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The **"Euro-VO Workshop on how to publish data in the VO"** was held at ESAC in Villafranca del Castillo, near Madrid, on 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June, 2007. The workshop initial date was August 2007.

The workshop has been publicized through the Euro-VO mailing list (<http://help.euro-vo.org/esupport/index.php? m=news& a=view>), at the Spectroscopic workshop in March, at the IVOA interoperability meeting in May 2007 and towards the DCA partners' communities directly. The official announcement was sent on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

WP3 also created a website (<http://esavo.esac.esa.int/EuroVOWorkshopJune2007/index.html>), where participants could find the necessary information.

The workshop was geared towards data centres and large projects to acquire the knowledge and experience necessary to allow them to become "publishers" in the VO. Smaller data centres and astronomers who wanted to publish their data holdings into the VO could also attend the workshop. In hands-on sessions, participants were introduced to VO protocols and tools in the view of publishing their data holdings through the VO. That covered publishing of spectra, images and catalogues as well as a special session on VOEvent. Implementation feedback was also collected on the VO protocols and tools.

Participants were encouraged to bring some samples of their data to the workshop, so they were able to work on real examples and ensure they can build the corresponding VO services when they came back to their data centres.

An overview of the workshop program is available at:  
<http://esavo.esac.esa.int/EuroVOWorkshopJune2007/program.html>

This workshop was very well attended by more than 70 participants from all the EuroVO-DCA project partners and from several other European countries (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Portugal, plus Ukraine), and the feedback is extremely positive. Excluding the advisors leading the hands-on session and the directly involved DCA partners, the distribution of participants per country was as follows:

