

Business Register Interoperability Throughout Europe: The BRITE Project

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Motivation: European Union as Dynamic Business Ecosystem

- Potentially conflicting goals:
 - Facilitate free movement of companies and services
 - Prevent financial crime, ensure transparency
- Political goals are given (11th directive)
- Initiatives are started to meet the objectives
 - Legal aspects
 - Organizational aspects
 - Technical support
 - ...



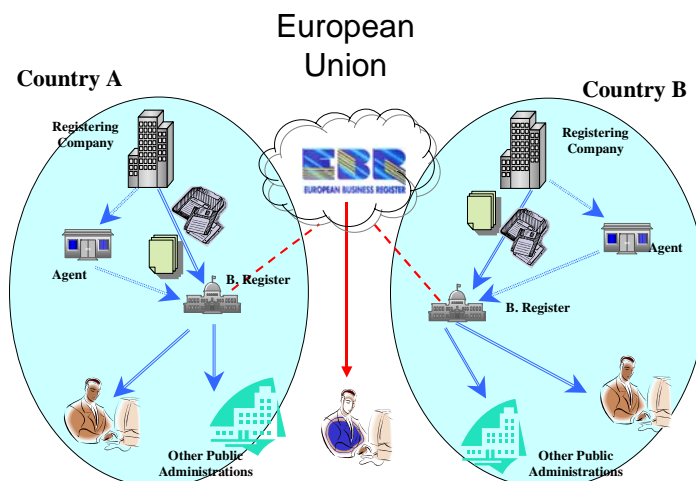
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The BRITE Domain: Business Registers

- EU: Companies have to register in the country where they are seated
- Company registration information held by *Business Registers* is available to the public
- Details of Business Registers are subject to *national regulations*
 - Structure, organizational embedding
 - Territorial competencies (national, local)
 - Record information
 - ...
- But: Adoption of EU regulations is also required

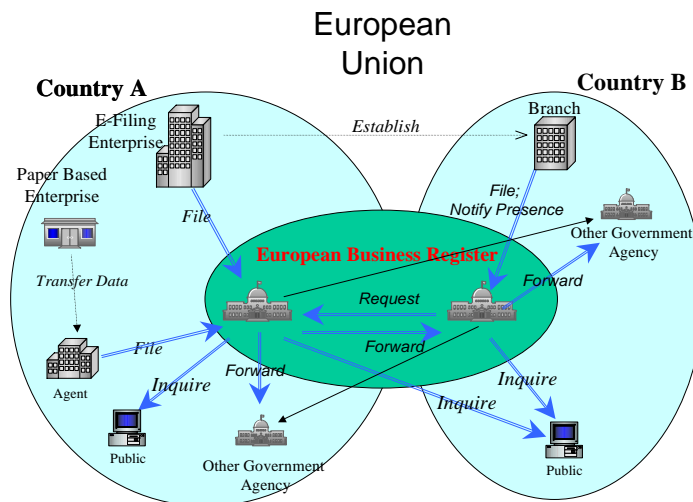
Current scenario: European Business Register is established to allow for multi-lingual public access to company data



Abstract Description of BRITE Scenario

- Geographically distributed (within and between countries & EU)
- Multiple stakeholders and actors (potentially increasing number)
- With different knowledge, goals, rights, and obligations
- Processes with knowledge-intensive tasks
- Complex communication, communication structure not known in advance

After BRITE...



BRITE's scientific and technical objectives are...

to develop, implement and demonstrate

- an interoperability model,
- an information & communication technology service platform, and
- a management instrument

for Business Registers to interact across the EU.



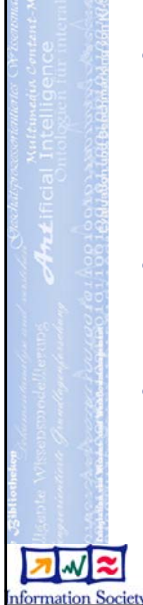
BRITE Objectives Relate to Three Levels

- **Data & Information:** Enable semantic and technical interoperability;
- **Process:** Enable organizational and service interoperability;
- **Maintenance:** Enable effective deployment & sustainability.



Consortium Reflects the Demands of the Project

- Business Registers (national and EU)
 - Application partners
 - Organizational structures
 - As domain experts
- Technology Providers
 - From document to database technology
- Research Institutions
 - From eGovernment to AI & Knowledge Management



Why is BRITE on an AI Symposium?

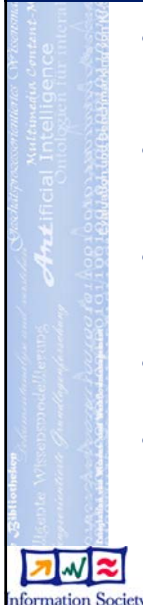
Inspired by previous projects on Distributed Enterprise Knowledge Management

- **Business Process Orientation**
 - Process-oriented information organization
 - Process-driven information support
- **Semantic Web Technology**
 - Ontology-based Modeling of
 - Information and
 - Processes
 - Rule-based Information Integration



BRITE Architecture

- **Ontology Tools:**
 - creating and maintaining the BRITE ontologies
 - ontology mapping
- **Knowledge repository:**
 - capabilities for storing, maintaining and inferencing on various forms of data and metadata
- **Interoperability Layer:**
 - basic technical level for data, process and service integration across national and technological borders
- **High-level Workflow:**
 - run-time support for service orchestration
- **Dashboard:**
 - for high-level monitoring of patterns of service and platform usage



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The Metadata Repository is Central to BRITE's Semantic Approach

- **Domain ontology**
 - the 'World' of a business registrar
 - relationships between the objects that exist in this world
 - 'Implementation' of the elements / objects pertaining to the EU directives
- **Process ontology**
 - the business processes involved
 - relationships to supporting documents etc.
- **Monitoring ontology**
 - Usage patterns



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Some (expected) Key Challenges

- Ontology Lifecycle Management
 - Technical
 - Social
- Different "levels of readiness" of various BRs (e.g., in terms of IT penetration, legacy systems, ...)

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Thank you for listening

The BRITE Project Structure

