

New project supporting "EU-India co-operation on ICT related standardisation"¹

Overall objectives

With the overall aim of supporting intensified cooperation between the EU and India on ICT-related standardisation, the new project has a twofold objective:

- 1) Facilitating co-operation and exchange of best practice between relevant actors in India (e.g. Telecommunication Standards Development Society, India (TSDSI), Central Statistical Office of India) and the EU (e.g. European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI), Eurostat);
- 2) Supporting participation in new international ICT standardisation efforts and early alignment of ICT standardisation (including for statistical data and metadata exchange).

Main activities envisaged

In both areas of cooperation (ICT standardization; exchange of statistical data and metadata), the most suitable support shall be given, including e.g. workshops and conferences, trainings, preparation of analyses and position papers, support for Indian experts to attend meetings of international ICT standardisation efforts.

A 12-month inception phase project has taken up work in April 2015. In a first workshop on 19 May 2015 in New Delhi, stakeholders (members of TSDSI; CSO) have identified the following priority fields for cooperation:

- 5G
- Machine to machine communications (M2M), with a focus on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)
- Network Function Virtualization/Software Defined Networking (NFV/SDN)
- Use of the statistical standard SDMX for national accounts

In these priority areas, cooperation shall receive dedicated support during the inception phase project, and in particular during the follow-up implementation phase project (still to be adopted).

Budget and Duration

The 12-month Inception Phase project (0.3M€) between April 2015 and March 2016 will prepare the ground for an Implementation Phase project (max. 3M€) of three years.

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