

## Report for the period 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010 to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2010

### The European Commission

There have been no meetings of the PSI Group since the last report to APPSI. The next meeting of the EC PSI Group is scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

#### Initiatives

##### Exclusive Arrangements

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 had been commissioned.

[http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/psi\\_exclusive\\_arrangement\\_studies\\_launched](http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/psi_exclusive_arrangement_studies_launched)

[http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/czech\\_exclusive\\_arrangements\\_on\\_the\\_agenda](http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/czech_exclusive_arrangements_on_the_agenda)

[http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/poland\\_exclusive\\_arrangement\\_questionnaire](http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/poland_exclusive_arrangement_questionnaire)

[http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/france\\_exclusive\\_arrangement\\_questionnaires](http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/france_exclusive_arrangement_questionnaires)

The Belgium study has been completed and the Commission has published the findings on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

[http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/exclusive\\_agreements\\_belgium](http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/exclusive_agreements_belgium)

A number of the **exclusive arrangement studies** will be published in the near future. The Commission plans to launch further studies later in 2010.

##### Infringement Actions

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)

##### Economic Studies

On the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 the European Commission PSI Group launched four working groups to assist the Commission with preparatory actions for commissioning a PSI economic measurement study and a PSI economic study on charging models. The working groups completed their work on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

1. **Address Information** - Leader Jim Wretham OPSI-TNA, UK
2. **Cadastral Information** - Leader Dirk van Barneveld, Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and Environment (VROM), The Netherlands
3. **Meteorological Information** - Jointly led by Rene Hoensen, ECOMET and Richard Pettifer, PRIMET
4. **Economic case study on PSI Charging Models** - Leader Antti Eskola, Ministry of Employment and the Economy, Finland

The Terms of Reference and the working papers for each of the above groups have been published on the European Public Sector Information Platform.

[http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/economic\\_working\\_groups\\_launched](http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/news/economic_working_groups_launched)

### The European Public Sector Information Platform

#### Meetings

The second meeting of the European Public Sector Information platform will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010 in Madrid with the title: *Realising the Value of Public Sector Information*. The structure of the meeting will be panel discussions on the following topics:

1. *Overview of Europe's Information Society Strategies: Best practices in policies to release the economic potential of PSI re-use*
2. *Turning PSI re-use into new business models and innovative services*
3. *Measuring the economic potential of PSI re-use*
4. *Social Value of PSI*

[http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/events/meeting\\_realising\\_the\\_value\\_of\\_public\\_sector\\_information](http://www.epsiplatform.eu/news/events/meeting_realising_the_value_of_public_sector_information)

The APPSI weekly update on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010 included an invitation from the European Public Sector Information Platform to participate in the meeting.

### Public Sector Information (PSI) Data Catalogues

As an initiative to create a single access point to PSI Data Catalogues at the pan European level the European Public Sector Information Platform has created and is maintaining the following three groups of data catalogues:

- Catalogues by Governments - [data.gov style catalogues](#) (with access to raw data)
- Catalogues by Governments - [Information Portals](#) (no or limited access to raw data)
- Catalogues by [Civil Society Initiatives](#)

[http://www.epsiplatform.eu/psi\\_data\\_catalogues](http://www.epsiplatform.eu/psi_data_catalogues)

### 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 wish comment upon.

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

### The Guest bloggers to date have included:

- **Ton Zijlstra**, Independent Consultatant, Netherlands
- **Carmen Álvarez-Cienfuegos Rico**, Advisor at the State Department for Telecommunications and Information Society, Spain
- **Christopher Corbin**, Advisor to the European PSI Platform and a member of the UK APPSI
- **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 (APPSI)
- **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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