

Press Release



STRATEGIC

An advance service distribution network and tools for interoperable programmable, and exploitation of unified public cloud services.

STRATEGIC is a CIP-PSP project funded by the European Commission under the area of ICT for public cloud services. The vision of the project is to address the **need of organizations**, particularly the public sector bodies, **to adopt cloud computing** and **to leverage the benefits of public cloud services**.

Cloud computing services hold the promise to deliver a host of benefits to both public sector organizations and enterprises, including reduced Capital Expenses, improved performance and scalability, enhanced reliability, as well as an overall reduced Total Cost of Ownership for their ICT infrastructures and services. These benefits are particularly important for public bodies, especially for governmental agencies, municipalities and regions, all over the EU, which are nowadays under extreme pressure to operate under constrained ICT budgets. The primary goal of STRATEGIC is to boost the adoption of **public cloud services** particularly **within public sector organizations**, through working towards in the migration/porting of existing on-line services to the Cloud, the replication and re-use of existing services and the composition of new value-added services.

The STRATEGIC framework will comprise cloud infrastructures and tools that will ease public sector organizations to flexibly and effectively migrate their services to the cloud. Using the STRATEGIC framework, public bodies will be able to **cloud-enable their services**, but also to **adapt and localize «best practice» services** that have been successfully deployed by other public bodies in other EU countries and regions. These adaptation and localization functionalities will greatly benefit (cloud «newcomer») public bodies that have no cloud deployments at all, since they will offer them with a readily available bundle of public services that they could directly adopt.

Therefore, the main goal of STRATEGIC is to enable, pilot and evaluate a **radical shift** in the way public cloud services (and existing on-line services) can be **migrated, replicated** and **reused** across different regions, as well as in the way they can be used in the composition of novel services. To this end, the project will systematically study processes and needs associated with the secure and privacy-friendly replication, migration and extension of public cloud services and will accordingly integrate a cloud-based infrastructure

(including various tools and techniques) that could successfully address these needs for a number of stakeholders including public bodies, cloud application developers, cloud service providers and ISVs.

The main ICT infrastructure to be integrated in the scope of the project will be the STRATEGIC framework, which will combine/integrate a range of technical developments from background projects (FP7 OPTIMIS, FP7 VENUS-C, FP7 STORK and CIP-PSP SEMIRAMIS) in order to open new horizons in the secure and privacy friendly migration, adaptation, governance and development of public cloud services, notably in terms of e-government services that are operated and/or used by public bodies. The STRATEGIC framework, while also eliciting a wide range of best practices and policy development guidelines for sustaining, extending and enhancing the scope of the STRATEGIC concept for public cloud services migration, development, adaptation and governance. STRATEGIC will focus on cloud computing for e-government services, with the goal of enabling public sector organizations to fully leverage the benefits of public cloud services.

STRATEGIC hold the promise to deliver a host of **benefits to both the public sector and private enterprises**, which include reduced CAPEX (Capital Expenses) costs, improved Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) for ICT infrastructures and services, as well as increased reliability and unlimited capacity.

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