

The ITECH Board met in Brussels on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2015 to review the progress; consider the findings from questionnaires and interviews with stakeholders, prioritise the findings and, from the information, to plan the next steps.

The ITECH Project Coordinator, Prof. Régis Beuscart, gave an overview of the work completed to date and a summary of the results achieved, particularly in relation to WP 2. The Project Manager presented the periodic report submitted to the EU Commission covering the first 18 months of work. The Board noted that there had been no major deviations from the scheduled programme and that the project was on schedule.

The next phase of the project concerns WP 3 “Roadmapping and Recommendations” which has already begun with an outline plan having been agreed among the partners and additional information gathered from discussions with key stakeholders.

### **WP 3 workshop in Brussels**

A workshop on the framework of WP 3 “Roadmapping and Recommendations” took place in Brussels on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 and was attended by ITECH Partners, members of the Board, members of the CIC-IT Network and a representative of COCIR.

The main purpose of the workshop was to initiate the roadmapping process as part of WP 3.

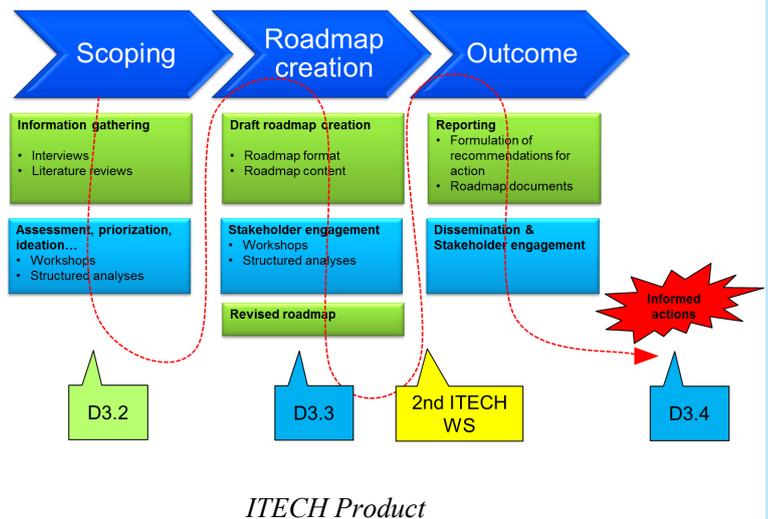
The specific objectives were to work on the material collected during WP 2, particularly on the list of gaps identified by contact nodes and on additional feedback and recommendations collected through a series of interviews with relevant stakeholders.

Niilo Saranummi, partner in charge of WP 3, led the discussion outlining the roadmapping principle and providing guidance on the methodology. Two work groups separately considered 6 each of the 12 gaps identified, using a 1 to 4 scale of priority, and presented their conclusions during a final session.

The feedback and comments has been reworked into a roadmapping proposal: Deliverable 3.2 “Draft Roadmap with Propositions for Gaps and Barriers”.



The ITECH Project Team continues to work on WP 3, “Roadmapping and Recommendations”. In this work package we aim to develop a strategic plan which will facilitate the idea-to-market process. The work will involve ITECH’s contact nodes as well as national and international organisations and networks with the purpose of: (1) undertaking a detailed analysis of the identified Gaps and Barriers, (2) creating a Roadmap, and finally (3) proposing recommendations (a Strategic Plan) in accordance with the work plan of the project.



By the end of June the Deliverable, “Draft Roadmap with Propositions for Gaps and Barriers” has been finalized with additional information gathered on the 12 Gaps and Barriers which were identified during the WP 2, “Mapping over Europe”. The analysis was carried out by review of on-going activities, relevant literature and reports and by selected interviews with key stakeholders and actors operating in the domain. The draft Roadmap will be submitted for comments to the contact nodes and other key stakeholders for feedback which, in turn, will be incorporated into the final Roadmap for Deliverable D3.3.

## SAVE THE DATE



**The Board set the date for the 2nd ITECH workshop which will be held in Brussels on the 26 and 27 of November 2015.**



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