## **CEN/ISSS Workshop on Electronic Signatures (WS/E-Sign)**

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# Revision of the European Electronic Signature Directive

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## Background/Content/Remarks:

The following information was submitted by Claire Sion:

Article 12 of the Directive states that the Commission shall review the operation of the Directive and report to the European Parliament and to the Council. The review shall inter alia assess whether the scope of the Directive should be modified, taking into account of technological, market and legal developments. The report shall in particular include an assessment, on the basis of experience gained, of aspects of harmonisation. The report shall be accompanied, where appropriate, by legislative proposals.

In order to prepare the review, the Commission has launched a study. This study will provide the basis for the review by analysing national legislation on electronic signatures; by collecting and assessing practical applications and the technologies used. In addition, it will analyse market developments and identify the technical and legal obstacles to the deployment of electronic signatures.

In addition, the Commission would like to received the comments of all interested parties on the application of the Directive as well as proposals for an eventual review. In order to collect this information, an functional e-mail address has been created: « infso-a1@cec.eu.int ».

We would kindly ask you to give this address to everybody interested and to ask people to send their comments before the end of August.

The Commission will finalise its report by the end of the year.

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#### Actions:

For information and consideration at the WS/E-Sign meeting in Graz.