

## 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](#).

