

MINSAIT AND WESTPOLE ARE SELECTED BY EU-LISA TO TEST AND QUALIFY EUROPEAN JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS CORE BUSINESS SYSTEMS FOR €180 MILLION

- **They will be responsible for the validation of eu-LISA's large-scale IT systems that have been distributed among all the EU Member States, paving the way for a more modern, efficient and secure European Union border management model**
- **The work carried out by the two companies will contribute to secure key functions made to help ensure that Europeans can move freely around the EU with extremely high levels of security**

Madrid, September 13, 2021.- The European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice, eu-LISA, has selected the consortium led by MINSAIT, an INDRA company, leader in Digital Transformation and Information Technologies, with the involvement of Westpole, a European company specialized in cloud, managed services and business process automation, to provide IT systems test and validation services for eu-LISA's suite of Justice and Home Affairs core business applications and systems.

The framework contract, worth €180 million over six years, will seek to verify and validate the activities and applications and ensure the end-to-end adherence to development requirements and evolutions of core business systems under the responsibility of eu-LISA. This contract is the result of a bidding process conducted by eu-LISA (LISA/2019/OP/01 Transversal Engineering Framework (TEF) - Lot 4) in which numerous multinational companies took part. MINSAIT has a 70% stake in the selected consortium while WESTPOLE owns the remaining 30%.

eu-LISA plays a key role in the European Union's ecosystem of organizations and agencies. In recent years it has focused its efforts on providing operational and technological support to the countries of the European Union to ensure that Europeans can move freely around the continent with extremely high levels of security.

The participation of MINSAIT and WESTPOLE will guarantee the quality and efficiency of eu-LISA's large-scale IT systems used throughout the EU Member States and partake notably in the set-up of the Smart Borders Programme, which will mean a more modern, efficient and secure border management model for the European Union.

The work performed by the two companies will support certain key security functions in the Schengen Area, through the qualification of solutions afferent to the European IT Systems in the contract's scope.

As the leader of the consortium, MINSAIT will be responsible for the overall programme management and testing activities at its operational centers. WESTPOLE will provide consulting services and testing expertise.

The joint work by the two companies will use the highest technological standards, validated by the ISTQB (International Software Testing Qualifications Board), integrated maturity models such as CMMI and TMMI, the best practices of ITSM and the deliveries in accordance with the ITIL framework, in constant compliance with the European Union's data protection framework.

Pedro Rodriguez Veiga, MINSAIT's Global Director of Public Administrations and Health, declared: "Forming part of a project aimed at improving Europe's security through the quality assurance of critical application software represents a success for MINSAIT. This is the result of the efforts made by the company in recent years to become a benchmark in relevant areas, including the digital transformation, cybersecurity and the use of cutting-edge technologies at the service of governments, companies and citizens. This project is in line with MINSAIT's orientation and its desire to provide technological services to European Institutions so as to support the fulfillment of their missions and the development of their activities".

"We are very proud to take part in such an ambitious project of the European Union, which puts technology in first place even in the delicate issue of international security" declares Massimo Moggi, President and CEO of WESTPOLE "This is a fundamental step to guarantee the present and future balance of the Community, and we are happy that the eu-LISA project is also the first one to symbolically 'inaugurate' the new WESTPOLE headquarters in Strasbourg, born at the beginning of July, around which up to 70 new people will gravitate before the end of the year".

"On a technical and organizational level, this new collaboration will allow us to develop new skills and substantially expand the workforce" adds Pascal Desart, Director of International Organizations & Security Officer of WESTPOLE Benelux "We will structure ourselves with a dedicated team that includes new assignments of management on the functions of quality control, CyberSecurity and coordination of testing activities, consequently making the people who already work in WESTPOLE grow as well as welcoming and training new talents from all over Europe".

About MINSAIT

MINSAIT, an INDRA company (www.minsait.com), is a leading firm in digital transformation and Information Technologies in Spain and Latin America. MINSAIT possesses a high degree of specialization and knowledge of the sector, which it backs up with its high capability to integrate the core world with the digital world, its leadership in innovation and digital transformation, and its flexibility. Thus, it focuses its offering on high-impact value propositions, based on end-to-end solutions, with a remarkable degree of segmentation, which enables it to achieve tangible impacts for its customers in each industry with a transformational focus. Its capabilities and leadership are demonstrated in its product range, under the brand Onesait, and its across-the-board range of services.

About INDRA

INDRA (www.indracompany.com) is one of the leading global technology and consulting companies and the technological partner for core business operations of its customers world-wide. It is a world-leader in providing proprietary solutions in specific segments in Transport and Defense markets, and a leading firm in digital transformation and Information Technologies in Spain and Latin America through its affiliate Minsait. Its business model is based on a comprehensive range of proprietary products, with a high-value focus and with a high innovation component. In the 2020 financial year, INDRA achieved revenue of €3.043 billion, near 48,000 employees, a local presence in 46 countries and business operations in over 140 countries.

About WESTPOLE

WESTPOLE is an IT Services & Solutions provider, owned by LIVIA Group, with more than 600 employees, and 9 offices in Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg and France. WESTPOLE represents the ideal partner for the Digital Transformation of business, thanks to 40+ years of experience in Technology and Innovation management. The company mission is to help Corporations in scaling-up the Digital Transformation, by providing technological assets, competence and consultancy with an end-to-end, tailored-made approach. It supports customers in their strategic challenges in areas such as Cloud Computing & Managed Services, Digital Infrastructure, and Business Process Automation as well as cutting-edge topics like Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain. WESTPOLE embraces Innovation with pioneering spirit, passion and empathy, establishing a new point of reference in the IT market, specifically a "different landmark".
(westpole.eu)