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New eCI@ss members - currently 119 members

We are pleased to welcome seven new members within the eCI@ss association:

 <p>PROCAD GmbH & Co. KG http://www.procad.de</p>	 <p>Semaino Technologies GmbH http://www.semaino.de</p>
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<p>Die Landesregierung Nordrhein-Westfalen</p>  <p>Bundesland Nordrhein Westfalen http://www.nrw.de</p>	 <p>Saudi Telecom Company http://www.stc.com.sa/cws/portal/en</p>
 <p>Bundesbeschaffung GmbH http://www.bbg.gv.at</p>	

[Additional information regarding the benefits of the membership within eCI@ss e.V. ...](#)

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eCI@ss cooperates with public procurement in Austria



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The Bundesbeschaffung GmbH (BBG) is the public procurement service in Austria. The customers of the BBG include not only the federal authorities, but all federal states and every third Austrian community. A majority of the outsourced companies, universities and health institutions access the offers of the BBG as well. In 2009, around 870 million euros were conducted over the contracts of the BBG.

As part of a PEPPOL (Pan European Public Procurement Online) pilot project, the BBG has decided to implement future tenders on the basis of structured product and service descriptions, the so-called catalog templates. The templates are structured based on eCI@ss sets of properties.

The cooperation with eCI@ss is intensified and the BBG has signed a cooperation agreement with the eCI@ss association. As part of the cooperation agreement, the BBG is able to implement tenders on the basis of eCI@ss in the future. The BBG will join in the further development of eCI@ss and is going to take part in an eCI@ss expert group for public procurement.

To create and maintain the catalog-templates the "BBG eCatalog service portal" is currently set up by the Paradine GmbH. The eptos master data repository from Paradine is the basis for the BBG eCatalogue service portal. On the basis of eCI@ss sets of properties catalog-templates are created and made available for use in tenders.

With predefined and reusable catalog-templates based on eCI@ss, the process costs for the preparation of tenders are reduced. Through consistent tenders, the costs on the supply side are also decreased. So-called cross-border tenders (European wide), which are required by law from a certain contract volume on, are also supported by the templates.

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Best Practice: DataFlux and Carl Zeiss



DataFlux makes data quality transparent at Carl Zeiss

Reliable data is an essential prerequisite for strategic enterprise decisions. DataFlux, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SAS Institute, supports its customers in safeguarding data quality, data integration, and master data management. Carl Zeiss knows that good data is a strategic business asset. As part of a long-term data governance initiative, the optics group has launched two concurrent projects to improve data quality this year and is the process of implementing them.

One of Carl Zeiss' goals is to improve the quality of their product data. In this regard, they launched an initiative in the material group management area with which the company intends to standardize its product and material data, enabling it to respond to inquiries more quickly. Until now, the company has faced the challenge of dealing with several different material datasets. The products were not standardized or grouped properly. DataFlux will soon begin supporting the company with their mammoth task of classifying more than a million sets of product data after the fact according to the eCI@ss standard. The eCI@ss product classes can be determined automatically in batch processing, which means in future, new materials can be assigned the appropriate eCI@ss number as soon as they are created in the system. This makes the entry of new product data easier and more user-friendly. The automatic assignment of eCI@ss numbers by the software also helps to prevent input errors.

Another goal at Carl Zeiss is to consolidate the global sales and distribution data in one central database. To do so, the company has implemented a new SAP system for maintaining customer data (Customer Relationship Management, CRM). Since this required the migration of data from various legacy applications, it presented an ideal opportunity to subject the data to a quality check. Before the legacy data was migrated to the SAP system, the DataFlux Data Management Platform was used to verify its quality and make the necessary adjustments. The optics group was able to systematically eliminate duplicate records and incorrect information, ensuring a high level of quality for its customer data. To execute the project, Carl Zeiss named data officers in several different countries who are responsible for ensuring a seamless process.

The two projects are still underway at Carl Zeiss. But one thing is already certain: the quality assurance for customer data will help boost customer satisfaction. And the improvements to the product data quality will help the group respond to tenders more quickly.

[More information about DataFlux and their products and services](#)

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3rd Würzburger eCI@ss-Congress

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Development of efficient supply chains***

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CEN Workshop eCAT / CMap launched successfully

The one-year CEN project cMap (Classification and Mapping for eBusiness and eProcurement) in the CEN workshop eCAT (Multilingual eCataloguing and eClassification in eBusiness) was launched successfully. As a follow-up project to CC3P (Classification and Catalogue Systems for Public and Private Procurement) it takes place again with the participation of the eCI@ss office.

Among the objectives of the workshop CEN (European Committee for Standardization) is a complete mapping of the four major classification systems in Europe (UNSPSC, GPC, eCI@ss, CPV) and the concept of a platform-driven maintenance process of this mapping. Behind this underlies the attempt to provide users with a higher interoperability between the standards.

The project will conclude with the submission of a CWA (CEN Workshop Agreement) in August 2012, which is the final report on the results of the project that will be published free of charge on the CEN website.

On 10th October the first plenary meeting of the workshop participants will take place in the eCI@ss head office in Cologne. In a conference in mid-2012 the results will be presented to the public.

Participation in CEN workshops is free of charge to anyone interested. If you are interested in participating in the workshop, as well as in further information, please contact the eCI@ss head office.

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