



## Project “Thesaurus di Sistema/C” Bibliothesaurus

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#### **Bibliothesaurus: The “Biblioteche per la PA” Network and Web Services**

The activity guide-line **Bibliothesaurus** is an integral part of the project “Thesaurus di Sistema”, a project which the Department for Public Administration has assigned to Formez for implementation under the 2007 activity plan.

This is included in the National Operational Programme (NOP IT 053 PO 007) System Actions Objective 3 Measure D.2 (system actions to facilitate the adjustment of Public Administration competencies).

#### **Beneficiaries**

Bibliothesaurus has been realized with the participation of those libraries which are qualified on relevant themes for the Public Administration and which are similar in type and homogeneous in terms of functions. The activities were started in collaboration with those documentation libraries-centres which initially, were the beneficiaries of the SBPA project (Public Administration Library System). Further documentation centres/administration libraries specialized in the sector, were involved and further enhanced the network and the services provided. In May 2008, the following documentation libraries/centres became part of the network: the Libraries of the Regional Councils of Emilia Romagna, Umbria, Marche, Tuscany, Lombardia; Province of Perugia, Agenzia Umbria Ricerche (AUR), INPS (National Institute for Social Security), IreR (Research Institute of the Lombardia Region), IRES (Economic and Social Research Institute of the Piemonte Region), IRPET (Economic Planning Institute of the Tuscany Region), Formez, Department for Public Administration, SSPA – High School of the Public Administration, AGCM (Warrant Authority for Competition and Market).

#### **Duration**

The overall duration of the project is 15 months. The conclusion is foreseen in June 2008.

#### **General objectives**

“Thesaurus di Sistema” intends to realize a detailed and complex action aimed at enhancing and diffusing the most significant experiences which have been realized by the PA with particular reference to the Objective 3 for the planning period 2000-2006 on the qualification of the educational, training and work systems.

#### **Objectives of the Activity Guide-line Bibliothesaurus**

To involve qualified documentation libraries and centres which are similar in type and homogeneous in terms of the themes dealt with, in order to facilitate access to information and documentation by civil servants and citizens.

#### **Products and expected results**

With regard to the expected results, “Thesaurus di Sistema” implies the elaboration of tools useful for the sharing of information, experiences, results, best practices and the development of complementary strategies and coordinated actions among a number of administrations. In particular, the activity guide-line Bibliothesaurus has broadened the network of contacts and collaborations through the involvement of new information services, so as to further enhance the network and the services already provided by the project of SBPA - Public Administration Library System. Moreover, the attempt has been that to increasingly disseminate the concept of network for providing the PA and the citizen with information, documentation and library services.

The development of online services and virtual communities were previously realized through the SBPA - Public Administration Library System and which could be accessed through Focus WEB within Formez





website *Biblioteche per la PA*, as a continuation and in view of treasuring/diffusing and providing the PA and in particular, the project beneficiaries with validated approaches and tools. This implied:

- ◆ Updating of the [web focus of the “Biblioteche per la PA”](#), a portal of access to services and professional communities. The focus offers a portal which is shared by the libraries involved, thus becoming an integration hub between information activities and communities, and intends to constantly represent a point of reference both for library operators and final users through the **data bank of the “Biblioteche per la PA”** and the service for signalling **news, events and documentation**
- ◆ Spreading and development of a qualified [Metaopac](#) of the “Biblioteche per la PA” **and the related services** (inter-library borrowing and delivery of documents). The meta-catalogue allows for simultaneous online consultation of library catalogues, thus enhancing the information heritage and realizing one access point to the bibliographic/document heritage. Moreover, it will permit to optimize bibliographic research activities (one research on numerous catalogues), to provide one cooperation tool for managing data collection and to encourage the rationalization of resources. Through one research, consultation is possible on the catalogues of Agenzia Umbria Ricerche, the Legislative Meeting of Emilia-Romagna, the Chamber of Deputies, the Regional Council of Lombardia, the Regional Council of Marche, the Regional Council of Tuscany, the Regional Council of Umbria, Formez, I.R.E.S (Economic and Social Research Institute of the Piemonte Region), IRPET (Economic Planning Institute of the Tuscany Region), SSPA – High School of the Public Administration, the Senate of the Italian Republic
- ◆ Development of the [virtual Library for the PA](#), a catalogue of electronic resources available online and planned in order to allow for rapid access to those documents which have been realized by public administrations and which are not very visible because of the dispersion of papers and the difficulties deriving from the many information producers and managers within one administration as well as to the “volatility” of web addresses. The service is particularly innovative in as much as it is realized with the open source Scout Portal Toolkit software and the utilization of international standards (Dublin Core metadata). These are instrumental to an overview which allows for improved retrieval of online resources. Furthermore, inter-operability effectively implements the sharing of experiences
- ◆ Development of the [“Biblioteche per la PA” community](#) as the professional meeting and learning hub of PA librarians. With regard to the community platform which has been realized with the open source Moodle sw, online updating and community activities are integrated for the adjustment and qualification of information experts, librarians and documentalists for the PA. Classroom workshops for information and in-depth analysis have seconded the activities of sharing and the transfer of information/experiences which are typical to virtual communities. In particular, 3 key topics have been faced:
  - Institutional/qualified open archives and repositories
  - Cataloguing of digital/web resources
  - Semantic web and web 2.0

Within the community, teaching documentation and materials are also available (Learning Objects and lecture notes) which were realized under the SBPA project.

(Between April-June 2008) **actions of awareness-raising and information about the results** deriving from classroom and web activities aimed at libraries and the Public Administration in general, have been carried out.

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