The adoption of shared or interoperable standards for legal information represents an important precondition for enabling access, communication, processing, and integration of legal sources through IT technologies, in an open and cooperative framework. The annual workshop on Legislative XML is the most significant European event in the domain of standards for legal information.

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The workshop has been characterised by a large and diverse participation: more than 100 people from more 20 countries (and 4 continents, Europe, North America, South America, and Africa) were present, coming form public administrations (national and regional parliaments and governmental bodies), academic institutions and IT companies.

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