



**Information Society Standardization System of the European Standardization Committee (CEN/ISSS)**

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## Workshop eCAT and strategic partnerships

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The Management Group of MoU (MoU/MG), which meets a minimum of twice annually, carries out a number of tasks. Besides, these results are - whenever applicable - implemented in the project activities of TermNet, such as the projects within the framework of the Information Society Standardization System of the European Standardization Committee (CEN/ISSS).

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