Panel Statement

At the moment, we only have a very vague idea of what it means in terms of resources and funding to implement interoperability and open standards across administrations. The necessary infrastructures may cost much more than we now believe.

Organisation Background

IDA – Interchange of Data between administrations is a programme of the European Commission – organisationally located within the DG Enterprise. IDA spends about Euro 25 Mio a year funding sectoral networks in support of the implementation of Community policies (Projects of Common Interest / PCIs), and making available generic services and common tools in support of European interoperability (Horizontal Horizontal Actions and Measures / HAMs). IDA will be superseded in 2004 by IDAbc “Interoperable Delivery of pan-European Government Services to Public Administrations, Businesses and Citizens” which will reach out to include citizens and enterprises instead of focussing on administrations.

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