RELEASE NOTES ESCom standard phrase catalogue, version 4.0

The ESCom Standard project has released the ESCom standard phrase catalogue, version 4.0. These notes describe the main changes that were implemented in the update from the predecessor version 3.1. The ESCom XML scheme has not been modified.

The full ESCom package (ESCom XML version 2.0 and ESCom standard phrase catalogue version 4.0 plus supporting documentation) is available for download from the [Cefic website](). Note that the catalogue can also be downloaded as a Chesar import file, allowing the use of the ESCom standard phrases in Chesar. The ESCom standard phrase catalogue is also available on the [eSDScom website]().

Under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding set forth between the participants in the ESCom project, any user wishing to download the ESCom XML standard will be asked to execute a free of charge User-Licence prior to getting access to the XML Format materials. (NB: The catalogue per se is free of any such licence).

Notes:
• Overall, 16 phrase proposals have been received. Most of the proposals (12 phrases) have been submitted by Concawe. All are section 2 phrases, related to the Concawe Use Map. 10 Phrases have been accepted, the decision on 2 phrases is still pending (requires agreement within the Use Map Developers Group). 4 Phrases have been rejected.

• In addition 2 phrases have been added related to punctuation.

• For one phrase the metadata have been updated. For this phrase the status has been changed from A (Active) to C (Changed).

• The standard phrase catalogue has been reviewed for spelling consistency. This has resulted in 35 edits to existing standard phrases.

• All new phrases were submitted via the [on-line proposal tool](). The proposals were reviewed and accepted following the procedures of the ESCom phrase working group.

• The so-called XPATH mapping for version 4.0 of the ESCom standard phrase catalogue is available for download from the [Cefic website](). The XPATH mapping supports IT providers in the import of the ESCom standard phrases in their systems.

Overall, the changes from version 3.1 to 4.0 consists of 12 new phrases and edits to 35 existing phrases. As a result, version 4.0 of the ESCom standard phrase catalogue contains 2515 phrases, 1702 of which are active phrases, and 813 are inactive.

The next release of the catalogue is planned for May 2019.

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