

## **Report on EURO-VO Project (May – July 2005)**

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The EURO-VO Data Centre Alliance (DCA) proposal, lead by Françoise Genova from CDS, submitted to the EC FP6 for funding in March 2005 was not successful. The DCA board has started working on another proposal, which will be submitted in September.

The EURO-VO project held the “Virtual Observatory Standards and Systems for Data Centres and Large Projects” workshop at ESO in Garching from June 27 to July 1. The workshop was explicitly designed for data centres and large projects to acquire the knowledge and experience necessary to allow them to become publishers in the VO. In tutorials and lectures, participants were instructed in the use of VO analysis tools, libraries, and the existing web service infrastructure to build VO compliant services. More than 120 participants, coming from 47 different institutions and 16 countries, attended the workshop, with representatives from 11 out of 15 IVOA members. Judging from the participants' feedback, which was collected through a questionnaire, the workshop was considered "useful" or "extremely useful" by 95% of the respondents. The workshop agenda, contributions, and software are available on <http://www.euro-vo.org/workshop2005>.

The EURO-VO project was present at the last Joint European and National Astronomy Meeting (JENAM), held in Liege July 4 – 7, with a booth and a talk in the “European Cooperation and Projects in Astronomy” session.