procurement of ICT products and services on the base of standards

Best practice examples have been carefully selected to match the needs and wants of all potential participants. In addition, we planned various networking opportunities to allow you to share your opinion with a number of top-tier experts.

Participation is free and subject to availability. You can **register** on-line at: http://www.pwc.com/it/OpenICTProcurement

A Detailed **Agenda** of the Workshop will be soon uploaded on Joinup.