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First PICASSO EU-US Expert Groups Meeting successfully organised

The first cornerstones for new avenues in EU-US ICT collaboration have been successfully determined: more than 50 EU and US experts from Big Data, 5G Networks, Internet of Things/Cyber Physical Systems and the Policy field met at the first PICASSO Expert Groups meeting, hosted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology at the Department of Commerce at Washington, D.C., USA, on the 20th of May 2016. The Expert Groups exchanged on ways to enhance transatlantic collaboration, priorities, and the next steps.

The **PICASSO project** "ICT Policy, Research and Innovation for a Smart Society: towards new avenues in EU-US ICT collaboration", funded under the European Union Horizon 2020 programme, gathers an outstanding community of ICT actors both from the EU and the US – representatives of the ICT industries, domain experts, end-users and policy specialists, members of the research and innovation networks – planning regular exchanges during the entire lifetime of the project. These experts meet with the goal to support the enhancement of EU-US ICT collaboration on pre-competitive research and innovation related to the societal challenges - smart cities, smart energy, smart transportation and in key enabling technologies: 5G Networks, Big Data, Internet of Things/Cyber Physical Systems, to propose strategic initiatives and to contribute to policy dialogue.

During the individual Expert Group morning sessions, key challenges and needs for each domain were defined, aiming at revealing gaps and strategic opportunities for EU-US collaboration in the related topics. The EU-US ICT Policy Expert Group focused on the horizontal overarching policy issue of Privacy and Data Protection, relevant for EU-US collaboration in these domains. The findings were shared and discussed with the entire audience in a joint public session, which also comprised the presentation of the ICT landscape (programmes, projects, initiatives, networks…) currently underway in Europe and the US as well as the opportunities for EU and US ICT specialists to participate in EU and US research and innovation programmes. Aside from the PICASSO project partners and 25 nominated Expert Group members, the public workshop also brought together invited key actors, i.e. from NIST, NSF, NITRD and many more.

This workshop gave the experts the opportunity to exchange on the possible priorities for transatlantic collaboration in the relevant fields, next steps and needed strategic initiatives.

The meeting report will be available in June 2016 on the PICASSO web site.

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