

## Report for the period 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009 to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010

### The European Commission

At the 12<sup>th</sup> EC PSI Group meeting that was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009 it was proposed to hold a number of meetings of the EC PSI Group on specific topics and initiate a number of actions to strengthen the implementation of the PSI Re-use Directive throughout the European Union.

#### Meetings

A meeting was held on **PSI Portals**, which was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009. The materials from that meeting have been published. OPSI was represented at the meeting.  
[http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/psi\\_portals\\_the\\_real\\_issue](http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/psi_portals_the_real_issue)

A meeting was held on **PSI Measurement indicators and Charging Models**, which was held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009. Both APPSI and OPSI were represented at the meeting. Some of the papers from the meeting have been published. A draft record of the meeting and revised terms of reference have been produced and will be published once approved by those that attended the meeting.  
[http://www.epsiplatform.eu/psi\\_library/reports/psi\\_group\\_european\\_commission](http://www.epsiplatform.eu/psi_library/reports/psi_group_european_commission)

#### Initiatives

On the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009 the Commission announced that studies on the existence of **Exclusive arrangements** in the following Member States: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, and Spain. The Belgium study has been completed and the Commission will be publishing the findings in the near future. It is understood that at least ten potential exclusive arrangements have been identified in Belgium. All nine studies will be completed by the beginning of April 2010. The Commission plans to launch further studies later in 2010.  
[http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/psi\\_exclusive\\_arrangement\\_studies\\_launched](http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/psi_exclusive_arrangement_studies_launched)

On the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 the 4<sup>th</sup> Call within the Competitiveness and innovation framework Programme (CIP) ICT policy support programme was opened and closes on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010. The ICT programme for 2010 includes PSI related actions:

- *Relevant indicator to monitor re-use of Public Sector Information (PSI)*
- *Assessment of the different models for PSI*
- *Platform on Public Sector Information: It is intended to support the follow-up of the PSI Platform to promote a dynamic PSI re-use market across the EU in the 2011-2014 timeframe.*

[http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/ec\\_psi\\_actions\\_2010/%28year%29/2010/%28month%29/01](http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/ec_psi_actions_2010/%28year%29/2010/%28month%29/01)

The **infringement actions** against Italy, Poland and Sweden are still in process and leading towards new PSI laws within these Member States that are expected to come into force during 2010.

[http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/new\\_laws\\_in\\_the\\_pipeline\\_in\\_sweden\\_poland\\_and\\_italy\\_an\\_opportunity\\_for\\_an\\_ambitious\\_psi\\_agenda/%28year%29/2009/%28month%29/12](http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/new_laws_in_the_pipeline_in_sweden_poland_and_italy_an_opportunity_for_an_ambitious_psi_agenda/%28year%29/2009/%28month%29/12)

The Ministerial Declaration agreed and published at the EU Ministerial Conference held in Malmö, Sweden on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009 **reinforces the PSI re-use Directive 2003/98/EC**. The declaration states:

*“Increase availability of public sector information for re-use. We will increase availability of public sector information for reuse, in accordance with the spirit of and the conditions established by Public Sector Information Directive 2003/98/EC. We will encourage the reuse of public data by third parties to develop enriched services that maximise the value for the public. New demand-led information products and services enabled by the reuse of public sector information will support the transition of Europe to a knowledge-based economy.”*

[http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/ministerial\\_declaration\\_on\\_21st\\_century\\_europe/%28year%29/2009/%28month%29/11](http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/ministerial_declaration_on_21st_century_europe/%28year%29/2009/%28month%29/11)

## The new European Commission

The European Parliament on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010 approved the College of Commissioners. The new Commission will remain in office until the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014. As a result of the approval of the European Parliament Ms Neelie Kroes (Netherlands) will be the Commissioner for the European Commission Digital Agenda and takes over from Ms Viviane Reding (Luxembourg), who was the Member of the European Commission responsible for Information Society and Media.

[http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/european\\_parliament\\_approves\\_new\\_commission](http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/european_parliament_approves_new_commission)

## The European Public Sector Information Platform

### Meetings

The first European Public Sector Information platform was held in Stockholm on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009. The materials from the meeting have been published. OPSI was represented at the meeting.

[http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/stimulating\\_psi\\_re\\_use\\_european\\_progress2/%28year%29/2009/%28month%29/12](http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/stimulating_psi_re_use_european_progress2/%28year%29/2009/%28month%29/12)

The second European Public Sector Information platform will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010 in Madrid. The meeting will be co-sponsored with the lead public body in Spain: *The Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade (MITYC)*. The focus of the meeting will be on the economic aspects of PSI covering new business models, economic value of PSI and economic indicators. The objective of the meeting is to provide a public event that supports the European Commissions initiative on **PSI Measurement indicators and Charging Models**.

[http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/proyecto\\_aporta\\_and\\_epsiplatform\\_hosting\\_meeting\\_for\\_european\\_psi\\_community](http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/proyecto_aporta_and_epsiplatform_hosting_meeting_for_european_psi_community)

### Guest blog

Each month the European Public Sector Information Platform invites a prominent PSI stakeholder to host the Guest blog and to post topics that PSI stakeholders may if they wish comment upon.

[http://www.epsiplatform.eu/guest\\_blogs](http://www.epsiplatform.eu/guest_blogs)

### The Guest bloggers to date have included:

- **Audrey Mandela**, Chair of the UK Locus Association
- **Jennifer Campbell**, Managing Director of MeteoGroup and Director of the Press Association
- **Javier Hernández-Ros**, Head of Unit, Access to Information, DG Information Society and Media, European Commission
- **John Gray**, a Fellow of both the Chartered Institute of Secretaries & Administrators and the Royal Society for the Arts and a member of the UK Advisory Panel on Public Sector Information
- **Richard Pettifer**, General Secretary of PRIMET (The Association of Private Meteorological Services).
- **Rolf Nordqvist**, Manager of Government Affairs at Bisnode and Chair of the European Association PSI Alliance

### Topic Reports

The European Public Sector Information Platform publishes topic reports on PSI related topics.

[http://www.epsiplatform.eu/topic\\_reports](http://www.epsiplatform.eu/topic_reports)

- Topic Report No.4: PSI in the Cultural Sector
- Topic Report No. 3: EC Communication on the PSI re-use Directive: PSI re-use stakeholder reaction
- Topic Report No. 2: Good Practice in promoting PSI re-use: The IFTS brand
- Topic Report No. 1: Good Practice in promoting PSI re-use: The OPSI brand

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