Preface

Innovation is one of the major drivers to enable European enterprises to compete in global markets, especially in a tough economic juncture. Yet innovation is an elusive term that is often used in an indefinite way. If we consider widely accepted definitions, we can see that they capture only part of the essence of innovation. An innovation process is different from a “usual” business process we find in an enterprise that is (supposedly) well defined in its activities, committed resources, etc. Innovation is a creative activity confronted with “wicked problems”, i.e., problems difficult to solve because of incomplete, contradictory, and changing requirements.

The New Generation Enterprise and Business Innovation Systems (NGEBIS) workshop intends to address the area of Information Systems dedicated to business innovation that has been traditionally considered too fuzzy and ill-defined to be systematically tackled by using existing information systems and information engineering methods. We expect that the ideas discussed in the workshop will contribute to the development of methods to be used in the implementation of a new generation of information systems dedicated to business innovation, with particular attention to networked enterprises.

The 2013 edition of the NGEBIS workshop has been held on June 18 2013 in Valencia, co-located with the 25th International Conference on Advanced Information Systems Engineering (CAiSE). The NGEBIS’13 was articulated into: (1) presentation sessions devoted to full research papers; (2) a discussion-oriented session, with presentations of new tools and systems, posters, and emerging ideas; (3) WOW - Window on Online Workshop Forum, for online discussion on a selected Social Network (LinkedIn), that started 2 months before the workshop to identify the 3 hottest issue to be selected for the Knowledge Café held on site; (4) Knowledge Café, animated by a panel that discussed the 3 most relevant topics emerged during a the WOW Forum. In particular, this volume collects the Short Papers presented at the workshop during the discussion-oriented session.

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