Press Statement: ECIS welcomes Commission's announcement of EIF

The European Committee for Interoperable Systems is gratified that the European Commission has issued the final version of the European Interoperability Framework. After thorough analysis of the needs of public administrations across Europe to share information and provide enhanced services to Europe's citizens, the Commission and Member States experts have stated a clear preference for software implementing open specifications for interoperability. The Internet and World Wide Web demonstrate the power of open standards to spur innovation and open doors to new services. The EIF is an important step forward in embracing openness and innovation in public administrations throughout Europe.

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