D1.4 Plan for the Pilots

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1. Introduction

As part of the SEAL project, a pilot will be held in which users will perform a substantial task using the work environment. The goal of this pilot is to gather feedback. This will lead to additional requirements for refinement of the working environment as well as requirements to the educational material and necessary and sufficient organisational conditions for successful implementation of the working environments.

2. Pilots

The pilots will be held in four different sites: one in the Netherlands (consisting of the House of Representative and legislative drafters); one in Austria (Austrian Parliament) and two in Italy (Italian chamber of Deputy and Italian Senate).

At each of the sites, one of the working environments will be made available (a working environment consists of the Be Informed Studio and one of the three editors being tested during the SEAL project). The testers at each of the site will perform some tasks using the working environment.

2.1.   Subject Matter

The subject matter for the pilots has been established at the SEAL kick-off meeting as eCommerce legislation and Subsidiary processes.

2.2.   Tasks

Two sets of tasks can be distinguished, one for each of the subjects.

E-Commerce Legislation

The legal material to proceed from comprises the Directive 2000/31/EC on Electronic Commerce and the three national acts implementing it, e.g. the Austrian E-Commerce Act, FLG I no. 152/2001. These texts will be marked up in CEN/MetaLex, using the extension used by the different editors.

As the editors use different CEN/MetaLex extensions, the following tasks will be performed at each of the different sites separately; there will be no interaction between the sites.

The following tasks will be performed:
1.1 Each of the users makes proposals for (fictitious) amendments of the directive, which then are adapted (e.g., by amending contradictory proposals) and integrated into one (fictitious) amending directive as a (fictitious) new piece of EU legislation. The users will use the Be Informed Studio for communication about the task.
1.2 The amendments as laid down in the (fictitious) amending directive are inserted into the text of the directive, thereby creating a (fictitious) consolidated version of it.
1.3 The amending directive is (fictitiously) implemented by amendments of the three national acts to be drafted.
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Objectives: By faking the process of amending EU legislation as well as the national legislation implementing it, we would have the opportunity to test:

? drafting new legislative texts,
? integrating/amending them and
? consolidating legal texts by inserting amendments.

Subsidiarity procedure

As the basic material, a draft act, e.g. a draft directive, as proposed by the Commission, is to be chosen. This may be a current draft directive just sent out at the time the testing process commences, or an already existing text; in the latter case, I propose to use the draft directive on the protection of the environment through criminal law, COM (2007) 51 final, which has been contested with regard to the subsidiarity issue for years in advance. The text of the draft directive is will be marked-up in CEN/MetaLex.

Additionally, a XML format for opinions will be derived from CEN/MetaLex. This simple format will be able to contain text in which the references to other texts (in this case, the draft directive) are marked. Structure is not maked, though meta-data can be added. This format should be available at all three editors.

2.1 The users involved provide their (fictitious) opinions on the draft directive by using the XML template.
2.2 The (fictitious) opinions of the users are integrated within a synoptical comparison, which in particular would at one glance show which of the Parliaments are raising objections against the draft directive for reason of alleged violation of the subsidiarity principle.

Objective: By faking the exchange of opinions on an EU draft directive, we would have the opportunity to test a medium-level structured procedure of exchange of information between Parliaments by using an XML template.

3. Planning

Preparation

For the second task, the necessary XML-format needs to be developed. In addition, it is possible that some additions should be made to the editors to support the editing of opinions and this XML-format.
Furthermore, some more practical preparations need to be made: at each site, the necessary software should be installed, and the users should be instructed in the use of this software. Four weeks are estimated for these tasks, meaning that the preparation should be done by November 5th, 2007.

Actual Pilots

The actual pilots are assumed to require two months. Taking into account two weeks of holidays in December, the pilots will run from November 5th, 2007 until Janury 21st, 2008.