

## **BPMN standard for process mapping mandatory by law in 2016**

**The European committee for process management has issued new legislation for process mapping. One of the most important new laws is that, starting in 2016, European based companies must use the BPMN standard (Business Process Model And Notation) to map their processes.**

Many European companies are mapping their processes and will somehow be affected by this new legislation. At this moment 734 different methods and techniques are used for process mapping in Europe.

"And that is exactly the main reason to introduce this legislation" says John Griffin, President of the European committee for process management.

"Many companies do what they think is best when mapping processes. That is not manageable anymore. By this rule, we hope to reduce management costs drastically. Obviously that is not the main goal. We want one process language to be spoken in Europe"

As some European legislation is, this law is not optional. Organizations that will not comply to the BPMN modeling method, risk high fines. For now these fines are set at 0.38 € per non-BPMN object. "That doesn't seem much, but with an average of 1500 process models in an organization, this could lead to significant high fines" says Griffin.

Because it is only 9 months till this BPMN rule becomes effective, Griffin expects a huge rise in requests for BPMN modelling software and consultancy.