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DIGIT/01 KDV/SN D(2007) 4607*file followed by Serge Novaretti***NOTE TO THE ATTENTION OF PEGSCO MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS****Subject:** European Interoperability Framework (EIF) : nomination of expert

During the PEGSCO meeting of 24 May 2007, the Commission announced that the drafting of the second version of the European Interoperability Framework (EIF) would start in the near future. As explained at the meeting, the Commission wants to prepare the EIF in close cooperation with experts from the Members States and Observer Countries.

A draft version should be ready by the end of the year and then made publicly available, enabling "external stakeholders" to comment on it. Comments received will then be discussed with the experts who actively contributed to the drafting with a view to preparing the final version which will be presented to the Member States via the PEGSCO.

The final second version of the EIF will be the subject of a Commission communication – hopefully before mid 2008.

The Commission is asking you to nominate, if possible, an expert to work closely and actively with the Commission services on preparing the second version of the EIF.

To allow the expert group to work effectively and efficiently, the expert should bring with him/her experience from writing a national interoperability framework. He/she is expected to assist the Commission and to participate actively in meetings where the structure and table of content will be agreed and major issues discussed. He/she will likewise be expected to advise the authors working on the texts and to review interim draft versions. Furthermore, experts may be asked to provide detailed contributions in their particular fields of expertise.

From September 2007 to February 2008, both months included, experts are expected to work on the EIF between 2 and 4 days per month, including the monthly meeting. Expert meetings in 2007 are presently scheduled for 12 September, 17 October, 14 November and 12 December.

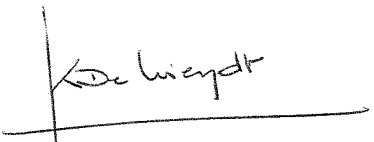
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Nominations should reach the Commission no later than on the **28th of August 2007**.

We take the liberty of thanking you in advance for your contribution. Together we may hope to make the second version of the European Interoperability Framework as influential as the first version was when it was published three years ago.

Best regards,



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