Session 3: Practical implementation of Guidelines

Some suggestions

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Better information about standards?

- *Might Member States set up Standard Assessment Boards offering information about standards such as:*

    - how these standards were developed

    - what they offer

    - how they are used in the market

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Possible models

- EU: CAMSS

- Dutch Standardisation Board & Forum

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Which standards to use?

- *Might Member States set up advice centres to help individual procurers?*

- *Might they develop lists of recommended standards, perhaps requiring "use or explain why not" ?*

- *Should the use of open standards be required?*

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Possible models

- NOiV hotline for procurers writing tenders

- Recommended lists:
  - Dutch ("Comply or explain open standards")
  - Danish OIO Catalogue of Technical Standards with recommendation levels
  - Maltese Adopted Specification List
  - Forthcoming UK mandatory open standards

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Business appraisal training?

- *Should there be more training for procurers and IT managers in business appraisal of ICT procurement decisions?*

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Possible models

- A requirement for individual procurement officers/IT managers to be trained

  - Commercial training courses?

- A central training school or programmes

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Moving away from legacy systems that create lock-in

- *Might Member States require public authorities to make formal assessment of risks of lock in?*

- *And to develop long term plan to get out of the "lock in", using standards where relevant?*

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Templates and ready text

- ***Might Member States develop templates e.g. for***

    - technology-neutral specifications

    - the referencing of standards

    - requesting licence conditions for sharing and re-use

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Possible models

- German BITKOM specifications and benchmarks for some hardware

- Forthcoming UK 'end user device' strategy

- OSOR guidelines templates on referencing open standards

- OSOR recommendations for referencing EUPL in tenders

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Sharing best practice

- ***EC to facilitate – or require! - exchange of experience and best practice, e.g.***

  – Successful migrations from legacy systems

  – Successful use of standards

- ***EC to provide a common platform for sharing resources***

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Possible models

- ePractice eProcurement Community

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Summary

- Standards Assessment Boards
- Advice centres
- Recommended/ required lists
- Training

- Plans and templates to move away from legacy systems
- Sharing best practice
- **Other ideas!**

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Conclusion

- Reactions very welcome
  - Our suggestions
  - Other options

- Costs and benefits?

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