

# Information society, eEurope: good practices and network security, MODINIS programme 2003-2005

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The European Commission has been able to accept four of the proposed amendments in full. They relate to: - The inclusion of a recital relating to a "networks and information society." - Proposing a reference to the eEurope 2005 Action plan and its objective of creating a Cyber security task force. This should become a centre of competence on matters relating to security. - Replacing the word "two-tier-society" with the word "digital exclusion". - Requiring Member States to offer the Commission the most recent data and statistics available. Those accepted in part or in principle by the Commission are as follows: - Inclusion of the disadvantaged in the proposal. However, the Commission does not want to limit the scope of the proposed Directive through an explicit list of disadvantaged people as originally suggested by the European Parliament. - Merging two Parliamentary amendments on the extension of the programme to the Accession countries, EEA, associated countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Turkey. - To include references relating to social inclusion in order to avoid the risk of creating a digital divide. - Replacement of the words "Cyber-security task force" with the words "Network and Information Security Agency." - A simplification of the amendment on opening up the programme to countries of the EEA area, the Accession Countries and Turkey. The Commission is unable to accept an amendments which proposes: - The "advisory committee" should be replaced by a "management committee".