CEN/ISSS Workshop eCAT Business Plan (v0.9)

Re-wording of the Objectives section:

Workshop objectives:

- The formulation of requirements for a meta-model framework (in order to ensure inter-operability even of heterogenous and otherwise incompatible systems)
- The investigation of existing and required kinds of metadata registries
- The identification of existing and further needed guidelines, standards, methodologies etc., which should be integrated or to which interfaces need to be established
- The preparation of e-learning material and training opportunities for SMEs and consultants
- The launch of a pan-European promotion and dissemination campaign
- The support of standardisation/harmonisation efforts in this connection in order to facilitate the preparation and application of multi-lingual ecatalogues

Strategic objectives:

- To formulate a strategy for establishing a harmonised methodology for multilingual ecatalogues
- To formulate a strategy for implementing this methodology in a future full-scale project on ecatalogues
- To ensure that the ecatalogue strategy is developed in co-ordination with the pan-European campaign for multi-lingual ecommerce/ebusiness strategies including EU funded RTD projects
- To ensure that the ecatalogue strategy integrates experiences and competencies from both the commercial and public sectors
- To develop as part of the ecatalogue methodology strategy the design principles for the respective tools used to create multi-lingual ecatalogues
- To ensure the ecatalogue strategy is developed in co-ordination with harmonsied multi-lingual eclassification schemes, making them interoperable by means of meta-methods as developed in the field of terminology
- To ensure the ecatalogue strategy supports the full spectrum of organisations who have identified/will identify a need for an ecatalogue (from SMEs to global organisations) and to facilitate access to trained experts and resources so that they can develop multi-lingual ecatalogues successfully.

Suggest that a glossary is an appendix to this document.

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