



ODF and European Interoperability

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Ministerial Declaration

- Cross Border Interoperability
- Reduction in Administrative Burdens
- Inclusive eGovernment
- Transparency and Democratic Engagement

“...definition and openness of technical standards and publically available specifications.”

“...propose a revised version of the European Interoperability Framework to foster the development of interoperable European eGovernment services.....”

European Interoperability Framework

Version 1.0

- Released November 2004
- Global recognition
- Focus on technical interoperability
- Definition of an Open Standard
 - (independence of organisation, published freely, royalty free, no constraints on reuse)
- Support for Use of OSS

Version 2.0

- Publish Spring 2008?
- Gartner Report
- Comments Received
- Debate with National governments

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Summary of Response by OpenForum Europe

- Critical of Gartner Report – failed to build on EIF v1.0
- Open Standards fundamental NOW not just in the future
- No watering down of definitions and commitments
- Multiple standards not wanted, unsustainable
- Move from 'advice' to practice
- Avoidance of Lock-In is more than just standards, but is as important to Interoperability

Avoidance of Lock-In

- 90% of Public Sector has lost opportunity to freely choose next solution
- Substitutability as well as Interoperability
- Openness is the goal, but how measure, what tools available?
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