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Interdisciplinary Centre for Security, Reliability and Trust (SnT) and Telindus Luxembourg sign partnership agreement

Luxembourg, 26 October 2009 – The Interdisciplinary Centre for Security, Reliability and Trust (SnT) has signed its very first agreement with an industrial partner: Only a few months after the research centre was launched by the University of Luxembourg, SnT has entered a partnership with Telindus Luxembourg S.A. “This is a significant milestone for us”, says SnT-Director Prof Björn Ottersten. “As one of the main Information and communication technology companies in the region, Telindus is an ideal research partner for our centre.” Telindus will contribute know-how and resources to build a research programme in Communication and Network Infrastructures. The company’s CEO, Gérard Hoffmann, has been instrumental in establishing SnT at the University of Luxembourg.

SnT, founded in February 2009 and situated on Campus Kirchberg, is committed to facilitating research in collaboration with established partners as well as new start-ups in the ICT industry. The SnT partnership programme forms a platform for cooperation with industrial and governmental partners. Partners contribute to SnT projects both with funding and with know-how through research participation. In addition partners will contribute at all levels in strategic planning and through representation on the SnT advisory board.

The first research activity launched with Telindus is a project building a federated test bed for public safety communication and information systems. The test bed will allow European telecom manufactures and software providers to carry out tests and evaluation of their products, results of R&D projects in an international environment with participation of public safety users. The Federated test bed will make possible to test large scale heterogeneous communication systems including the heterogeneous networks simultaneously based on several standards such as GPRS, UMTS, WLAN, WiMax, PMR. The project will be directed by SnT vice-director Prof. Thomas Engel.

Telindus Luxembourg S.A. employs 334 people and has been offering its services since 1979 in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, in the field of telecommunications as well as in the field of information systems. The company sees the University of Luxembourg and its research centres as key partners for the company’s innovation efforts. “For us, the partnership agreement with SnT is the basis for a long-term research collaboration”, says Telindus Luxembourg CEO Gérard Hoffmann. “The most important objective for the active link to the SnT is the expected attraction of technical expertise and highly skilled personnel: Telindus considers its trained employees as its most important asset for its further successful development in the Luxembourg market.”

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