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“Digital Transformation in the European Union”

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Abstract:

Planning and organising a digital transformation within the EU, at governmental level, is challenging for a wide range of reasons: some are specific to the EU whereas the others are inherent traits of any digital transformation initiative.

After a brief characterisation of the EU environment, and more specifically the Council of the European Union, the speaker will share his experiences on three major recent digital transformation initiatives where he is (or has been) directly involved, as programme manager, architect or digital transformation officer:

- The ‘Council decision making Programme’ (CODEMAP), aiming at enhancing decision making within the Council of the EU;
- The ‘Information and Knowledge management’ (IKM-) Programme, aiming at improving the user experience of the EU Member States delegates and the staff of the General Secretariat of the Council, while exchanging information and sharing knowledge on EU policy matters.
- The “e-Justice” initiative aiming at promoting the digitalisation of the justice within the EU, along with the ‘e-CODEX’ programme that is the backbone network connecting the EU Member States and EU judiciary players and supporting the exchange of data on civil or criminal matters.

The speaker will also briefly evoke the EU initiatives (‘Connecting Europe Facility’, ‘Digital Europe’, and the ‘Recovery and Resilience Facility’ recently adopted as a recovery plan for the EU) along with the EU laws (e.g. the General Data Protection Regulation, the Council Security regulation, the Open data directive or the ‘Digital agenda for Europe’) insofar as all these plans and pieces of legislation have (or will have) a huge impact on the digital transformations initiated at governmental level within the EU.



Biography:

Pierre Cotte has a double Ingenieur degree in France (Ecole Polytechnique X82 and Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Techniques Avancées-87) and has long management experience of large scale and secure Intelligence and Command and Control systems (in support of FR or NATO military headquarters) and Information and Decision-making systems (in support of the Council of the EU). He has served in the French Ministry of Defence (10 years), NATO (10 years) and the EU (13 years). During that time he has five times been a Programme managers of CIS systems and was the Prime Information Systems Architect in the NATO (for 8 years) in support of the two Strategic Commands.

Pierre entered the EU in 2007 as civil servant and left the French Mod as a Colonel (i.e. Ingénieur en Chef de l’Armement). Since 2015, He is acting as Digital Transformation Officer, in the General Secretariat of the Council and has recently been posted to the Justice and Home Affairs Directorate General, to support the digital transformation of the justice within the EU (on both the system and legislative aspects).