Working Group on Policy Recommendations

Informatics Europe is involved in shaping public policy on Informatics research and education by producing policy documents such as statements, positions, reports, recommendations or feedbacks to public consultations on issues that relate to any of the goals of the organisation. Recommendations may refer to specific stakeholders or may have a broader audience. In particular, the policy recommendations activity aims at empowering members in developing their own strategies. (e.g.: a policy recommendation on Research Evaluation can help member departments in their discussions with other departments, with their university management, and with their governments).

In order to go beyond personal biases and opinions, Informatics Europe has set up a working group with volunteering representatives of national associations (which are members of Informatics Europe) in order to establish a consensus on how to answer such public consultations.

The working group is composed of:

- The Director of IE High Level Activity on Policy Recommendations, playing the role of the working group coordinator
- A representative of each national associations which is currently a member of Informatics Europe. This representative is nominated by his/her national association

Topics of interest are either proposed by Informatics Europe executive committee or by one of its member associations, and then approved by Informatics Europe’s board.

Work on producing policy documents is typically carried out online in a white box mode (using e.g.; GoogleDoc), i.e. each member of the working group is welcome to contribute until a consensus is reached.

Depending on the nature of the policy recommendation, the outcome could be a single document co-signed by all the active stakeholders, or a resource on which members of the working group can tap to answer e.g.; a poll. In any case, its result will be published on the Informatics Europe web site.