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9a.

My experience with web information from the Commission is that the development as to relevant information on the various websites has been and is positive. Although it can vary from DG to DG my general impression is that most of the websites can provide you with relevant background information plus concrete measures and projects etc. When I refer SMEs to various websites in connection with specific inquiries the response is normally positive: they get the information they want. However, I'm sure that the launch of the Dialogue with Business site will spread EU information to a larger extent than before. Not only can an SME find the answer to a specific question but also quickly get a general picture of other areas of interest and relevance. I find this aspect very important as to spreading EU information.

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More exchange of information among European institutions in the public sector is very important as to learning from each others experiences and thus creating a best practise on European level. This could be backed up by pilot projects promoting/displaying various models of cooperation between the private and the public sector.

3a.

European meta-data could play an important role. Not only to help individuals and SMEs in finding their way in the public sector information throughout Europe but also more easily enable public institutions to get information about their equivalents in other European countries thus learning from each other.

3b.

The launching of a web structure (maybe a bit similar to the Dialogue with Business site) with links to the various public institutions' web sites. The structure must have a reasonable division of the public sector, eg. country-counties-municipalities. In this connection relevant national/regional collectors of information for the web site must be found.