

.What's new in the 1.8.0 release v1

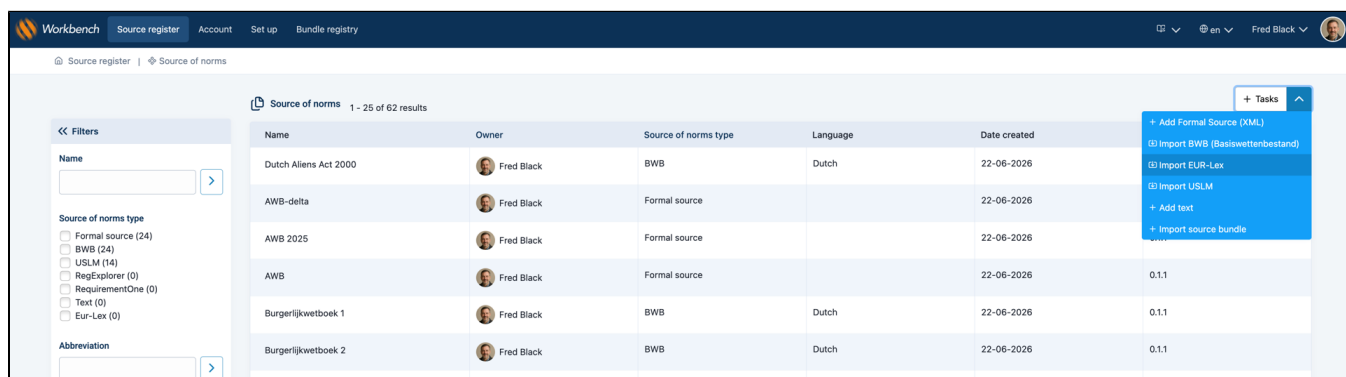
The Workbench version 1.8.0 introduces a set of new features and usability improvements in order to better support norm engineers.

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Import EUR-Lex sources into the Source register

This release introduces support for importing EUR-Lex sources. Organizations with access to the EUR-Lex web service can retrieve legal sources in XML format and import them directly into the Source register. This streamlines the process of bringing authoritative European legislation and regulatory content into the platform, making it easier to maintain an up-to-date and traceable source repository.



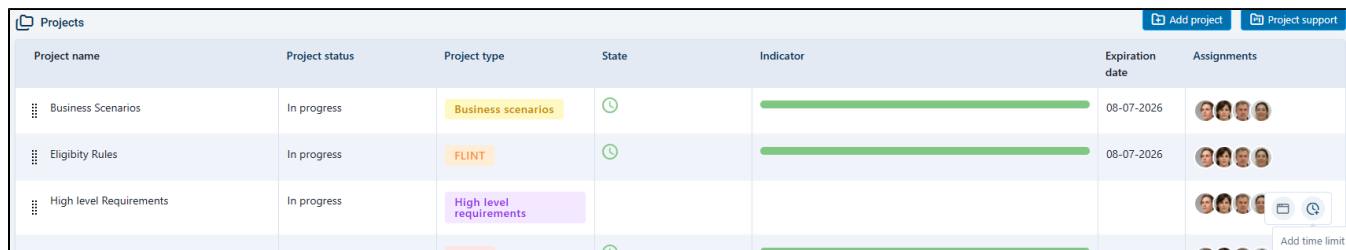
The screenshot shows the 'Source register' tab in the Workbench application. A table lists sources with columns: Name, Owner, Source of norms type, Language, Date created, and a version column. A dropdown menu is open over the table, showing tasks: '+ Add Formal Source (XML)', '(3) Import BWB (Basiswettenbestand)', '(3) Import EUR-Lex', '(3) Import USLM', '+ Add text', and '+ Import source bundle'.

Name	Owner	Source of norms type	Language	Date created	
Dutch Aliens Act 2000	Fred Black	BWB	Dutch	22-06-2026	
AWB-delta	Fred Black	Formal source		22-06-2026	
AWB 2025	Fred Black	Formal source		22-06-2026	
AWB	Fred Black	Formal source		22-06-2026	0.1.1
Burgerlijkwetboek 1	Fred Black	BWB	Dutch	22-06-2026	0.1.1
Burgerlijkwetboek 2	Fred Black	BWB	Dutch	22-06-2026	0.1.1

A list of sources with the import EUR-lex task.

Extended management of project time limits

You can now add a time limit to an existing project after it has been created. For projects without a time limit, simply add one at docket level, providing greater flexibility in managing project lifecycles as requirements evolve.



The screenshot shows the 'Projects' tab in the Workbench application. A table lists projects with columns: Project name, Project status, Project type, State, Indicator, Expiration date, and Assignments. The 'Indicator' column shows green progress bars. A dropdown menu is open over the table, showing the option 'Add time limit'.

Project name	Project status	Project type	State	Indicator	Expiration date	Assignments
Business Scenarios	In progress	Business scenarios	🕒		08-07-2026	
Eligibility Rules	In progress	FLINT	🕒		08-07-2026	
High level Requirements	In progress	High level requirements				

Time limit indicators visualized in a project list.

In addition, existing time limits can now be updated or removed. Expiration dates can be adjusted directly at project level, while time limits that are no longer needed can be deleted from the project. These enhancements make it easier to keep project timelines accurate and up to date throughout the project lifecycle.

Business ScenariosBusiness scenarios

Project overview

Annotate

Modeling

Review

Tasks

Project details

Description

Business Scenarios and Personas

Status

In progress

Project type

Business scenarios

Edit project

Assignments

Add assignment

User

Assignment type

Robert Carter

Analyst

Musa Murray

Analyst

Steven Taylor

Reviewer

Elly Wang

Reviewer

Time limits

State

Indicator

Expiration date

24-07-2026

Update

The update task to change the expiration date of a time limit.

Projects

Add project

Project support

Project name

Project status

Project type

State

Indicator

Expiration date

Assignments

Business Scenarios

In progress

Business scenarios

08-07-2026

Eligibility Rules

In progress

FLINT

08-07-2026

Delete time limit

The delete task to remove a time limit.

Enhanced activity logging across dockets and projects

The activity log has been completely redesigned and is now available across all DSLs. Activities performed at docket level are displayed in the Docket Overview, while project-level activities (including the creation and deletion of frames) are available in the Project Overview. This provides greater visibility into changes and actions throughout the lifecycle of a docket and its projects.

Projects

Filters

Project name

Project status

Project type

State

Indicator

Legal analysis

In progress

Legal analysis

Terms

In progress

Terms

Activity log

Event type

Date/time occurred

User

Add project

26-06-2026 15:01

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Add project

26-06-2026 14:59

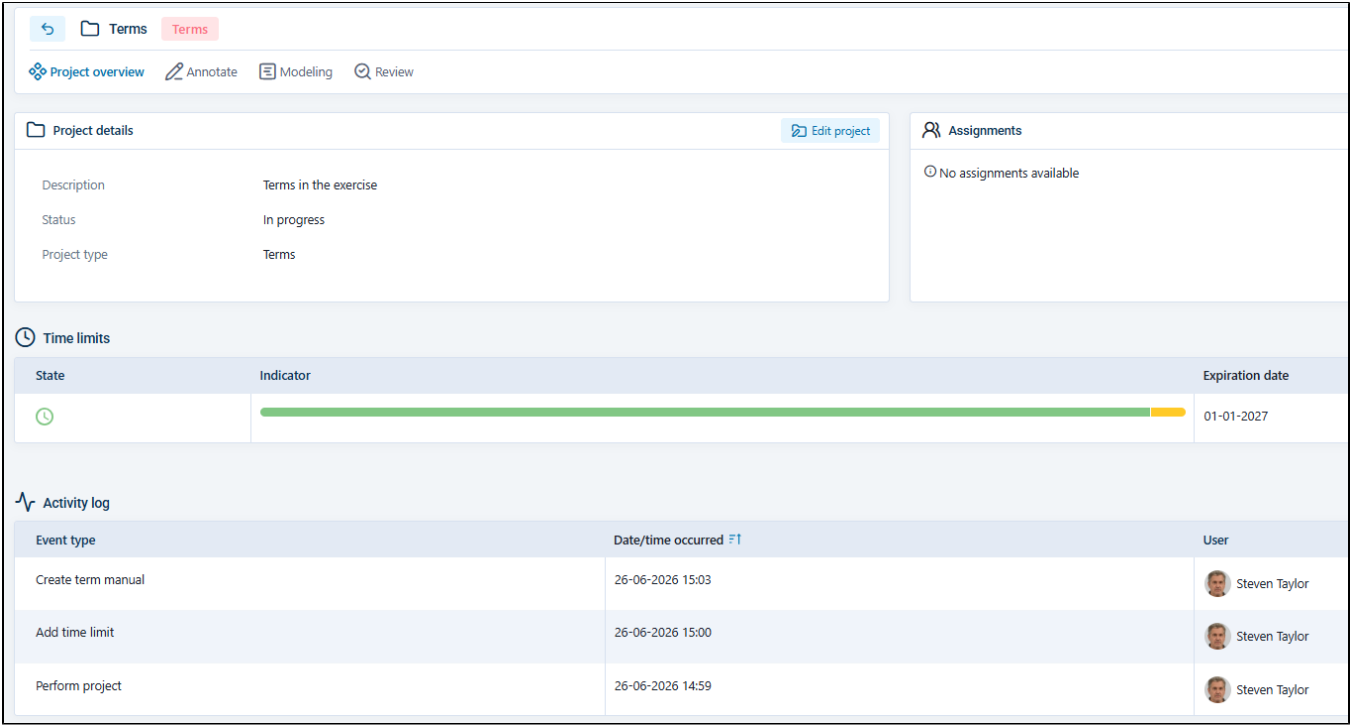
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Create docket

26-06-2026 14:59

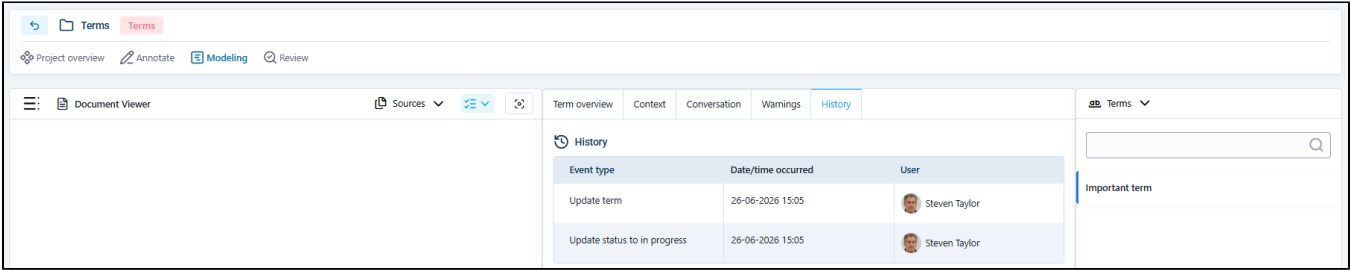
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The activity log of a docket.



The activity log of a specific project.

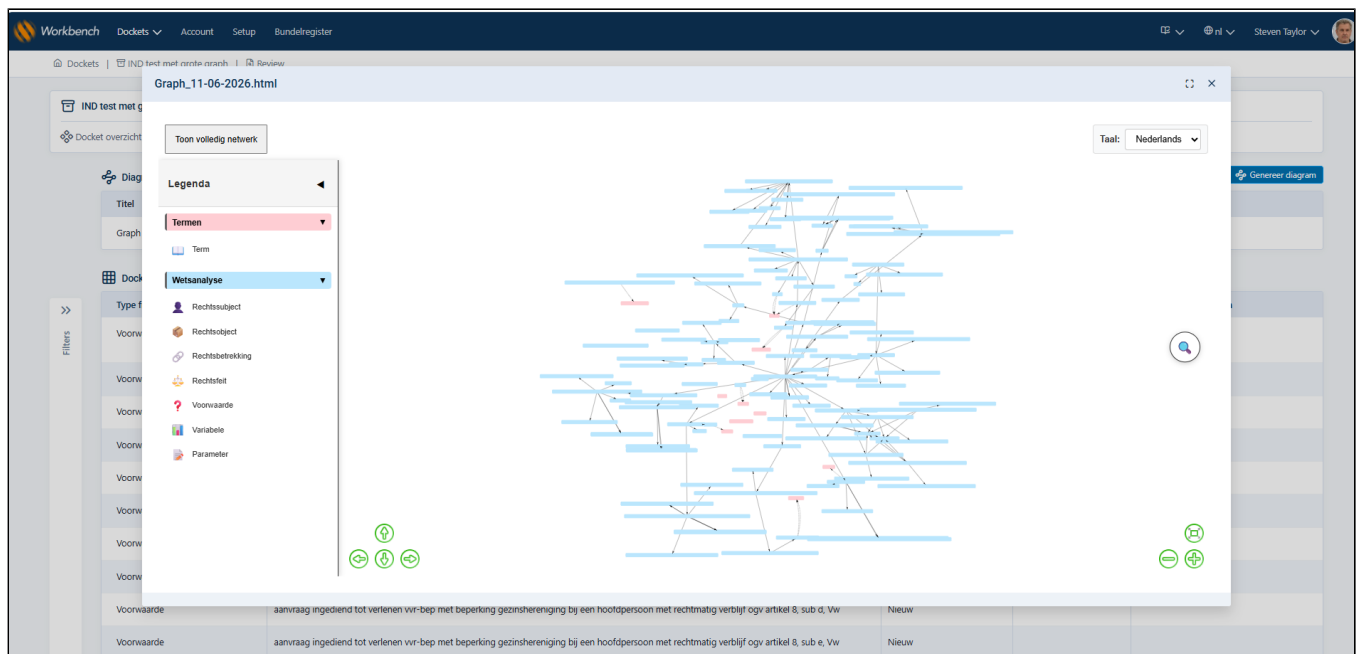
In addition, detailed activity history remains available on individual frames through the History panel. This view records all actions performed on a frame and complements the new docket- and project-level activity tracking, providing a complete audit trail across all levels of work.



The list of historical executed events of a term frame.

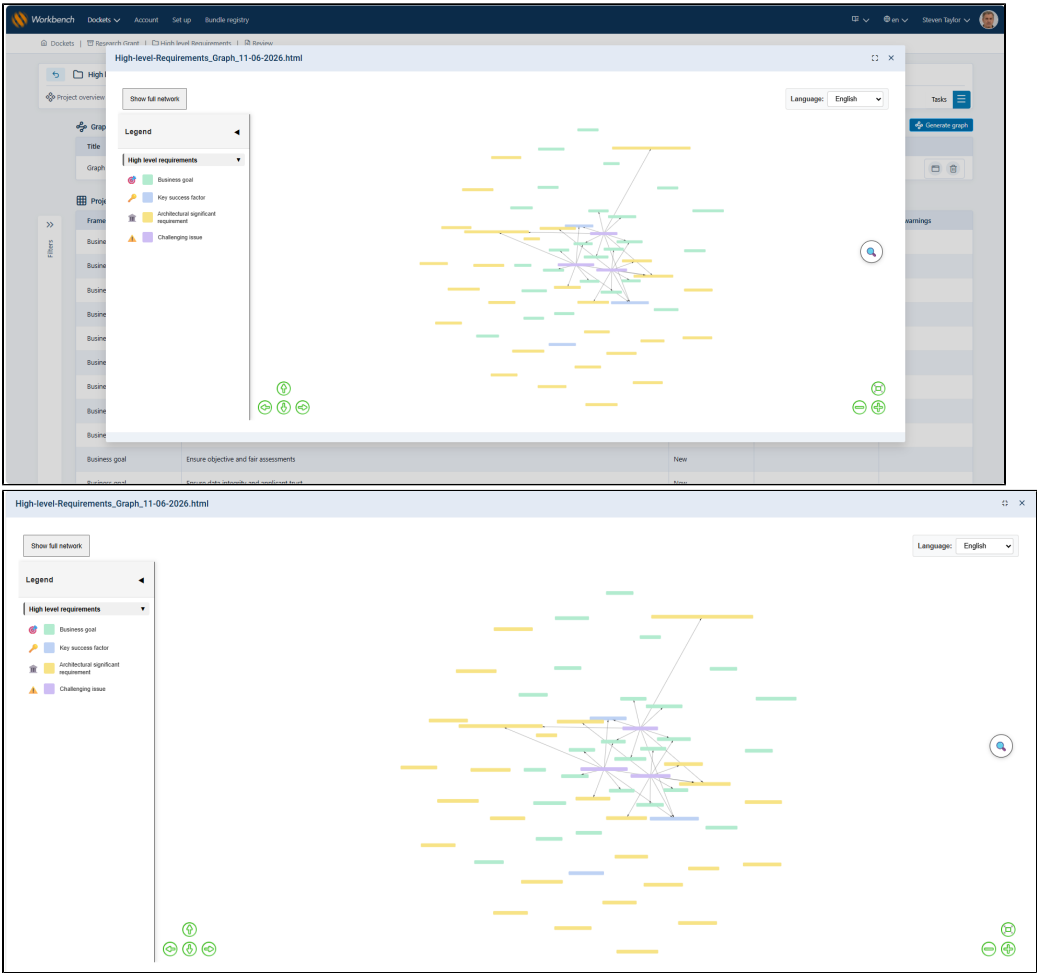
Improved graph visualization and navigation

The graph visualization has been enhanced with a new layout algorithm that creates a more compact and readable presentation of concepts and relationships. Models with multiple disconnected clusters are now displayed more efficiently, preventing clusters from being placed unnecessarily far apart. As a result, reviewing and analyzing complex models is easier and requires less navigation across the graph.



An example graph visualization showing concepts and relationships.

To further improve the review experience, the graph can now be displayed in full-screen mode. With a single click on the top right icon , you can expand the graph to use the entire screen and switch back whenever needed by clicking . This provides more space to explore and understand your model.



An example graph visualization in full-screen mode (shown on the right).

Other noteworthy

Change the value of a referenced annotation

A referenced annotation was literally the reference from the source, without the possibility to change this. For instance, if the source says "the possible family members are (grand)father, (grand)mother..." it was not possible to add the variable values {father, grandfather, mother, grandmother} as referenced annotations. Because these references were literal, the best match was {father, (grand)father, mother, (grand)mother}. We now provide the possibility to change the value of references annotation, while still maintaining the original reference.

This is possible for all referenced annotations:

- Variable value
- Parameter value
- Operator
- Inference rule
- Delegation authority
- Delegation assignment

In the example below, 'transition period' was annotated as a variable, and '12 months' as a variable value.

11. Transitional provision

• New private lending libraries at h (*) Variable y with this directive within 6 months of opening.

• Existing initiatives will be given a transition period of 12 months.

When modeling, a frame can be created for the variable, and the variable value annotation '12 months' can be dropped on the References annotations slot:

• Municipalities retain the right to carry out inspections to ensure compliance with this directive.

• In the event of serious shortcomings or repeated misconduct, the registration can be withdrawn.

11. Transitional provision

• New private lending libraries at home must comply with this directive within 6 months of opening.

• Existing initiatives will be given a transition period of 12 months.

Referenced annotations

Variable value	12 months	section-1-11	GovernmentDictates
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Source references

section-1-11	GovernmentDictates
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Hover over the referenced annotation to see the Update Annotation row task.

Referenced annotations

Variable value	12 months	section-1-11	Government	
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Update Annotation

Click to change the value.

Update referenced annotation

Annotation

12 months

Cancel

Finish

We change the variable value to 12. The original annotation is not changed of course.

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Referenced annotations

Variable value	12	section-1-11	GovernmentDictates
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Source references

section-1-11	GovernmentDictates
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New metadata field Commonly accepted title

A new field had been added to source metadata, called Commonly accepted title (in Dutch: *Gangbare aanduiding*). This field has also been added to the filters to search or filter on this field.

Workbench

Source register

Account

Set up

Bundle registry

Source register

Workbench exercise

Overview

Workbench exercise

Overview

Manage versions

Browse versions

Publish versions

History

Details

Update metadata

Delete source

IDENTIFIER

WO1

LATEST VERSION

-

SOURCE OF NORMS TYPE

formalsource

COMMONLY ACCEPTED TITLE

Getting started in the workbench

CREATOR

Menno Gulpers

PUBLISHER

Be Informed

LANGUAGE

nl

TYPE

Exercise

ABBREVIATION

WE#1

SUBJECT

Workbench

REPLACES

-

DESCRIPTION

Workbench exercise to get people up and running in the workbench

REMARKS

PUBLICATION NUMBER

JURISDICTION

(GOVERNMENT) THEME

Workbench

Source register

Account

Set up

Bundle registry

Source register

Source of norms

Source of norms

1 result

Commonly accepted title: Getting

<< Filters

Name

>

Commonly accepted title

Getting

>

Name	Owner	Source of norms type	Language	Date created
Workbench exercise	Fred Black	Formal source		26-06-2026

A list of sources with 'Commonly accepted title' containing the 'Getting' filter.

Term See also reference

A Term from now on can have a "See also" relation to a term in a *referenced* Docket.

We want the term Private lending library, as shown below, to be connected to a term from the 'Cannonnical Terms model' Docket.

Term overviewContextConversationWarningsHistory

ab Private lending library

Properties

NamePrivate lending library

DefinitionA lending library that is not managed by a municipality or the government, but by private individuals.

StateNew

External URL

Name in external terms list

Validity periods

No validity periods available

Alternative labels

No alternative labels available

Subclasses

Drag selection to add Subclasses

See also

Drag selection to add See also

UpdateDelete

+ Add+ Create+ Create+ Create

ab Terms

Private lending library

Because this Cannonnical Terms model docket can be referenced to.

 **Workbench** Dockets Account Set up Bundle registry

🏠 Dockets | 📁 Canonical Terms model | ⚙️ Docket overview

 **Canonical Terms model**

⚙️ Docket overview 🔍 Review ✓ Finalize 🕒 History

 **Docket details**

Owner	 Steven Taylor
Description	Canonical Terms model
Creation date	26-06-2026
Latest bundle version	
Latest bundle version publication date	
Docket type	Regular
References allowed	Yes

And because the current Docket (Workbench exercise) references this docket.

 Workbench

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Workbench exercise

Docket overview

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History

Docket details

Owner

 Steven Taylor

Description

Exercise done by Mick Ronsy

Creation date

26-06-2026

Latest bundle version

Latest bundle version publication date

Docket type

Regular

References allowed

No

Time periods

No time periods available

Projects

>>

Filters

>>

Project name	Project status	Project type
Legal analysis	In progress	Legal analysis
Terms	In progress	Terms

Frame bundle dependency

No frame bundle dependency available

Docket dependencies

Name
Canonical Terms model

We can now create See also relations from terms in the Workbench exercise docket to terms in the Cannnonical Terms model Docket.
To do this, click + create.

Term overview

Context

Conversation

Warnings

History

Properties

Name

Private lending library

Definition

A lending library that is not managed by a municipality or the government, but by private individuals.

State

New

External URL

Name in external terms list

Validity periods

No validity periods available

+ Add

Alternative labels

No alternative labels available

+ Create

Subclasses

Drag selection to add Subclasses

+ Create

See also

Drag selection to add See also

+ Create

Terms

Private lending library

and then the three dots (. . .)

Workbench

Dockets

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Dockets

Term overview

See also

Create see also reference

Terms

Project overview

Annotate

Modeling

Review

Document Viewer

Sources

Term

...

Cancel

Finish

The following list will appear, showing terms from both docket.

Workbench

Dockets

Account

Set up

Bundle registry

Terms

Term

Docket name

Terms

Sort by: Docket name F1

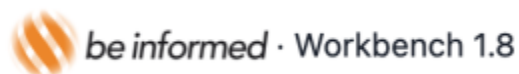
Docket name	Term	Definition
Workbench exercise	Private lending library	A lending library that is not managed by a municipality or the government, but by private individuals.
Cannonical Terms model	Public function	

Close

Select

Visualization of the Workbench version

A very small change, but nevertheless worth mentioning: the version of the workbench is now visible for users, at the bottom of the screen. It is not necessarily the case that all Workbench environments run in the same version. When asking for support, the version number is necessary data.



Resolved issues

A known limitation of version 1.7 was that importing a Scope bundle did not import the local sources that were part of this scope bundle. This has been resolved.

Updating a Sub question or Other topic from within the Scope project resulted in an error. This has been resolved.

Warnings regarding missing text fragments or missing sections (after switching to a new version of a source) were only visible in the Warnings tab, not in the Review tab. This has been corrected.

The "is occurrence of" relation between a System and a Legal subject was not exported and therefore not part of the Graph either. This has been resolved.

The relation from a Business goal to a Term was not correctly restored when importing a High level requirements project. This has been resolved.

Clicking the first (left) breadcrumb always navigated to the Dockets panel. This has been resolved.

Conditional relations were stored correctly, but sometimes not shown. This has been resolved.

In release 1.7 we added two extra field to a Terms frame: an external URL and its external name. It was a known limitation of version 1.7 that these fields were not exported to the Documentation portal. This has been resolved.

When a project does not have any frames, it is no longer possible to generate a graph. The same holds for the docket-graph: When none of the projects in the docket have any frames, it is no longer possible to generate a graph.

There was confusion about the exact meaning of the choice between 'Build' or 'Release' when exporting bundles in the Finalize docket panel. The labels are now more elaborate and should leave no room for misinterpretation.

Known limitations of the 1.8.0 release

The user-changed value of referenced annotations is stored with the frame correctly. However the changed value is not yet part of the export and therefore not available in the import and the documentation portal.