Share-PSI 2.0 Berlin Workshop
Session proposal

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Title
Implementing the DCAT Application Profile for Data Portals in Europe.

Outline
This session aims at bringing together implementers of the DCAT-AP and national profiles based on it, in order to gather implementation experience and feedback.

The issue
Since the first publication of the DCAT-AP in 2013, many member states have implemented national application profiles based on the European profile. Earlier in 2015, a revision of the DCAT-AP was developed based on contributions from various Member States, the European Commission and independent experts.

During this work, it became clear that it would be useful for implementers to have an overview of current practices and to share common challenges in mapping national practices to the exchange of dataset descriptions on the European level.

Possible topics of discussion may include:

- The implementation of the DCAT-AP as the native data model of existing data portals;
- Implementation of national/regional variants of the DCAT-AP;
- Harmonisation of national/regional codelists with codelists recommended by the DCAT-AP;
- Implementation of importers/exporters for DCAT-AP conformant metadata;
- Implementation of DCAT-AP validation frameworks and services;
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The expected outcome

This session is targeting a dual outcome:

- Identify implementation practices that can help overcome common challenges;
- Identify possible requests for change to be considered for future revisions of the DCAT-AP.

The outcome of the session will be taken up by work in the context of ISA Action 1.1 (a.k.a. SEMIC), which has initiated and funded the development and maintenance of the DCAT-AP. The session proposers are contractors of ISA 1.1. Following up on this session, SEMIC will continue gathering implementation experiences and feedback in the first quarter of 2016, leading to the publication of a document containing implementation guidelines in June 2016.

The intended audience

The workshop session is intended to be a first opportunity to bring together representatives of the European Data Portal and implementers from EU Member States and EU institution to identify such common challenges, and start creating an overview of good practices.

The moderation method

The session will be conducted interactively with moderators from PwC and AMI Consult, structured around a number of main questions derived from earlier discussions in the DCAT-AP working group. The main questions will be made available in advance.

The facilities required

Nothing special, just the standard projector, flip-board, markers, paper.

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1 http://semic.eu