



MANAGING RISK

# SEMICOLON

## Semantic and Organisational Interoperability in Communicating and Collaborating Organisations

### Main goal:

Develop and test ICT-based methods, tools and metrics to obtain faster and cheaper semantic and organisational interoperability both within and with public sector.

### Participants:

3 large public organisations

Directorate of Taxes  
Brønnøysund Register Centre  
Directorate for Health and Social Affairs

Private and public companies

DNV – Det Norske Veritas  
Karde  
eKor  
Norwegian Centre for Informatics in Health and Social Care

Universities

University of Oslo  
Norwegian School of Management

### Facts:

Duration: 3 years (2007 – 2010)

Total budget: 6,5 M€  
Norwegian Research Council: 2,3 M € (35%)

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The SEMICOLON-consortium is multidisciplinary with its expertise in both semantics, object orientation and organisational development. It aims at identification of obstacles in real collaboration cases, and at the development of new methodologies, tools and metrics. The development work shall be based on prototypes, and the results shall be verified in real collaboration cases. SEMICOLON allows differences in collaborating organisations, such as different values, different goals, and different aspects of the same concept. Participating public organisations are large and driving forces for a more effective and efficient public sector. Dissemination of findings and results to national and international recipients shall take place through journals, conferences and web-publishing ([www.semicolon.no](http://www.semicolon.no)).

### DNV FACTS

Det Norske Veritas (DNV) is an independent foundation established 1867. DNV was established to preserve life, Property and the environment. The company has its main office in Høvik, Norway. DNV has more than 6000 employees in 100 countries.

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