NESSI - the European Technology Platform for Software, Services and Data

Dear NESSI Member,

We are glad to welcome you back to the February edition of NESSI News 2014. This issue will focus on the developments around the Big Data Value initiative that was launched in Vilnius last year. On 19-20 March, NESSI is going to Athens to the European Data Forum 2014 to participate in several sessions discussing next steps for the initiative. Let us know if you plan to attend the conference as we would like to meet with you there – send us an email at office@nessi-europe.eu.

As always, we hope that you find this edition of NESSI news interesting and do not forget to follow us on Twitter (@ NESSI_ETP) or to check out our website www.nessi-europe.eu.

Best regards,

NESSI Office

Events report

Innovation and Public sector info day, Brussels

The information day on "Innovation and Public Sector in H2020", organised by the European Commission on 10 February, especially focused on the themes Societal Challenges (SC6 and SC7) and Industrial Leadership (LEIT/ICT7 and ICT8). At the opening of the event the European Commission provided an overview of the new elements and new types of actions in Horizon2020. The work programme 2014-2015 presentation introduced the new elements such as open government approach, emerging technologies in the public sector and specific focus areas as well as the calls covering ICT enabled

Big Data Value

The European Data Forum 2014

We are happy to announce that NESSI will participate in the European Data Forum 2014 in Athens 19-20 March. Representatives from NESSI will join two sessions on 20 March; the executive panel on a Public Private Partnership on Big Data as well as the following networking session discussing "A Big Data Value Innovation Ecosystem for Europe from a Business Perspective".

In the executive panel discussing the PPP on Big Data, NESSI will be represented by Josef Urban, Chairman of the NESSI steering committee. Together with other panellist from industry, research and the European Commission he will discuss the opportunities and challenges of the industry to join the PPP on Big Data. The overarching aim of the panel is to explain the benefits of the PPP for the European economy as well as the

public sector innovation. Please read more here.

Upcoming Events

value of the creation of a European Data Ecosystem.

NESSI's presentation in the following session shall provide more detailed information about the PPP process. Dr. Harald Schöning, Head of Research at Software AG and NESSI Board member, will open this interactive session which is jointly organised by NESSI and the Big Project. Highlighting the need for European Big Data Value strategies, the presentation will provide a vision on how to capture and advance the value of Big Data to benefit the whole EU economy with a special focus on envisaged Research and Innovation activities.

In this session, NESSI and Big will launch a public consultation on the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda for the Big Data PPP. We invite you to join us for this important occasion and to be a part of the Big Data Value partnership for Europe. To read full programme of EDF2014, please click here.

The European Cloud Strategy

Cloud computing overview: Cloud Magazine

The net-cloud future, the new net cloud magazine has been published in February. The magazine gives an overview of the key EU issues for Cloud Computing. Including policy and technological developments, the magazine presents the results of some EU-funded research and innovation activities, policies and projects during 2013 which will continue in 2014. You can also find out about recent, current and future developments and research in the Cloud Computing area. For more information, please click here.

More transparency in cloud certification schemes

On 25 February ENISA published a list of certification schemes for cloud supporting the activities of the EU Cloud Strategy. This list was elaborated in close collaboration with the European Commission as well as the private sector (EC Certification Selected Industry Group). We have previously reported about this in the December 2013 newsletter. As the lack of trust towards cloud providers is one of the main obstacles of adopting cloud, ENISA investigated the existing certification schemes on standards and specifications (i.e. who provides the assurance, against what they certify, etc.). Providing more information and more transparency about existing Cloud certification schemes, the list shall help the cloud user to know which of them he can trust. Please click here for more information.

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