

European Commerce Register's forum

**Business identification :
the multiplicity of numbers**

COFACE

- A World leading credit insurance company
- 12.2 billion euros
- An International Network : in 91 countries
- Present directly : in 57 countries
- Services delivered to 85,000 enterprises
- 44 million enterprises monitored

FOUR MAIN PRODUCT LINES

- Credit insurance
- Business information
- Receivables management
- Factoring and securitisation

**The identification of an enterprise is a key factor
in many different business areas, especially in a
context of global exchanges.**

THE MAIN OBSTACLES

- Not all companies are registered
- The identifying numbers are neither stable nor «!unique!»
- It is difficult to find an «!officially designated!» registration number in some Member States

THE INITIATIVE

- ECRF
- EDIRA (Identified Code Designator)
- CEN (Cyberidentity)
- But not satisfactory

There is not an «!official and unique!» number and it does not cover all types of enterprise.

A POSSIBLE SOLUTION ?

**A large access to the intra-community V.A.T.
number ?**