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International cooperation on research in Trustworthy ICTthe EU perspective

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European Commission R&D international cooperation policy

- Increase competitiveness through research partnerships with third countries
- Address specific problems that third countries face, or which have a global character, on the basis of common interest and mutual benefit





Why international collaboration in ICT ?

- Relation ICT development
- Comparative advantages / different experiences
- Targeted research (applications that benefit developing countries)





Why cooperation on trustworthy ICT? Information society knows no boundaries, neither do the threats Stimulate the take-up of new services, bridging the digital divide

- Critical infrastructure protection
- Reliable and trustworthy provision of everyday services
- New challenges to security, data protection, privacy (ex. cloud computing)





EU-Africa cooperation: the current state

 "Science, information society and space" is one of the 8 themes of the Joint EU-Africa partnership

ICT/FP7 Research Programme

Cooperation with Africa on ICT research has grown significantly in the ICT/FP7 programme compared to IST/FP6

 Stimulating international collaboration for research in the specific area of T&S – INCO-Trust and BIC











FP7 Infso - Challenge 1

Pervasive and Trustworthy Network and Service Infrastructures







Our stakeholders Main industrial beneficiaries in Call 5 projects



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Trust and Security in the Digital Agenda for Europe *low trust = low use*

•Digital single market

Interoperability and standards

- Trust and security
- Very fast Internet
- Research and Innovation
- •E-skills
- Social challenges







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Main objectives of today's event

- Exchange of views on the current state of the art
- Get to know better each other's capabilities, achievements and research interests
- Identification of common challenges
- Prepare the ground for future cooperation



