

Finmeccanica and Poste Italiane sign memorandum of understanding for IT security, e-government, digital terrestrial applications and logistics

Rome, 30 November 2005. Finmeccanica and Poste Italiane (the Italian post office) have signed a memorandum of understanding to develop partnerships in highly topical areas such as IT security, digital mail, e-government and chip card services, as well as new services made possible by digital terrestrial technology.

The agreement will see the creation of joint working groups to explore subjects of common interest relating to technological innovation, efficiency and the simplification of processes, by mid-2006. Moreover, it will help define new operational requirements in the IT field, and will aim to identify viable business opportunities to be developed between the two companies and on the international markets.

With regard to technological innovation, in particular, Finmeccanica and Poste Italiane will together define joint activities to strengthen security for the telecommunications network and related applications, and will develop new IT and VoIP architectures.

The partnership will also look into potential innovations in customer services, such as e-government services, secure digital mail, IT monitoring and security, chip card services for the public administration and companies, the sending of classified documents and digital terrestrial applications.