- ECIMF project is concluding:
  - as originally planned 18 months period runs out in December
  - started in May 2001.
- During the meeting in Paris (June) ECIMF has been merged with MULECO, so the draft deliverables of that project will be incorporated in ECIMF deliverables
- Project status:
  - Even though originally planned goals could not be quite fully reached:
    - Too few contributions from the workshop members
    - Economic problems affected the human resources from the main contributors
  - Several important concepts have been developed:
    - 4-layer model of interoperability
    - Use of REA for economic alignment of business parties – active direct discussion with key members of ebXML community
    - Use of ontologies for resolving semantic differences in data meaning
    - Examples of semantic translation, and an end-to-end example of solving interoperability scenario between business partners using RosettaNet and EDI.
    - Valuable input to BSR
- Originally planned 4 separate CWAs, now merged into one (big):
  - General rule: if a part was not completed, move into annex
  - Add sections on the open issues requiring further study:
    - Business process mediation
    - Semantic translation
  - Prototype open-source tool implementing semantic translation – alpha-version, as an annex
- Yesterday's meeting:
  - suggestions for final CWA editing
  - presentation of OntoWeb:
    - striking similarities with the approach to semantic interoperability
    - project members agreed that additional efforts should be spent to provide the results of the ECIMF as an input for OntoWeb work, especially because it reflects the practical needs of business communities in the area of e-commerce interoperability
- Final CWA deliverable will be presented in early December, for comments among the Workshop members, and approval
- CWA will be circulated to liaising organizations, for comments.
  - The 4-layer interoperability model, as I was told, some of the best known vendors of ERP systems refer to as "the most comprehensive, making the most sense".
- It will also be presented for public consultation, some time around February-March.
- A mirror of the dedicated website "ecimf.org", will be hosted under the main CEN/ISSS website, which is very much appreciated.