

„Ministry of Communications and Information Society – The priorities for 2017”

Mr. Augustin JIANU, the Minister of Communication and Information Society (MCSI), is invited as special guest and speaker at New Strategy Center’s event on the MCSI’s priorities for the year of 2017. Thus the debate is of vital importance for the development and modernization of Romania and the relevant industry stakeholders.

First and foremost, the programmatic documents and the subsequent strategic lines of action agreed by the incumbent Government aim to continue the implementation of the "Digital Agenda" for better, strong, and coherent integration with the EU Digital Single Market, thus achieving the goals set in the National Strategy for the Digital Agenda for Romania – 2020 which was approved in February 2015. Therefore, extended measures are necessary to ensure the synergies within the ongoing administrative reform to increase the use and coverage of e-government, to enhance the digital social inclusion, to promote innovation and infrastructure development for the betterment of the digital services, to increase the cybersecurity, to increase of the use of the information society tools, to develop the local ICT industry (especially software development) and so on.

The priorities focus on stimulating business accelerators; enhancing public and private investment in support infrastructures; stimulating the SMEs via the use of collaborative entrepreneurship for products bearing high added value; developing a national program to stimulate technology parks through expanded partnerships between the government, local authorities, universities and private sector; stimulating the ICT clusters of excellence through enhanced participation of the academia and the business sector.

Other priorities aim to encourage and strengthen the Romania's regional leadership in the field of cybersecurity. This is an ambitious objective which is elusory without an enhanced legislation dedicated to cybersecurity and the implementation of EU Directive on security of network and information systems (NIS Directive), through extended consultation and public debate.

Nonetheless, several governmental decisions to reduce the bureaucratization and eliminate the “administrative obstacles” in the field of ICT are expected by December 2018 (e.g. all taxes payable online).

All of the above mentioned aspects, which are vital for the modernization of Romania will be discussed during the event with our special guest, Mr. Augustin JIANU, the Minister of Communication and Information Society.