











ELI workshop – speaker biographies

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	<p>Marc Küster joined the Publications Office (OP) in 2008 for the development of its common content and metadata repository CELLAR, since 2011 as head of OP's "Storage and Electronic Archive" section. He has been involved in the European Legislation Identifier (ELI) project from its start and serves now as OP's technical contact point for ELI. Marc holds a degree in physics, a master in philology and history and a PhD in modern philology. After working for the Tübingen University's Computing Centre on humanities computing and then the XML service provider Saphor GmbH, he became professor for Web Services and XML Technologies at the University of Applied Sciences Worms.</p>
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	<p>Jean Delahousse is an ontologist and information systems architect with extensive experience in Semantic Web, Knowledge Engineering, Text Mining, Linked Open Data, with both industrial and research activities in those domains. He co-founded the French Open Law association to promote legal technologies and open data reuse. Jean has collaborated to several of the Publications Office projects and does ELI trainings for European Official Journals.</p>
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