



InfoCamere

Adobe® Intelligent Document Platform transforms Italian businesses' financial statements into intelligent, electronic documents

Overview

InfoCamere, the Italian Company Consortium of the Chambers of Commerce (Società Consortile di Informatica delle Camere di Commercio italiane), provides connectivity to the 103 Chambers of Commerce and 300 subsidiaries through a high-speed network ensuring stringent security standards. The services delivered by InfoCamere are dedicated exclusively to consortium members, Chambers of Commerce, central and local public authorities and are therefore unavailable to the general public. Additionally, since April 2000 InfoCamere has been the digital signature Certification Authority (Ente Certificatore) listed in the Public Registry.

The main purpose of the IT services deployed by InfoCamere and the access provided to the chamber databases is to promote communications between citizens, chambers' public administration, and businesses by providing easy access to information and a broad range of content through unique national-economy knowledge tools.

Challenges

Previously, preparing financial statements had been cumbersome, effecting each Chamber's productivity and efficiency. Many requests had been made to implement a computerized system to simplify operations, thereby helping to reduce delivery times and eliminate the need for companies to manually deliver documents to appointed offices. However, any automated process would have to offer the same level of certainty as the paper-based processes.

InfoCamere needed to identify a document format that could be available online and could be compiled based on individual requirements. In addition, the document format would help automate the entry of data common to all financial statements. Only by providing an innovative technology solution could InfoCamere improve users services by effectively connecting people, documents, and processes. Most importantly, by selecting the right technology, InfoCamere could enable businesses to more easily meet deadlines for preparing financial statements and reporting results.

Solution

In its role as technology advisor for the Chambers of Commerce located throughout the Italian territory, InfoCamere's objective is to facilitate the collection of documents and data from citizens and Italian businesses. In this capacity, the company selected Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) as the format for storing and sharing business documents. InfoCamere is also promoting the use of digital signatures and becoming an accredited Certification Authority for the signatures.

The selection of the Adobe Intelligent Document Platform provides InfoCamere with an accepted format for all companies needing to compile financial statements. It enables the company to implement a highly innovative, forms-based application model built around Adobe PDF and XML.

With the Adobe solution, form fields can be pre-populated by automatically retrieving the information from databases. Forms can then be checked and completed, and additional documents can be attached. When complete, the form is sealed with a digital signature.

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INDUSTRY

Government

CHALLENGES

- Eliminate manual processes associated with preparing financial statements
- Reduce document delivery times
- Simplify operations

SOLUTION

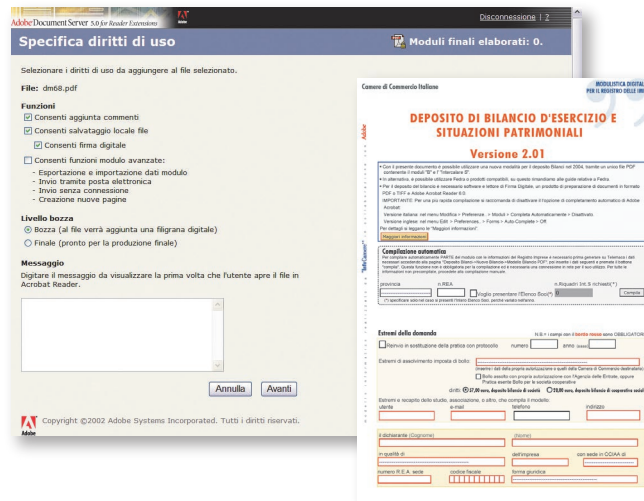
- Process Management
- Document Control & Security
- Forms Management
- Document Generation

The Adobe Intelligent Document Platform provides InfoCamere with a secure, efficient system for compiling financial statements and approving them with digital signatures.

RESULTS

- Simplified regulatory compliance
- Increased agility and streamlined financial reporting procedures
- Significant cost reduction by eliminating paper-based procedures
- More effective and accurate data capture through the design and use of intelligent electronic forms
- Improved relationships between public sector and business community.

InfoCamere uses Adobe Intelligent Document Platform to enable businesses to prepare and electronically deliver their financial statements, reducing time, streamlining processes, and guaranteeing security through digital signatures.



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Antonio Tonini,
Products and Services Portal Sector
(Area) manager,
InfoCamere

The products used by InfoCamere for this solution include Adobe Acrobat Professional to create forms, Adobe Document Server to manage and retrieve data from the forms, and Adobe Reader Extensions Server to generate Adobe PDF forms that recipients can complete, digitally sign, and then return electronically using free Adobe Reader software.

With the new system, accountants preparing financial statements for clients can open the Adobe PDF files, enter a customer’s fiscal ID number, click on the pre-population button and see the document automatically populated. All they have to do at this point is complete the remaining fields, attach the electronic documentation and add their digital signature. InfoCamere estimates that within a year 2.5 million companies will adopt this secure system to deliver digitally signed financial statements to their appointed Chamber of Commerce, using free Adobe Reader software as a universal client.

SYSTEMS AT A GLANCE

- Adobe Acrobat®
- Adobe Reader®
- Adobe Document Server
- Adobe Document Server for Reader Extensions

Results

Leveraging Adobe technology enables Italian companies today to improve and simplify financial reporting compliance, including mandatory electronic delivery. Furthermore, online forms-based workflows have helped InfoCamere to dramatically accelerate processing time, significantly reduce costs previously associated with paper-based flows, and improve relationships between public agencies (Chambers of Commerce) and users (accountants/businesses).

“Using Adobe PDF, we are confident that even a greater number of Italian professionals will use our digital processes,” said Antonio Tonini, Products and Services Portal Sector (Area) manager at InfoCamere. “We were committed to finding a truly easy solution that simplifies preparing and delivering financial statements. Furthermore, the Adobe brand and products are widely known and accepted by the business community. The Adobe solutions have contributed significantly to improving the relationships between citizens and Chambers of Commerce, helping to strongly reduce the volume of paper-based documents while enabling accountants to deliver electronic financial statements directly from their desktops. The resulting document is truly intelligent, flexible, and comprehensive.”

“We are confident our choice of vendor has been excellent—Adobe has been very supportive, helping us to define the forms in order to adequately respond to the flexibility requirements of accountants and professionals involved in the financial reporting process. We think of Adobe not just as our vendor of choice but also as our partner, always available to collaborate on consulting issues directly through its Milan and Dublin organizations and staff.”

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