- Joint meeting with the MULECO – common needs and methodologies in the area of the semantic aspects of interoperability
- Achievements so far:
  - 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)
  - 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
  - Current version 0.3, still 10 months to go – available on the project website
  - 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
  - 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:
  - Conzilla (concept browser) – too abstract, and difficult to develop
  - more understandable for the business people
  - requiring less resources
- Select the General Methodology draft, if must be
- Action points:
  - Review of Business Context, and continuing alignment with eBWTG
  - 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
  - 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 eBTWG
    - less resources required to deliver guidelines than to do research
  - Search for tools that would be simpler to adapt to support the methodology
  - Gather reviews on the Interop. Model and Proof-of-Concept mapping.
  - 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!