

## **ECIS commends the co-legislators on reaching an agreement on the Interoperable Europe Act**

As one of Europe's most established interoperability policy champions, ECIS commends EU co-legislators on their achievement in reaching a timely agreement for the Interoperable Europe Act (IEA) laying down measures for a high level of public sector interoperability across the Union.

The successful collaboration among EU co-legislators underscores the dedication and vision of the European Union in advancing digital integration. The Regulation's core objective, aimed at promoting cross-border interoperability of network and information systems for the provision and management of public services in the Union as well as promoting a well-established EU 'default to open source' strategy reflects a forward-thinking approach to enhancing efficiency, accessibility and innovation of public services across Member States.

Through the establishment of common rules and use of international standards the EU has created a comprehensive coordination framework for public sector interoperability and thus the foundation for the development of a robust and interconnected trans-European digital public services infrastructure.

The Act not only addresses the technical challenges associated with cross-border information systems but also represents a strategic move toward a more cohesive and interconnected European digital landscape. The collaborative effort invested in this initiative serves as a testament to the EU's commitment to leveraging technology for the collective benefit of its Member States and citizens, fostering innovation, and reinforcing the foundation for a digitally empowered European Union.

For over 30 years, ECIS has been dedicated to promoting better interoperability between software systems and data sets. ECIS is happy to have contributed to the development of this important piece of regulation and we look forward to working with the relevant stakeholders to advance its implementation.

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