

**COOPERATION
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NOTE

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The last Information Society Dialogue meeting held in Brussels 7 of June 2011 highlighted clear synergies between the EU Digital Agenda, one of the seven flagship initiatives of the EU2020 Strategy, and South Africa national ICT and innovation strategies.

Concrete roadmaps for 2011-2013 were agreed in various domains ranging from policy and regulatory issues up to research and innovation, to also deepen cooperation on policy and regulatory issues related to broadband roll-out, spectrum management and universal service and to promote best practice exchange for the Digital Switch-Over to digital TV.

Furthermore, it was decided to foster cooperation on a number of ICT research and innovation activities, including calls for proposals in target research areas where there was strong potential for mutually beneficial cooperation.

The dialogue addressed regional cooperation related to the implementation of the African-EU Partnership on Science, Information Society and Space.

Finally a number of global issues such as internet governance, IPV6 deployment and cyber security, highlighted mutual interest for an enhanced information exchange on these subjects.

Both sides agreed to hold their next dialogue in the second half of 2012 and to deepen further those collaboration activities and to discuss and consider new topics.
