

ITcom Winter Meeting 2016

The ITcom Winter Meeting took place in Brussels from 01. to 04. December 2016 (Thursday to Sunday) with around 20 participants. I arrived on Friday at 12:30, so I missed the social programme on Thursday and the introduction to ITcom, which was anyways intended for new members. In the afternoon we went to the visitors' centre of the European Parliament and afterwards to the ESN office. There we had the chance to take a look around the new office and to meet the IT staff of the secretariat.

On Saturday we started the day by setting up a livestream for the event - both to allow the network to participate in the meeting and to learn how to use the system. This was followed by several workshops about how to contribute to ESN IT projects, Symfony (a PHP framework for web application development) and "Advanced Satellite Stuff", which was a presentation about different advanced settings and functionalities within Satellite. Afterwards the WPA (also responsible for EA) held a very informative and interesting presentation about accessibility of different media like documents and presentations and how to easily make them more accessible. We ended the day by a two-hour sprint session, which the new members could use to get more familiar with Satellite and the more experienced members for developing some small new features, for which the ideas have been around for a while, but not taken care of yet. Together with two other members I started to create an "idea store" (working title) for helpcenter.esn.org, where everyone can share best IT practices and tools.

On Sunday we finished the meeting with discussions about two of the most important ITcom projects at the moment, the ESNapp and the new Galaxy.