

## Open ICT Standards for Public Procurement: Fostering Interoperability



### The Scenario

Under Digital Agenda, the European Commission commits itself through **Action 23** to provide guidance on the **link between ICT Standardisation and Public Procurement** in order to help public authorities use standards to promote **efficiency and reduce lock-in**.

As a matter of fact, **using open ICT standards results in:**

- Higher savings when procuring ICT
- An increased level of competition among suppliers
- Being compliant with EU Public Procurement directives



### The Workshop

If you are involved somehow in ICT procurement and want to know how other organizations similar to yours are successfully dealing with ICT "lock-in" when procuring their ICT Systems, you are warmly invited to attend the "Open ICT Standards for Public Procurement: Fostering interoperability?" workshop, taking place in Brussels - at DG CONNECT - on November 13th, 2015.

The Workshop will be a great opportunity to meet MSP members, procurement managers, policymakers and ICT suppliers to discuss how to effectively reduce lock-in by using Open ICT Standards.

### Main goals of the event:

Present the **European Catalogue of ICT technical specification for public procurement and how it will contribute to the Digital Single Market**

Provide some **suggestions on how to reduce lock-in when procuring ICT**

Share **good practice examples on how to procure ICT on the basis of standards.**

For further information please visit the [Workshop webpage](#).