The Interoperable Europe Act and its implications and opportunities for local administrations

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THIS IS EUROPE’S DIGITAL DECADE
...In the future, more EU support must be given to cooperation projects between public and private actors across borders....

...A key area for territorial cooperation is the interoperability of public digital services....

Interoperability would:
• boost EU GDP by 0.4%
• increase the number of citizens using online public services by 15 help citizens save up to 24 million hours per year (savings of €543 million) and businesses up to 30 billion hours per year (savings of €568 billion)
• UNDERLINES the need for digital government, driven forward by the human-centric, data-driven and AI-enabled transformation of the public sector

• INVITES the Commission to continue its support for the development of interoperable public digital services and the cross-border interconnection of public administrations’ infrastructures
Interoperable Europe Act in a nutshell

Helps EU and Member State administrations to deliver connected digital services to citizens and businesses across Europe

What? Digital public services and their systems
All services requiring interaction across Member States' borders by means of their network and information systems

Why? Better public services
By making people think about interoperability before they take decisions having impact on it

Who? Union entities and public sector bodies
All entities that provide or manage digital public services

When? Entry into force 11 April 2024
Application after 3 months, except for Article 3 and 17 where application is after 9 months
Interoperable Europe Act – effective cross-border delivery of digital public services in the EU

...through

1. Recognised reusable interoperability solutions
2. Structured and co-owned EU cooperation
3. Mandatory interoperability assessment
4. Strengthened interoperability support
Interoperability Assessments

An interoperability assessment is a journey to discover opportunities for more cross-border interoperability, making the outcome of this discovery transparent in a report.
In future – further to the Interoperable Europe Act

• All digital **public services with cross-border data exchange** should work seamlessly

• **Cross-domain interoperability** will foster more integrated (more convenient) public services

• Interoperability **between different levels of government** will also help commuters and inhabitants of border regions

• Interoperability of data will facilitate the **use of AI-enabled solutions** for better decision-making and more personalised, pro-active public services
What is in it for you?

• Steer the European agenda for interoperability and digital government through the Interoperable Europe Community

• **Reusable interoperability solutions on the Portal** can also be used in local context

• Experience with interoperability at the local level could inform the *revision of the EIF*

• Smart cities and communities could propose interoperability solutions

• **Interoperability assessments** as a trigger to have all decision makers reflect about impacts of digital implementation

• Can participate in *innovation and support measures*, e.g. GovTech incubator, Interoperable Europe sandbox, peer reviews

• Benefit from capacity building through the **Interoperable Europe Academy**
SEMUC Support Centre supporting data spaces by a suit of solutions, building blocks, semantics, interoperability specifications and data models, accompanied by related advisory services
Supporting public sector data spaces

The SEMIC Support Centre of DG DIGIT supports data spaces by a suit of solutions including a reference architecture, building blocks, semantics, interoperability specifications and data models, accompanied by related advisory services.
the **GovTech** ecosystem

**Public Sector Tech Watch**

A central **observatory** for citizens, policy makers etc. to gain visibility of the use cases on emerging technologies, and to share and promote their own cases.

**GovTech Connect**

A community that brings together GovTech actors for seizing opportunities, mitigate risks and share experiences. The community provides further support by creating guidelines and studies to further support the GovTech actors.

**GovTech4all Incubator**

A testing arena that provides the opportunity to public administrations to experiment, test and pilot GovTech solution in safe environments and sandboxes.

The IOP Act supports the investment in innovative measures (Article 10) with the creation of a GovTech community and a platform for presenting related activities and promoting use cases and best practices. At the same time encourages the experimentation and the participation in innovative sandboxes (Article 12) for piloting GovTech solutions.
Other initiatives supporting GovTech

- European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIHs)
  - AI4PA Working Group for EDIHs to discuss issues and opportunities on AI for public administration
  - Exchanging good practices on public – private collaboration (GovTech)
  - Contributing to the creation of a European GovTech market

- Public Sector Tech Watch
  - Observatory of use cases on emerging technologies in the public sector
  - Community building, news, reports, events

- Innovative & Innovation procurement
  - SPIN4EIC Strategic Innovation Procurement Programme
  - Public Buyers Community Platform

- Studies & Capacity building
Thank you!