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Eurostep selected as new partner in building industry project

On January 26th, Eurostep was selected as a new member of the InPro project: the Open Information Environment for Knowledge-based Collaborative Processes throughout the Lifecycle of a Building. Eurostep will deliver the infrastructure for the InPro Open Information Environment (OIE) server platform, an advanced system that supports and integrates different aspects of the early design phases of a building.

The main objective of InPro is to develop and establish a model-based, collaborative way of working. By systematically studying alternative solutions in early design phases, errors can be avoided, lifecycle costs cut, and the building process significantly facilitated.

“We are excited to be part of InPro”, declared Dr Väino Tarandi, senior consultant at Eurostep and a recognized leader in the IFC development community. “Eurostep has invested a lot in developing IFC and other standards such as STEP and PLCS. InPro has the potential to spread the uptake of new ways of collaborating, triggered by the new possibilities for efficient information sharing”.

“Seeing the power of product data sharing being implemented in ever more industries and application areas is rewarding. During the last few months we have enjoyed a great deal of success in the building and construction industry. We are now further increasing our development efforts to extend software support to this globally important industry”, said Mr Kârdén, CEO Eurostep Group.

Eurostep enters the project as a new partner involved in the technological development of the InPro Open Information Environment (OIE). Eurostep’s main focus is to develop a server platform, and to research the IFC interfacing of the server with a view to implementing the exchange requirements of client applications. A substantial research effort is planned for generating the server infrastructure and for extending IFC implementations, and executing advanced object versioning. Eurostep’s main task is to generate the model and document server for the InPro demonstrations.

With 19 partners from eight European countries and a budget of 13 million Euro over four years, InPro is one of Europe's largest collaborative projects in construction-related research and development. The project is led by five large European construction contractors in close cooperation with other stakeholders in the construction and IT industries, plus renowned research organizations and specialized consultants. InPro is co-funded by the European Commission's 6th Framework Programme for Research and Development.

For more information about the InPro project, please visit: <http://www.inpro-project.eu>

About Eurostep:

Eurostep delivers software and consulting services for product lifecycle management with a particular focus on the exchange and sharing of data within and between enterprises. Services range from pre-studies to the implementation of systems. Eurostep's flagship product, Share-A-space® (www.share-a-space.com), is software that supports collaborative engineering across the life cycle of products. Eurostep has subsidiaries in Sweden, the UK, Finland, France and the US and has blue-chip customers in a variety of industries including automotive, aerospace, defence, telecom, building & construction, and process industries.

Eurostep Group has been an international venture from its inception in 1994, and all subsidiaries have access to the leading edge PLM knowledge base in Eurostep Group.

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