

SEMIC.EU Newsletter March 2009

Dear Subscriber,

Easter will see great **innovations to SEMIC.EU!** Our web portal and repository are about to be extended with new **community features and enhanced functionalities**.

In this edition of the newsletter, we introduce some highlights of the new concept such as the new **Asset Development Assistant** and a **revamped clearing process**.

Watch out for the **notification mail** you will receive when the new portal is online!

You will then be able to **update your profile** and edit your personal area.

[Aldo Laudi](#), SEMIC.EU Project Officer

Personalised User Profiles



One of the key extensions is the introduction of **public user profiles**. With the enhancement of the platform all current registered users will get a public profile indicating their names and usernames. Every user can then decide which information he or she wants to upload to the platform and share publicly with the SEMIC.EU community.

Personal keywords and **associated domains, contact details** and a **public photo** will make it much easier to find other registered users for collaboration and discussion. To retain control of sensitive private data users can choose between **different privacy settings**.

How to...: The Asset Development Assistant

When you have identified only a set of false premises and good practices from the current insight to the challenges of development.



The development of new assets of interoperability will become a lot easier with this all new feature. The "**Asset Development Assistant**" will provide a thorough **guideline and interactive checklist** for assets in development - from the prevention of semantic conflicts in data exchange to adequate documentation. Users can document and update the current status of their assets in what we call "**Asset Development Sheets**" in their private profiles.

A **direct enquiry function** embedded in the sheets allows the user to contact the SEMIC.EU support team in case of problems or inquiries regarding their projects. Direct communication is encouraged.

Did you know that...

- a **new community** around the **reuse of SEMIC.EU's technology** has been established at ePractice.eu?
Direct access: [SEMIC.EU Technology re-use Community](#)
- there are now **more than 130 assets** available in the [repository](#)?
The latest asset is the [HR-XML Library](#)
- SEMIC.EU has now **41 partner projects**?
One of the last to join is a real pan-European project in the employment sector, the [Single European Employment Market Place \(SEEMP\)](#)

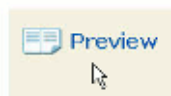
Revamped Clearing Process: Going public at an earlier stage



To strengthen the communication and collaboration within the [SEMIC.EU](#) community in the early stages of the development of new interoperability assets, a **new asset state** is introduced in the clearing process. With the state of "**under development**", users can share information and data of projects they are currently working on - even if there are no complete assets available yet. The new feature allows users to get in contact with other people working on similar projects and to get **feedback on their work**.

Asset Release Preview

Patent:
Release notes:



Assets (and their releases) contain multiple elements that vary from one asset to the other. A **new preview feature** will let users get a first glance of a specific asset without having to download the whole asset zip-file on a local computer drive. This feature allows users to get an idea of the content and to **study and discuss various assets** in a faster and easier way.

More to explore



- **Simplified Asset Administration:** The administration and adding process of your own assets on the SEMIC.EU platform will become more simplified and straightforward. Soon the service will include extended options with new functionalities.
- **Enhanced Search Functions:** The access to most of the content will now revolve around the new search function. It will get a lot easier to find assets, national or domain experts, projects and partners initiatives.
- **Improved navigation:** A more intuitive and clearly arranged menu navigation of the website will make it easier for users to find their way on the website.

Upcoming events

- **22nd/23rd April** [Eastern European eGov Days](#), Prague, Czech Republic
- **18th - 20th May** [Semantic Days 2009](#), Stavanger, Norway

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