Establishment of CEPIS

- 1988 – Meeting to explore creation of a pan-European network
- 1989 – Nine computer societies establish CEPIS
- 1991 – Members ratify CEPIS Constitution and elect the first Executive team; CEPIS is officially established as a legal entity
First CEPIS mission

‘To provide a co-ordinated European voice that is able to represent to European institutions the views of European informatics professionals on major issues.’

Back L to R: Maurice Elzas, Syl Bogaerts, Hermann Rampacher, Brian Oakley, Peter Morrogh, Francisco Lopez Crespo, Jim Brookes; front: Marie-France Kalogera, David Hartley, Peta Walmisley
First strategic actions

- 1990 – Four task forces: Technical Cooperation, Professional Development and Qualifications, Computer Misuse, and Social Issues
- Establishing links with the European Commission: DG XIII (now DG Connect) and DG III (now DG Growth)
- 1993 – Agreement of Cooperation with IFIP
CEPIS Now

- 30 member societies across Europe
- Representing over 450,000 ICT professionals
- Close relations with European institutions and international organisations
- 7 task forces and special interest networks
- Advocating for inclusive, secure, ethical and professional ICT workforce in Europe
Four pillars of CEPIS

Promote Best Practice for IT Professionals and Users throughout Europe

- High Standards for IT Professionals
- Growing the Pool of Future IT Professionals
- Digital Competence for the Workforce
- IT Good for Europe
High standards for IT professionals

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1. Promoting high standards for IT professionals

• For 15 years, CEPIS chaired the CEN Workshop on ICT Skills, which led development of the e-Competence Framework (now European standard)

• Created **IT Professionalism Europe** (ITPE), a network of stakeholders committed to the advancement of IT professionalism

• Professional ethics expert group: working to develop a professional code of ethics for ICT professionals
Growing the pool of future IT professionals

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2. Growing the pool of future IT professionals

• Computing in Schools expert group: advocates inclusion of Computer Science in the school curriculum

• CEPIS is a founding member of **Informatics for All coalition**, which advocates for the inclusion of Informatics as a foundational discipline in schools across Europe

• Women in ICT expert group: advocates for attracting and retaining more women as IT professionals; creators and managers of DiversIT Charter
Digital competence for the workforce

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3. Digital competence for the workforce

Digital Skills Policy expert group:

- Position paper “The European Union must act immediately to improve the level of digital skills”

‘EU4Digital: supporting digital economy and society in the Eastern Partnership’ project:

- CEPIS experts working to define a common competence framework for SMEs and microbusinesses in the Eastern Partnership region
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IT good for Europe
4. IT good for Europe

Legal and Security Issues expert group:

• produce position papers on IT-related legislation and cybersecurity

• formulate CEPIS position on topical issues and communicating them to relevant EU institutions

• raise awareness on the importance of cybersecurity

Membership of ECSO

Partnership with Annual Privacy Forum
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