Semantic interoperability remains, since many years, a key obstacle to the seamless flow and exchange of data, information and services amongst the European Member States and beyond. Progress is remarkable at the technical interoperability level, with already mature and turn-key solutions to overcoming existing inconsistencies. However, semantic interoperability is still lagging behind with issues not only related to the development of appropriate tools and applications, but also to the natural difficulties in the social process required to reach agreements on common representations and definitions. For the European Public Administrations in 27 countries, in particular, collaboration seems to be the key element for moving forward in this area. That is why this year’s SEMIC Conference will focus on the collaborative aspects of semantic interoperability.

The participants in this conference will gain a broader understanding on the current state-of-affairs of semantic interoperability in Europe, and understand the updated SEMIC strategy; a strategy based on collaboration with the Member States and the broader community with a clear target to support Public Administrations in their interoperability efforts.

**Key Note Speakers**

Dr. Brand Niemann, <<affiliation to be added>>, will share his experience and lessons-learnt from leading the Semantic Interoperability Community of Practice in the USA for the last seven years.

Prof. Stefan Decker, <<affiliation to be added>>, will share his views on opportunities and challenges for using semantic technologies in the public sector.

**Who should register?**

The SEMIC Conference is open to everyone interested in topics such as:

- semantic interoperability
- e-Government
- co-creation, collaboration and Web 2.0
- open and linked data

The content of this conference will be most valuable to:

- Public Servants and professionals involved in national interoperability efforts at policy creation or implementation level
- representatives of large-scale pan-European projects
- representatives of standardisation bodies
- researchers
- system integrators, software vendors and consultants

The agenda of this one-day conference will soon be published on this page.