

# **Call for participation**

## **Workshop on Interoperability**

“Service Oriented Architecture  
pushed to the limit in eGovernment”

**Information Society and Media Directorate General  
European Commission**

### **Venue:**

**European Commission  
Information Society and Media Directorate-General  
Avenue de Beaulieu 25 Brussels-BU25**

**February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

## **In a nutshell**

The European Commission is pleased to announce the organisation of a workshop on Interoperability with title: “Service Oriented Architecture pushed to the limit in eGovernment” that will take place on February 17th, 2010 at the Information Society and Media Directorate-General, Avenue de Beaulieu 25 in Brussels.

This workshop aims to encourage the sharing of good practice in the area of Service Oriented Architecture (SOA). SOA is slowly being adopted by public administration. Such architecture can facilitate interoperability between administrations and can change the delivery method. However, this architecture could be pushed toward the extreme minimalism leading to the creation of a very modular architecture and opening new business opportunities.

## **Areas of Interest**

**Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:**

1. **Lessons learnt from the use of SOA in eGovernment:** presentations regarding the adoption of SOA in the eGovernment context in the EU, Europe or the world; cost analysis, benefits, and final recommendations.
2. **SOA at the lowest possible level of granularity,** towards a Service Object Oriented Architecture.
3. **SOA and as it relates to the eGovernment Action Plan 2015:** presentations discussing the social, economic, etc. impact of the use of SOA in eGovernment with respect to the EU pillars (the common market, free movement, etc.) and the eGovernment pillars.
4. **Extending the SOA paradigm in semantic interoperability in the eGovernment context:** How the SOA paradigm can be used to encompass governance within an EU member state or among EU member states and foreign countries in a cross-border fashion. Hurdles already identified relate to the different semantic content of the same or similar terms in various domains.

The areas of interest highlighted above present the main focus expected to be discussed during this workshop; however, contributions on interoperability and related subjects are welcome.

The workshop also invites participants of projects under the Commission’s research programmes to report on success stories, which display innovative pilot applications or present comparative studies of approaches used throughout the world.

## **Structure**

The workshop will comprise presentations by project representatives and individual practitioners and Interoperability experts along with roundtable discussions. The latter will primarily address future research and implementation needs.

Presentations will be selected by the event organisers on the basis of short, factual and clear submitted abstracts of 500 words max. Types of activities envisaged are short presentations and plenary discussions.

## **Draft Agenda**

The workshop will devote approximately two thirds of its duration to presentations and one third to discussion on wider interoperability issues. The detailed agenda will be made available both online through the [workshop page](#) announcement on ePractice and sent via email to all participants, once contributions by prospective speakers have been received and finalised.

## **Who should attend?**

The workshop is open to all interoperability and SOA stakeholders and in particular to practitioners, researchers, interested practitioners and experts. Registration is free of charge and may be facilitated by visiting the following [page](#).

## **Submission guidelines**

This event is open to all, but places are limited. The organisers will be accepting short abstracts (*of no more than 500 words*) from those wishing to deliver a presentation. All submissions are to be sent via e-mail at [events@eurodyn.com](mailto:events@eurodyn.com) by filling in all the necessary information on the “workshop form for speakers”.

## **Important dates**

Please pay particular attention at the following dates:

<b>Submission of abstracts:</b>	February 9th
<b>Confirmation for speaker participation:</b>	February 12th
<b>Submission of final presentations:</b>	February 16th
<b>Workshop date:</b>	February 17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Publication of workshop proceedings:</b>	March 14 <sup>th</sup>

## **Venue**

The workshop will take place in Brussels at the following address:

European Commission DG Information Society and Media – BU25 Avenue de Beaulieu 25 Brussels
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**Contact**

For information, registration and submission of abstracts, please direct all communication to: [events@eurodyn.com](mailto:events@eurodyn.com)