• Joint meeting with the MULECO – common needs and methodologies in the area of the semantic aspects of interoperability

• Achievements so far:
  o ECIMF Interoperability model:
    ▪ Bears similarities to many existing models
    ▪ Tries to separate the business and technical aspects
    ▪ Tries to address both static and dynamic aspects
    ▪ Identifies the economic aspects and semantic aspects, often overlooked (too much concentration on technology)
  o Business context concept
    ▪ Adopted by UN/CEFACT eBTWG BCP/MC team
    ▪ working closely with eBTWG (informal, but fruitful)

• Review of existing CWA drafts – significantly amended from previous versions
  o Current version 0.3, still 10 months to go – available on the project website
  o General Methodology – all identified areas of the 4-layer model have been described, and some possible approaches to addressing the issues in each are have been presented
  o Proof-of-Concept mapping between RosettaNet and EDIFACT case
    ▪ significant amount of work went into making it a realistic case
    ▪ review of practitioners appreciated

• Simplify the tools:
  o Conzilla (concept browser) – too abstract, and difficult to develop
  o more understandable for the business people
  o requiring less resources

• Select the General Methodology draft, if must be

• Action points:
  o Review of Business Context, and continuing alignment with eBWTG
  o Gentle introduction to the project
    ▪ currently too difficult
    ▪ needed as the awareness material – explain the benefits of our work in term understandable for business users
  o more focus on delivering guidelines, instead of basic research:
    ▪ the areas of semantic translation and process mediation are still uncharted – we try to identify various existing approaches, like e.g. intelligent agent technologies
    ▪ the area of economic models in e-commerce is being pursued by eBWTG
    ▪ less resources required to deliver guidelines than to do research
  o Search for tools that would be simpler to adapt to support the methodology
  o Gather reviews on the Interop. Model and Proof-of-Concept mapping.
  o More input needed from the:
    ▪ integration product vendors (Tibco, IONA, BizTalk, IBM, etc)
    ▪ practitioners and system integrators
    ▪ comments from other workshop members, also from the sectorial workshops!