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Parliamentary documents in a regional context – the “why?”, “what?”, and “how?” of standards

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Why?

Why develop and use standards?

- Complexity
- Many unstructured documents
- A Parliament is not an island
- Legal force
- Multilingualism

Need to agree the “**business case**”

What?

What to standardize?

- What *is* a document?
 - What are we documenting?
- Model entire documents, processes and legislative/drafting procedures
- Start with higher level concepts?
- Start with common building blocks?

What (2)?

- Common “missing link”
 - a higher level of “information management”, giving users clear views of how different key concepts relate to each other
 - Remember: “document” was first a verb – so decide on **what** you want to document: text? speeches? concepts?

Need to agree the **scope** and **granularity of information and document management**

How?

How do we develop and use standards?

- Who decides what?
 - “supplier side”
 - many standards bodies and consortia; many “private” initiatives
 - Often multiple standards for the same requirement
 - Standards are part of a market of solutions
 - “client side”
 - an IT service issue?
 - A management issue?
 - A political issue?
- Need to address the issue of **governance**

How (2)?

- How are standards developed?
 - What process(es) used?
 - What I.P. Model is used?
 - Who are the stakeholders?
- Need to address the issue of **process**

How (3)?

Avoiding the “Non Invented Here” syndrome

- “I believe in standards...so let’s use mine”
- “I’m happy for anyone to collaborate with me”

Develop a “reflex for collaboration”

- Not only among public administrations
- Among standards bodies and consortia

Conclusions

- Agreements needed on:
 - Business case
 - Scope, granularity and nature of information/document management
 - Governance
 - Process
 - Collaboration

“You will go far....”



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