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Press Release

Sopra Steria selected as cybersecurity partner of the ecos Consortium to undertake a major technology programme for the European Agencies eu-LISA and Frontex

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- *Sopra Steria extends its partnership with eu-LISA – the EU Agency established to provide a long-term solution for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the Area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice – with the award of a framework contract for Infrastructure Provisioning.*

- *ecos consortium, composed of everis, part of NTT DATA Group, CANCOM, OTE and Sopra Steria, will support eu-LISA in designing and providing an infrastructure platform that will provide services that can be deployed across the board of any of the current and future applications*

- *Within the ecos consortium, Sopra Steria will mainly be bringing its highly qualified expertise in cybersecurity and will be providing consulting services to the agencies in the field of security solutions.*

Sopra Steria Benelux is member of the ecos consortium which is undertaking a major technology contract for the European Agencies eu-LISA and Frontex. Specifically, ecos has been awarded through an open tender procedure the provisioning of an ICT infrastructure to support the mission-critical applications of both agencies. The contract has a total budget of €442 million for a maximum six-year duration.

This major technology contract covers the provision of hardware and software, as well as the design, deployment, testing and support of ICT infrastructure for eu-LISA and Frontex. The critical systems operated by eu-LISA and Frontex fulfil the Agencies' mission of ensuring security in the EU, effectively protecting its borders and implementing its asylum and migration policies.

eu-LISA has very strategic objectives for the coming years, not only to further develop itself as a contributor and implementing partner of the EU in the implementation of relevant policies in the area of freedom, security and justice, but also to expand its role as an ICT centre of excellence and service provider. In accordance with this strategy, ecos, formed by everis, Cancom, OTE and Sopra Steria will support eu-LISA by designing and delivering an infrastructure platform that will provide services that can be deployed in all current and future core business systems.

In this context, Sopra Steria will especially be responsible for cyber security services supporting the Agencies to continuously improve the security of their IT systems and tackle new cyber threats.

Michel Lorgeré, CEO of Sopra Steria Benelux stated that "Sopra Steria is proud to extend its longstanding partnership with eu-LISA and to initiate it with Frontex in order to contribute to the implementation of the critical Large-Scale IT Systems allowing the operation and security of the Schengen Area".

About ecos

ECOS' ambition is to meet the Contracting Authority's (CA) challenges in delivering the key infrastructural provisioning services within the Transversal Engineering Framework (TEF). The success of TEF depends on the execution of each individual LOT in full collaboration with the other LOT stakeholders and ECOS is in the best position to make this transformation work. Each of our Consortium member's in-depth experience with both eu-LISA and Frontex adds significant value for successful infrastructure provisioning.

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About eu-LISA

eu-LISA is the European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice, an EU Agency established to provide a long-term solution for the operational management of large-scale IT systems, which are essential instruments in the implementation of the asylum, border management and migration policies of the EU.

The Agency currently manages Eurodac, the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) and the Visa Information System (VIS). Further to these, eu-LISA is developing the Entry/Exit System (EES), the European Travel Information Authorisation System (ETIAS) and the European Criminal Records Information System - Third-Country Nationals (ECRIS-TCN). These systems and the pre-existing ones are being built/adapted to ensure Interoperability - improved access to information stored in EU information systems and identity management at an EU level.

About Frontex

Frontex, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, promotes, coordinates and develops European border management in line with the EU fundamental rights charter and the concept of Integrated Border Management.

To help identify migratory patterns as well as trends in cross-border criminal activities, Frontex analyses data related to the situation at and beyond EU's external borders. It monitors the situation at the borders and helps border authorities to share information with Member States. The agency also carries out vulnerability assessments to evaluate the capacity and readiness of each Member State to face challenges at its external borders, including migratory pressure.

About Sopra Steria

Sopra Steria, a European leader in consulting, digital services and software development, helps its clients drive their digital transformation to obtain tangible and sustainable benefits. It provides end-to-end solutions to make large companies and organisations more competitive by combining in-depth knowledge of a wide range of business sectors and innovative technologies with a fully collaborative approach. Sopra Steria places people at the heart of everything it does and is committed to making the most of digital technology to build a positive future for its clients. With 46,000 employees in 25 countries, the Group generated revenue of €4.3 billion in 2020.

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