

DLM Forum Award Fabasoft First MoReq2 Certificate and Announces Roadmap for MoReq2 Maintenance and Development

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Toivo Jullinen, Chairman of the EU-sponsored DLM Forum, a European community of Information and Records Management experts from both the public and private sector, presents Mr Karl Mayrhofer of Fabasoft AG of Linz, Austria, with the Certificate of Compliance to mark the successful testing to MoReq2, the European specification which has been developed by the DLM Forum.

Toivo Jullinen, Head of Strategic Planning, National Archives of Estonia, and Chairman of the DLM Forum, commented: "On behalf of the Executive Committee of the DLM Forum, we are delighted that all the hard work carried out over the past three years to develop the MoReq2 specification has resulted in the first certified product. I would like to congratulate Fabasoft for taking the initiative and offer our thanks to imbus for completing the testing of the first MoReq2 certified product."

"The DLM Forum today also announces the development of the MoReq2 Roadmap to maintain and develop MoReq2, and to extend its technical and operational capabilities. We invite other government and commercial organisations, regulators and vendors to adopt the MoReq2 specification, and join the DLM Forum community to be informed of the latest developments and best practice records and information management across Europe; and the related certified suppliers."

Karl Mayrhofer, CEO of Fabasoft Distribution said: "We at Fabasoft AG are proud to be the first company to receive compliance with MoReq2 specifications, which demonstrates our commitment to providing the latest electronic records management products in Europe. We are exhibiting at the DMS Expo event and invite records managers to view and evaluate the new products."

The testing for compliance was carried out by the first DLM Forum-approved testing authority, imbus AG of Möhrendorf, Germany, from whom Thomas Rumi, (Managing Consultant, Testing Service, Lead of the imbus TestCenter) commented: "Imbus is pleased to have completed the first successful testing to the MoReq2 specification and look forward to working with other major vendors that seek to gain compliance with this exciting new specification for electronic records management across Europe."

The representative and observer for the European Commission on the DLM Forum Executive Committee, Jef Schram, added these words: "On behalf of the EU, which provided initial financing for the development of the MoReq2 specification, we are delighted that the first certified product has been tested and certified. The European Commission continues to support MoReq and looks forward to further involvement with the DLM Forum in this crucial part of the EU's plans to advance best practice in electronic information management in the future".

Representatives of the Europe-wide National Archives across the EU have welcomed this development.

Dr. Michael Hollmann of the Bundesarchiv, added: "The German Bundesarchiv as member of the DLM Forum supports the MoReq2 initiative and congratulates Fabasoft to obtaining the first MoReq2 certification."

Richard Blake, Senior Manager Public Sector Team, National Archives of the UK commented: "We welcome these announcements which will encourage a wider adoption of electronic records management through the MoReq2 programme."

More information on Fabasoft

Fabasoft is a leading manufacturer of standard software for electronic government and content governance. Fabasoft's products serve for quick and effective implementation of digital business processes. The specific customer advantages lies in the acceleration and automatisisation of processes, in the enhancement of quality with more comprehensive and more decision processes based on key figures, as well as in the security with compliance conforming documented processes. Via its local subsidiaries in Germany, Austria and Switzerland Fabasoft primarily serves large key accounts in the direct sales and project business, mainly in the public sector.

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Information on imbus

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Backgrounder and Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the DLM FORUM?

Created by an initiative of the European Commission, the DLM Forum is a community of Public Archives and interested parties in archive, records and document and information lifecycle management throughout the European Union. See <http://www.dlmforum.eu/>

The DLM Forum's history dates back to 1991 and its early meetings were hosted by the European Commission in Brussels. The DLM Forum has held major international conferences since 1996, as well as members' meetings twice a year, in the European country that holds the EU presidency. The next meeting will be held in Sweden on 4th and 5th November 2009 and will be hosted by the Regional State Archives in Härnösand.

MoReq2 was first published in 2008. It includes a comprehensive Testing Framework, designed to allow the testing of software for compliance with MoReq2. In addition to MoReq2, the DLM Forum is interested in a number of other activities, which are coordinated by its new secretariat in Chorleywood, UK. If you would like to contact the DLM Forum for any reason, or take part in one of the DLM Forum activities, or if you have any feedback or suggestions then we are keen to hear from you.

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What is MoReq2?

As users, vendors, regulators, IT managers and records managers across Europe seek to meet emerging requirements for information compliance in government financial, environmental, manufacturing and commercial organisations, MoReq2 provides a specification to help them acquire the most complete and tested electronic records management systems (ERMS), quickly and safely.

The MoReq specifications supersede previous fragmented approaches across different countries in Europe, and describe model requirements for the management of electronic records and focuses mainly on functional requirements for ERMS. MoReq2 contains a model of how filing plans, files and records relate to each other within the context of a classification scheme, and, very importantly, it can be applicable to both electronic (digital), and physical (paper) files.

MoReq2 was designed to be a very practical specification. It does not specify a particular ERMS, instead it outlines the essential elements an ERMS should have to ensure that records are properly managed, can be accessed at all times, are retained for as long as they are needed and are properly disposed of once the obligatory retention and disposition period has expired.

Any organisation which implements an ERMS based on the requirements of MoReq2 can be assured that its records will be properly managed.

MoReq2 defines the core functionality required of an ERMS whether they are deployed in public bodies and private organisations. MoReq2 is a generic, modular specification which means that each organisation that uses it can incorporate into its records management policies those parts of the specification that are relevant and applicable to the type of organisation; and help the organisation to comply to regulatory requirements within its business sector.

What is the MoReq2 Roadmap?

The MoReq2 Roadmap is a programme of maintenance and upgrades that will be carried out by the DLM Forum over the next nine months, to maintain, update and manage the MoReq2 specification. The Roadmap reflects the feedback from National Archives, other users, vendors, testing body and developers, and will be managed by the MoReq2 Governance Board, part of the DLM Forum. Further details can be found on the website <http://www.dlmforum.eu> or by contacting the MoReq2 Governance Board member responsible, Jon Garde at jon.garde@objective.com.

How can I find out more about Marketing /Dissemination of MoReq2?

The MoReq2 Governance Board, part of the DLM Forum, is charged with ensuring the marketing and dissemination of MoReq2. If you need further information on its policies, see <http://www.dlmforum.eu> or contact Rory Staunton on +44 845 094 1570 or email Rory.Staunton@Strategy-Partners.Com