



# Progress of the GRIFS Forum

- Forum Objectives and Issues
- Draft Forum Organisation
  - MoU
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- GRIFS Workshops and feedback
- Priority topics
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# Forum Objectives

- Create synergy, catalyse co-operation and avoid duplication of developments
- Minimise business expense
- Maximise use of standards development resource
- Self sustaining organisation



# Forum Organisation

- Informal “gentleman’s agreement”
- Formal contractual relationship
- MoU or Letter of Intent (LoI)
  - OASIS and W3C re WebCGM 2.0
  - XBRL Int and RIXML
  - FASB and IASB re IFRSs and USGAAP
  - Icann Protocol Supporting Organisation



# Suggested MoU Principles

- Based on the Electronic Business MoU between IEC, ISO, ITU and UN/ECE
  - Focus on facilitation of effective standardisation
  - Recommend action to participant organisations
  - No change to existing standards development process
  - Decisions by consensus
  - Agree to share plans and activities
  - Involvement of user groups
  - Agree to maintain standards database



# Suggested Participant Responsibilities

- a) Coordination of the standardization work programme within the scope of the MoU,
- b) Monitoring the implementation of recommendations by Participants
- c) Monitoring the results of harmonization efforts undertaken by other groups within the scope of the MoU
- d) Approving the procedures for any joint projects established under the MoU,
- e) Proposing to the Participants changes as necessary to the MoU to reflect emerging requirements
- f) All expert groups of each Participant shall allow authorised, competent experts of the other Participants to participate in their work
- g) Commit to update the GRIFS Database with the latest information on their respective standards



# Suggested Deliverables

- Publish minutes of meetings
- Publish an annual report
- Run an annual open meeting
- Updating the RFID standards database



# Forum Issues

- Participant Policy Options
  - Open to all
  - Invitation only
  - Specific criteria
- Funding
  - Each participant bears own costs
  - Secretariat



# MoU Feedback

- Presentations
  - Workshops in Halifax, Tokyo and Hong Kong
  - Open teleconference
- Feedback
  - Co-ordination is needed
  - MoU is the right level
  - User participation is required
  - Willingness to participate



# Suggested Co-ordination Topics

- Topics
  - Mobile commerce
    - NFC, HF, UHF
  - Regional/national frequency regulations
  - Object Identification
    - EPC, UID etc
  - Discovery services



# Next Steps

- MoU
  - Discussion draft by end of March
  - Wider consultation during April
  - Signing May/June
- Forum Meetings
  - May, July, Sept, Nov
  - Associated open meetings



# We need your input

- Which RFID standards areas are most in need of co-ordination?
- Which standards organisations need to be involved?
- How should user/industry organisations be involved?
- Is the GRIFS Forum, as described in the MoU, the right approach?
- Would your organisation wish to be involved in the Forum?



# Be involved

- Keep Informed
  - GRIFS website – [www.grifs-project.eu](http://www.grifs-project.eu)
- Participate
  - Email – [info@grifs-project.eu](mailto:info@grifs-project.eu)