DISCOVERY's Transatlantic ICT Forum – Sustainable Dialogues on ICT Collaboration among Europe, the U.S. and Canada

DISCOVERY is an international cooperation project co-funded by the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme for Research and Innovation of the European Union. DISCOVERY was launched January 1 2016 and over the next 2 years will implement an interactive and innovative range of activities to stimulate dialogues between Europe and North America (the U.S. and Canada) and foster cooperation in ICT (Information and Communications Technology) Research and Innovation (R & I).

The Transatlantic ICT Forum is a permanent multi-event platform to further policy debate and provide opinions and recommendations to transatlantic dialogues for ICT R&I cooperation. The foundation of the Forum is senior-level input and expertise from a wide range of sources and stakeholders from Europe, the U.S. and Canada.

Under the umbrella of the Transatlantic ICT Forum, myriad activities promote seamless and on-going opportunities for ICT business leaders, researchers and government agencies to interact, debate and innovate, drive ICT cooperation and contribute to a digitally adept trans-Atlantic market. The Forum provides unique arenas to discuss dismantling ICT barriers between Europe and North America, thereby boosting growth and employment while enhancing innovation that will lead to multi-faceted success in Europe, the U.S. and Canada in the global digital economy.

The Transatlantic ICT Forum is governed by a Committee composed of DISCOVERY partners and chaired by Camille Sailer, President, European American Chamber of Commerce - New Jersey. The Forum is further sub-divided into three Working Groups on thematic areas in ICT: funding mechanisms; ICT policy and regulations; and cybersecurity, respectively chaired by Jostein K. Sundet (NordForsk); Camille Sailer (EACCNJ); and Jim Clarke (WIT).   More than 25 experts from Europe, the U.S. and Canada have joined as members of the Transatlantic ICT Forum to provide advice and input to EU-North American policy dialogues in the field of ICT.

Working Groups Focus:

- **Funding Mechanisms:** mapping existing funding programmes and schemes that allow joint collaborations between Europe, the U.S. and Canada supporting ICT research and innovation. Access to programs, priority funding areas and eligibility conditions. Recommendations for mutual opening of programs in ICT.

- **ICT Policy and Regulations:** areas of common interest to tri-party Europe, Canada and U.S. policies: regulatory frameworks, IPR, market regulations, data protection, secrecy requirements and standards, market fragmentation, ICT accessibility. Recommendations to the political dialogue on regulations.

- **Cybersecurity:** identify cybersecurity technological gaps and common challenges for cooperation in areas related to cybersecurity (e.g. physical and cyber worlds, regulations, cybercrime). Visions and mapping of the activities into an actionable roadmap plan. Recommendations to the political dialogue on cybersecurity, in particular to the EU-U.S. Cyber Dialogue.

Members of the Transatlantic ICT Forum include representatives from DISCOVERY, NCURA, NSF, LERU, EARTO, Nottingham University, CSC, Belmont Forum, Oregon University, NCSA – University of Illinois, Rutgers University, National Research Council Canada, Ontario Centres of Excellence, GNKS, GCRI, EIT, ITIF, MUC Summit, UTRC, CNR, BH Consulting, KU Leuven and FORTH.

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