



Kick-off Meeting PICASSO—Feb. 3-4, 2016 “ICT Policy, Research and Innovation for a Smart Society: towards new avenues in the EU-US ICT collaboration”



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Starting from January 1st, 2016, the new project PICASSO “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, will bring together EU and US prominent specialists with the aim of reinforcing EU-US ICT collaboration in pre-competitive research in key enabling technologies related to societal challenges of common interest – 5G Networks, Big Data, Internet of Things and Cyber Physical Systems - and to support the EU-US ICT policy dialogue.

Tackling societal concerns through collaboration in key technology areas is today’s challenge for both the EU and the USA. It is at the same time a generator of business opportunities and a source for wealth creation and growth.

Over the next 30 months, the PICASSO project will provide an exchange platform for EU and US experts through dedicated technology-oriented working groups in order to propose solutions for a smart society (smart cities, smart transport, smart energy...). In addition, a policy working group will aim at supporting the EU-US policy dialogue by contributions related to topics such as privacy, security, internet governance, interoperability, and ethics.

Based on an in-depth analysis of policy gaps in the three technology domains 5G Networks, Big Data, Internet of Things/ Cyber Physical Systems, the analysis of industrial drivers, societal needs, and priorities for EU-US ICT collaboration, the working groups will propose measures to stimulate the policy dialogue in these areas. This



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synergy between experts in ICT policies and in ICT technologies is a unique feature of PICASSO with benefit to both the policy and the technology communities in the EU and the USA.

The PICASSO working group experts will meet regularly in order to prepare an Opportunity Report for EU-US ICT collaboration dedicated to large and small industries, academia and networks that will point out new avenues for EU-US research, innovation and policy collaboration. An “ICT Industry Toolkit” will be made available online and as a mobile application, providing information on funding programmes and collaboration opportunities (Horizon 2020 and US ICT programmes) in order to support company and academia exchange, and to provide access to reciprocal programmes.

The PICASSO consortium is combining academic, industrial and policy support experience and includes the EU-based partners Technische Universität Dortmund and Technische Universität Dresden, Germany, THHINK Wireless

Technologies, UK, Athens Technology Center, Greece, Agenzia per la Promozione delle Ricerca Europea, Italy, GNKS Consult, The Netherlands, and the US-based partners Honeywell International, Miami-Florida Jean Monnet European Union Center of Excellence at Florida International University, and the Technological Leadership Institute, University of Minnesota, USA. The project is supported by NIST – the National Institute of Standard and Technology, USA. The PICASSO partnership is led by inno TSD, France.

The Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence is very proud to be part of this programme of excellence.

On Feb. 3-4, 2016, Christine I. Caly-Sanchez attended the kick-off meeting PICASSO in Nice, France where she met all our partners and experts in ICT, IoT/CPS, Bid Data, 5G.

For more information on PICASSO Project, visit the website:
<http://www.picasso-project.eu/>



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"This first meeting was a great success," said Svetlana Klessova, Inno TSD, France, and coordinator of the project; the fruitful discussions proved that all members of the team are highly motivated to support the EU-US ICT collaboration over the next 30 months, by bringing together EU and US prominent specialists with the aim of reinforcing EU-US ICT collaboration in pre-competitive research in key enabling technologies related to societal

challenges of common interest and to support the EU-US ICT policy dialogue".

Kudos to all the team of Inno TSD, France, that organized an outstanding two-day kick-off meeting. Congratulations to Svetlana Klessova, Eva Fadil, and Dagmar Marron for a great event.

At the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, we look forward to working with all of you!

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