

## IT solutions for the public sector

### Top reasons to use Joinup

- Thousands of freely available IT resources, from open source software to semantic assets, from APIs to code lists, in the federated catalogue to save you from reinventing the wheel.
- Tools to manage and enlarge your communities, e.g. forums, wikis, newsletters, subscription services, SVN and document management.
- Information about news, workshops, events and case studies in your area of interest written by the Joinup communities and a professional team of journalists.
- 10 000 users working together on Joinup.
- An information source chosen by more than 30 000 visitors per month.
- Enables the search of the federated catalogue of 40 national repositories and standardisation bodies.

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This action is supported by ISA, the European Commission's programme for interoperability solutions for European Public administrations.

### Why ISA?

Administrative procedures have the reputation of being lengthy, time-consuming and costly. Electronic collaboration between public administrations can make these procedures quicker, simpler and cheaper for all parties concerned, in particular when transactions need to be done cross-border and/or cross-sector. ISA supports such electronic collaboration. Through its more than 40 actions it provides tools, services and frameworks for the modernisation of public administrations in Europe, across e-borders and sectors.

### More on the programme:

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*"The Council has strongly emphasized the need for continued modernisation of public administrations and has recognised interoperability as the underlying element for the successful collaboration of public services."*

Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ

(Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for inter-institutional relations and administration)



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and best practices

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## Share and re-use software, semantic assets & other interoperability solutions

## A federated catalogue of interoperability solutions

## Share and learn from best practices, experiences, work with others

Semantic interoperability and open source software are key areas for the European Commission's collaboration with public administrations, businesses and citizens

### What is semantic interoperability?

If public administrations are to effortlessly exchange data, they need to develop systems that can interact and combine information automatically. Such systems need to be able to tackle the many different administrative, technical and legal backgrounds of Europe's Member States. Building systems that make information 'automagically' understandable and reusable, is the focus of semantic interoperability.

### What about sharing and re-using open source software?

Sharing IT solutions which have already been proven to be effective helps reduce development & long term maintenance costs and contributes to better interoperability among public administrations. The easiest and most cost-effective way for public administrations

to share their solutions, and to create better eGovernment services, is by using open source software. The development methods of this type of software and the legal framework of open source licenses are ideal for cross-border collaboration. They allow resources to be shared, and code to be reused, modified and disseminated.

Joinup offers a central, federated catalogue of more than 4 000 freely re-usable IT solutions, specifically tailored to the public sector

### Freely re-usable solutions

The catalogue holds some 4 000+ freely re-usable IT solutions collected to be re-used in the public sector.

The collection includes semantic solutions, such as common vocabularies, taxonomies, popular OSS software, legal assets, such as licenses used to share your solutions with others and organisational assets, such as collaboration frameworks.

### Federated and searchable from a centralised location

The catalogue federates more than 40 national repositories and standardisation bodies using ADMS, an open specification to describe the federated solutions in a standardised way.

The federated catalogue allows public administrations to search for IT solutions with a proven track record in a centralised location.

It also gives visibility to the owners of these solutions at a European level, greatly increasing their potential for re-use.

Joinup is a meeting place for professionals in the public and IT sectors to come together and exchange their experiences and best practices with each other

### Communities of practice

Joinup is a platform of solutions and a place for people to meet and work together. The site harbors dozens of communities exchanging their knowledge and helping each other in the areas of e-Procurement, e-Government, semantic interoperability and open source software.

