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Internet spread, nowadays the most effective means to deliver information on demand, relies on the adoption of shared conventions to represent information, i.e. open standards to identify and expose content accessible through non proprietary software tools. Resources belonging to a specific domain usually present relations and structural and semantic peculiarities. Representing these peculiarities through open standards allows to automatically connect such resources detecting a thematic sub-net within the web. Based on these considerations, in order to achieve integration among different and independent legislative data bases and to automate legislation life-cycle workflow, standards for the identification and representation in XML of legislative resources have been defined within the project “Normeinrete” and then adopted among others also by Normattiva program .