

## **Ambassador Kozlowski lauds EU-India cooperation at the "india m2m and iot forum"**

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Speaking at the **4<sup>th</sup> india m2m + iot forum** in New Delhi on 6 March 2017, EU Ambassador to India Tomasz Kozlowski said that new developments in the Internet of Things (IoT) and Machine-to-machine (M2M) communications would have "an increasingly important impact on our economies and have a profound effect on the everyday life of our citizens.", and that it was therefore "crucial to have intelligent and enabling policies and regulations, and interoperable standards" Among the speakers at the inaugural session were the Additional Secretary of the Department of Telecommunications Mr Sivasailam and experts from industry and academia.

The EU actively supports cooperation with India on ICT standardisation through two projects: an EU funded three-year cooperation project (running until 31 October 2019) supports joint initiatives by the Indian and European telecom standards bodies TSDSI and ETSI in the following priority fields: 5G, Intelligent Transport Systems/Machine to Machine (M2M) communications, Network Functions Virtualisation/Software Defined Networks (NFV/SDN), and security as a cross cutting issue. The EU also co-funds the work of a "European Standardisation Expert in India" (SESEI project).

Around 50 billion objects are expected to be connected through the Internet of Things by 2020. This will include for example smart homes, smart energy grids, smart cities, and intelligent transport systems, including connected and ultimately driverless cars.

Under the EU-India ICT standardisation project, a workshop will be held on 21 April in New Delhi, in cooperation with C-DOT, on *Future Proof Smart Cities with a Common Service Layer: a Standards Driven Approach*. This will be followed by a hackathon where startups and Innovators will develop applications based on the global oneM2M platform, to which ETSI and TSDSI contribute.

"I find it encouraging" remarked Ambassador Kozlowski, "that the telecom standards bodies of India and the EU – TSDSI and ETSI – have decided to work together with leading standards development organisation from other major countries in the oneM2M initiative to jointly define interoperable global standards."

Landmark initiatives of the Indian government such as Digital India, Make in India and Smart Cities will depend significantly on ICT standards to support them.

**More information:**

EU-India cooperation project on ICT standardisation: <http://www.indiaeu-ictstandards.in/>

SESEI project: <http://eustandards.in/>

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