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### ASPIRE selects OW2 for its RFID Middleware development

**Athens, Greece, June 25th, 2008** – The development of the ASPIRE RFID Middleware will be hosted by the OW2 Consortium, as the ASPIRE RFID project has been approved by the OW2 Technology Council in April 2008. OW2 will provide the development infrastructure to ASPIRE, including the Open Source Forge, the Wiki, and all the tools and processes required to support the ASPIRE Middleware development. The project portal can be accessed at URL: <http://forge.objectweb.org/projects/aspire>. The ASPIRE RFID Middleware will be developed under the LGPL v2.1 license (<http://www.gnu.org/licenses/lgpl-2.1.html>).

#### Benefits for OW2

The benefits for OW2 of hosting the ASPIRE RFID Middleware project are:

- To enrich the OW2 code base in an area that is strategic for the economy (traceability, protection against counterfeiting, etc.), and that currently sees an important growth;
- To attract new members to the OW2 community who will contribute to the code base or download and use the software;
- To develop the link between OW2, the EU research community, and the ASPIRE project partners.

#### Benefits for ASPIRE

The benefits for ASPIRE to select OW2 as the host of the Middleware development are:

- To benefit from a proven collaborative environment infrastructure;
- To attract potential contributors to the ASPIRE Middleware from the OW2 community;
- To access to new dissemination channels for the ASPIRE Middleware, through the OW2 members.

#### About ASPIRE

ASPIRE ([www.fp7-ASPIRE.eu](http://www.fp7-ASPIRE.eu)) is a 3-year, 6M€ research project funded by the EU, which gathers 10 partners (universities, research institutes, businesses, and Professional organizations). ASPIRE aims at providing a radical change in the current RFID deployment paradigm through innovative, programmable, royalty-free, lightweight and privacy friendly middleware. This new middleware paradigm will be particularly beneficial to European SME, which are nowadays experiencing significant cost-barriers to RFID deployment.

#### About OW2

Founded in January 2007 OW2 is an independent industry community dedicated to developing open source code middleware and to fostering a vibrant community and business ecosystem. The OW2 Consortium hosts some one hundred technology Projects, including Acceleo, ASM, Bonita, eXo Platform, Funambol, JOnAS, Lomboz, Orbeon Forms, SpagoBI and Xwiki. Visit [www.ow2.org](http://www.ow2.org)

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