

## The I-VLab Internal Bulletin Number # 2 – October 2008

### NEWS FROM INTEROP-VLab (I-VLab)

Dear Partners,

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Internal Bulletin which summarizes what happened in INTEROP-VLab during the last two months. Reciprocally, if you have information that you want to share with our community, we will be pleased to publish it (please send the information by email to [info@interop-vlab.eu](mailto:info@interop-vlab.eu) before the end of each month).

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### Preparation of several calls for project

The Management of I-VLab has coordinated the preparation of several calls, under the approval of the Board Director of INTEROP-VLab, in order to support the development of our Network.

A call for participation has been launched and sent to each representative of poles in order to disseminate the information inside their pole.

The INTEROP-VLab partners have been selected based on their application and according the willingness to associate the eight Poles in each project.

- **Marie Curie Initial Training Network**

I-VLab submitted on 2/09 a 48-months project titled “EI-ITN: the Enterprise Interoperability Initial Training Network”, with the participation of 19 universities from the 8 I-VLab Poles, and 19 associated industrial partners. The objective of the project is to improve the career perspectives of early-stage researchers by offering structured training in EI, in complement to the existing Master Education programme developed during the INTEROP-NoE project. The preliminary results of the evaluation will be available by December 2008.

#### List of the 20 EI-ITN participants:

Pole involved	Full Partner	Industrial Associated Partner
Coordinator	INTEROP-VLab	
UK Pole	Loughborough University (LU)	BAE Systems
	Coventry University (CU)	Control 2K
	Queen's University Belfast (QUB)	FG Wilson
China Pole	Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT)	HUITON-CINEE
	Institute of Software Chinese Academy of Sciences (ISCAS)	Sinsoft Co.,Ltd
PGSO	University Bordeaux 1 (UB1)	GFI
	Ecole des Mines Albi Carmaux (EMAC)	EBM WebSourcing
	Université Blaise Pascal Clermont-Ferrand (UBP)	Sopra Group
INTERVAL	University Polytechnic of Valencia (UPVLC)	ITI
	University of Jaume I (UJI)	Integranova
Portuguese Pole	Faculty Sciences and Technology – New Univ of Lisbon	Neobiz
	University of Minho (UMinho)	INFOS
VLab.IT	University of Roma La Sapienza (UoR)	IBM

	Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali "Guido carli" (LUISS)	Elsagdatamat (SpA)
North Pole	University of Bergen (UiB)	OLF
	Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan (KTH)	Combitech
	University of Helsinki (UH)	TietoEnator Corporation
DFI	University of Kassel (UKa)	Xpert Technologies S.A.
	University Bw Munchen (UBM)	Siemens Building Technologies

#### ▪ **E-infrastructure**

I-VLab submitted on 11/09 a 36-months project titled “e-I<sup>2</sup>NeT: the Enterprise Interoperability Infrastructure Network”, with the participation of 14 partners representing all the I-VLab Poles. The main mission is to create a networking infrastructure and services to better support and consolidate the role of I-VLAB as a European reference point in the domain of EI and to sustainably develop, maintain and spread new knowledge both in Academia and in Industry. The preliminary results of the evaluation will be available by end of November 2008.

List of the 15 E-I<sup>2</sup>NeT participants:

Pole involved	Participant organisation Name
Coordinator	INTEROP-VLab
INTERVAL	University Polytechnic of Valencia
INTERVAL	Instituto Tecnológico de Informatica
PGSO	University Bordeaux 1
PGSO	Ecole des Mines d'Alès
PGSO	EBM WebSourcing
DFI	IPK Fraunhofer
VLab.IT	University of Roma La Sapienza
VLab.IT	CNR-IASI
North Pole	Unifob
North Pole	Combitech
Portuguese Pole	Uninova
China Pole	Harbin Institute of Technology
China Pole	Beihang University
UK Pole	TANet

#### ▪ **COST**

I-VLab submitted a COST application on 26/09. COST funding supports networking activities (meetings, conferences, short term scientific exchanges), but not research projects.

In this call, each pole has appointed one partner to act on behalf of the Pole. This partner will use the financial funds received in order to support the travel expenses and the organisation of meetings.

▪ **ENoLL (European Network Of Living Labs)**

As announced in the 1<sup>st</sup> bulletin, I-VLab has applied on 30/09 to join the community of Living Lab (see the article on the [I-VLab website](#) ). The membership does not provide any financing, however the participation to ENoLL activities will allow INTEROP-VLab to find new partners or new customers.

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**I-VLab will be present at the ICT 2008 Conference (Lyon, France – 25-27 November 2008)**

▪ **The I-VLab Exhibition in the “ICT International Village”:**

In May 2008, I-VLab applied for the call for exhibits and has been selected, based on a strong competition, to keep a booth, provided free of charge. The INTEROP-VLab exhibit will consist on promoting I-VLab, in giving demonstration of the I-V KMap and the e-Learning Platform. The visitors will also be allowed to try the audio web-courses and to execute by themselves a specific research in the I-V KMap.

We invite all the partners who will participate to ICT to visit us: the management and the Board will be part time on the booth.

We ask the partners who will participate to ICT Lyon to inform the I-VLab management by email at [info@interop-vlab.eu](mailto:info@interop-vlab.eu).

▪ **The networking session “A VISION for Enterprise and e-Gov Interoperability for 2020”**

Thanks to your votes and many encouraging messages on the ICT website, the topic proposed by I-VLab has been selected among 220 propositions. The goal of the networking session is to imply the various categories of stakeholders (industrials, researchers, representatives of public administration) in the elaboration of the VISION for 2020 in the domain of Organizations Interoperability using the technique of “Knowledge Café”.

We rely on your presence to participate in the discussion. For that, register to the conference on the ICT website and confirm your participation to the session by email at [info@interop-vlab.eu](mailto:info@interop-vlab.eu).

ICT 2008 registration at: [http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/events/ict/2008/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/events/ict/2008/index_en.htm)

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**Results of the “Platform Renovation Project”**

In May 2008, the General Assembly has taken decisions to renovate the Platform and above all to reduce the cost of the hosting.

In July, the management of I-VLab, with the collaboration of an advisory group, has defined requirements for improving the platform and the hosting.

Two proposals were received, from University Bordeaux 1 (France) for being the host and from LINK (Italy) for developments and hosting. The Board has selected University Bordeaux 1 for the hosting. University Bordeaux 1 has proposed to support the purchase of servers to assure the hosting and provide this service for free. An agreement will be signed between University Bordeaux 1 and INTEROP-VLab for this operation. The propositions of developments have been attributed to LINK..

It is sure that if the project E-infrastructure is accepted, the renovation project will be performed in the frame of this project.

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**FP7 calls for projects**

I-VLab management is analysing several FP7 calls and is in contact with corresponding DG contacts in order to collect information on the calls:

- Eurostars / EUREKA (21 November)
- Research for SME Associations (postponed to 18 December)
- INTERREG IV (30 January 2009)

Consult articles on INTERREG IV and INTERREG SUDOE available on the platform at: <http://interop-vlab.eu/news/what-is-the-interreg-programe/>

Consult the future FP7 calls at: [http://interop-vlab.eu/backoffice/news/FP7\\_opportunities/](http://interop-vlab.eu/backoffice/news/FP7_opportunities/) (accessible after you have logged in)

### **Available on the I-VLab Platform:**

- **E-Learning Platform:**

Each partner of I-VLab Poles can have one login to access to courses and tutorials available on [www.elearning.interop-vlab.eu](http://www.elearning.interop-vlab.eu). If you are responsible for e-Learning activity in your organization, send a request to [info@interop-vlab.eu](mailto:info@interop-vlab.eu) with our name, organization, and email address, you will receive instructions to log in.

- **Materials to promote I-VLab:**

A new 3-fold flyer is available at [http://interop-vlab.eu/interop-vlab-network/interop\\_vlab\\_documentation/](http://interop-vlab.eu/interop-vlab-network/interop_vlab_documentation/)  
Other presentations have been up to dated.

Services description at: [http://interop-vlab.eu/interop-vlab\\_services](http://interop-vlab.eu/interop-vlab_services)

- **Find new descriptions of projects** of Poles at:

[http://interop-vlab.eu/backoffice/workspaces/poles\\_projects/view](http://interop-vlab.eu/backoffice/workspaces/poles_projects/view)

If you want to publish the description of a project in which your organization or your pole are involved, use the template, available at: <http://interop-vlab.eu/workspaces/general/template-for-description-of-project/>

- **Mobility Space** where partners can find job ads and situation wanted, at

<http://interop-vlab.eu/backoffice/the-scientific-activities/mobility/>

You will also find a link to the EURAXESS Job portal, a joint initiative of the European Commission and the countries participating in the European Union's Framework Programme for Research.

If you want to publish in the mobility space, send the announcement by email to [info@interop-vlab.eu](mailto:info@interop-vlab.eu), by the end of the month.

- Participate to the open Forum on the **EI Science Base Definition**, initiated with the European

Commission, at: [http://interop-vlab.eu/the-scientific-activities/EI\\_science\\_base\\_definition/](http://interop-vlab.eu/the-scientific-activities/EI_science_base_definition/)

### **Statistics of the platform:**

The traffic on the I-VLab Platform is reported in a graph to see the evolution over 13 months, available on the platform: [http://interop-vlab.eu/backoffice/workspaces/groupspace\\_prp/traffic-on-the-i-vlab-platform/](http://interop-vlab.eu/backoffice/workspaces/groupspace_prp/traffic-on-the-i-vlab-platform/)

In July and August 2008, the platform has been deserted due to summer break: -8% of visits in July and -26% in August.

### **I-VLab Events**

- **ESIIG 2 (20-22 October 2008, Roma)**

I-VLab has been invited to participate to the conference ESIIG II. It will be presented in Plenary session. Michele Missikoff will deliver a talk entitled "A Brief Compendium on Interoperability in eGovernment".

I-VLab will organize a parallel session during the conference on Enterprise / Administration Interoperability and local development, on Tuesday 21 October (10:00 - 13:00). Pole Representatives will report on current activities (research, education, Innovation) inside the pole and will invite one representative of the local,

regional administration, or public bodies who have in charge Interoperability for their organizations, to report on the situation in Interoperability development in the domain of administration.

I-VLab will participate to a session on "Interoperability Laboratories" on Wednesday morning.

Poster with programme of the session is available on the [TI-VLab website](#)

The [registration](#) to the conference is mandatory and is free of charge.

- **eBIF 2008 Conference, 8-9 December 2008, Utrecht (NL)**

**The 4th e-Business Interoperability Forum Conference on "e-Business interoperability practice: examples, impacts and standardization challenges"**

M. Zelm (Cimoso, DFI Pole) will represent I-VLab, being invited to give a presentation titled "Interoperability standards and education - a critical issue for enterprises". Participation is free of charge.

Links: [Programme](#) and [Registration](#)

- **I-ESA China 09** (20-23 April 2009, Beijing): the Call for Papers is open.

Find the call for papers on the platform: <http://interop-vlab.eu/events/Events/i-esa-09-china/>

Full paper submission deadline: October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008

- **I-ESA 2010** will be organized by the INTEROP-VLab UK Pole, In Coventry, on 24 March 2010 (pre-conference) and on 25-26 March 2010 (conference).
- **I-ESA 2012** will be organised by the INTERVAL Pole, in Valencia, on 20-23 March 2012
- Find on the platform the [IVEC \(I-VLab event cycle\)](#)

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### **Information from the European Commission**

The EI Cluster will hold a meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup> in Lyon (FR) in conjunction with the ICT 2008 event (25-27 Nov. 2008).

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***Find other information on the INTEROP-VLab website [www.interop-vlab.eu](http://www.interop-vlab.eu)***