

# CAMSS Assessment EIF Scenario v6.0.0 - Results

## **CAMSS Assessment Result**

Thank you for your contribution.

The score of the specification related to the scenario under which it is being evaluated depends on the scores achieved in each section of the survey. Please see the example below for guidance.

The following table shows the 'compliance levels' that a specification can reach depending on the assessment score.

#### **EIF Scenario Compliance Level Conversion Table**

Section	Ad-hoc	Opportunistic	Compliance Level Essential	Level		
Principles setting the context for EU Actions on Interoperability	20	40	50	80	90	
EIF Core Interoperability Principles	0 to 340	341 to 681	681 to 1020	1021 to 1360	1361 to 1700	
EIF Principles Related to generic user needs and expectations	0 to 240	241 to 480	481 to 720	721 to 960	961 to 1200	

EIF Foundation principles for cooperation among public administrations	0 to 100	101 to 200	201 to 300	301 to 400	401 to 500
EIF Interoperability Layers	0 to 200	201 to 400	401 to 600	601 to 800	801 to 1000

The table below expresses the range of the score per section. When used in combination with the table above, the total score can be interpreted. See the example below for guidance.

#### **Section Compliance Conversion Table**

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Opportunistic	Fair level of conformance with the EIF - The specification barely covers the requirements and recommendations set out by the European Interoperability Framework in this area.
Essential	Essential level of conformance with the EIF - The specification covers the basic aspects set out in the requirement and recommendations from the European Interoperability Framework.
Sustainable	Good level of conformance with the EIF scenario - The specification covers all the requirements and recommendations set out by the European Interoperability Framework in this area.
Seamless	Leading practice of conformance level with the EIF - The specification fully covers the requirements and recommendations set out by the European Interoperability Framework in this area.

#### **Example – How to find the final Compliance Level**

Using the score reached after the initial assessment, the interpretation can be made as follows.

- 1. In the summary table, observe the score for each section, e.g. EIF Core Interoperability Principles has 1800 points.
- 2. In the middle table the Section Compliance Conversion Table see that this number correlates to a column. In our example, the 1800 points of Core Interoperability Principles fall in the EIF Core Interoperability Principles row, and '1441 to 1800' point range, placing it in the column 'Compliance **Seamless**'.

3. Next, in the top table – the EIF Scenario Compliance Level Conversion Table – we see Compliance Level " **Seamless**", and from its description that the specification for the EIF Core Interoperability Principles 'fully covers the requirements and recommendations set out by the European Interoperability Framework in this area.'.

For additional calculation of the assessment strength, please follow the instruction provided in the User Guide, found here.

#### Summary



Section	Score fo	r this Section
EIF PRINCIPLES SETTING THE CONTEXT FOR EU ACTIONS ON INTEROPERABILITY	20/100	
EIF CORE INTEROPERABILITY PRINCIPLES	1540 /1700	
EIF PRINCIPLES RELATED TO GENERIC USER NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS	1180 /1200	
EIF FOUNDATION PRINCIPLES FOR COOPERATION AMONG PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS	500 /500	
EIF INTEROPERABILITY LAYERS	840 /1000	

#### Scores by Question

# EIF PRINCIPLES SETTING THE CONTEXT FOR EU ACTIONS ON INTEROPERABILITY

A1 - To what extent has the specification been included in a national catalogue from a Member State whose National Interoperability Framework has a high performance on interoperability according to National Interoperability Framework Observatory factsheets?

Your answer

★ The specification has not been included within the catalogue of any Member State.

20 out of 100 points

#### EIF CORE INTEROPERABILITY PRINCIPLES

Score for this Section: 1540/1700

A2 - Does the specification facilitate the publication of data on the web?

Your answer

✓ In addition to the previous question, the specification is or incorporates open standards (e.g. W3C).

out of 100 points



Your answer ✓ The working group is open to participation following a registration process.

out of 100 points

80



Your answer

X Specification releases do not foresee public reviews.

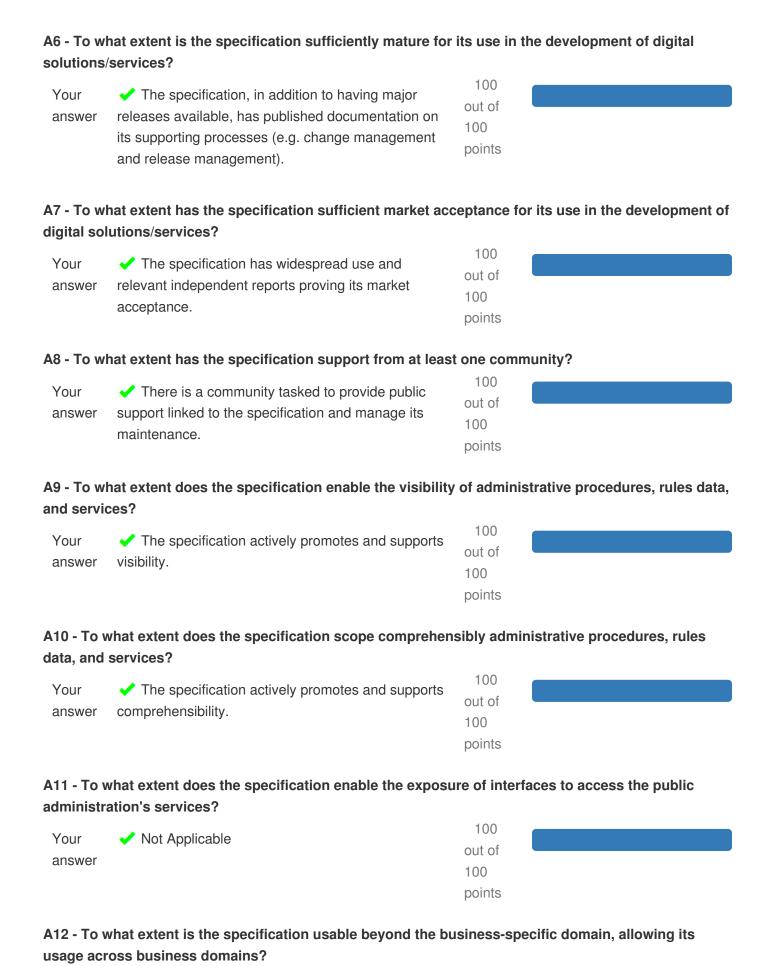
20 out of 100 points

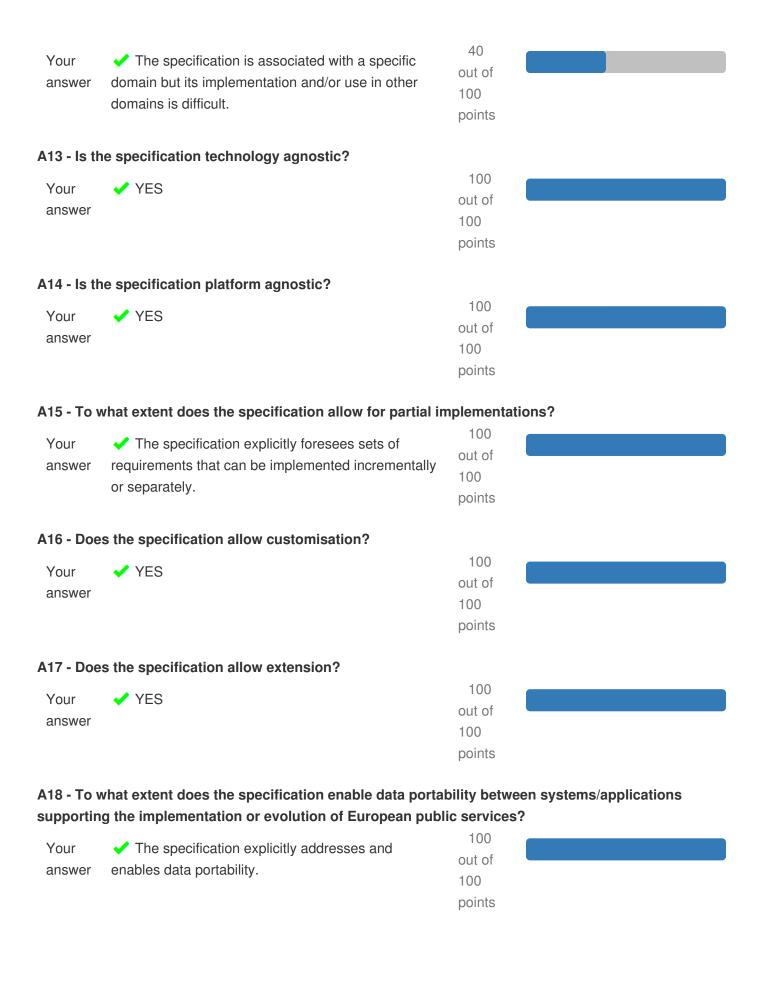


A5 - To what extent do restrictions and royalties apply to the specification's use?

Your answer

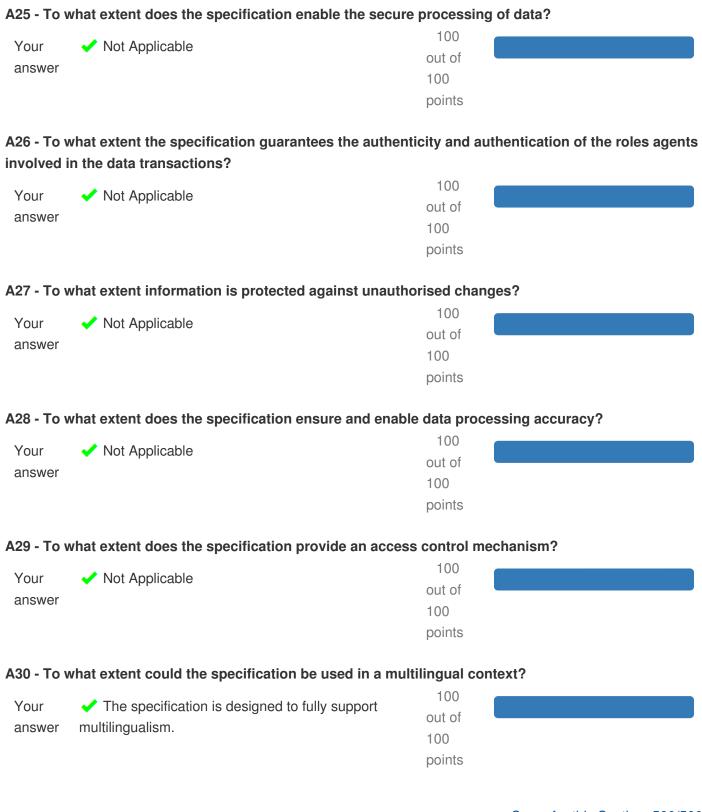
✓ Use of the specification is royalty-free and its Intellectual Property Right (IPR) policy or licence is aligned with Fair, Reasonable and Non-Discriminatory (F/RAND) principles. 100 out of 100 points



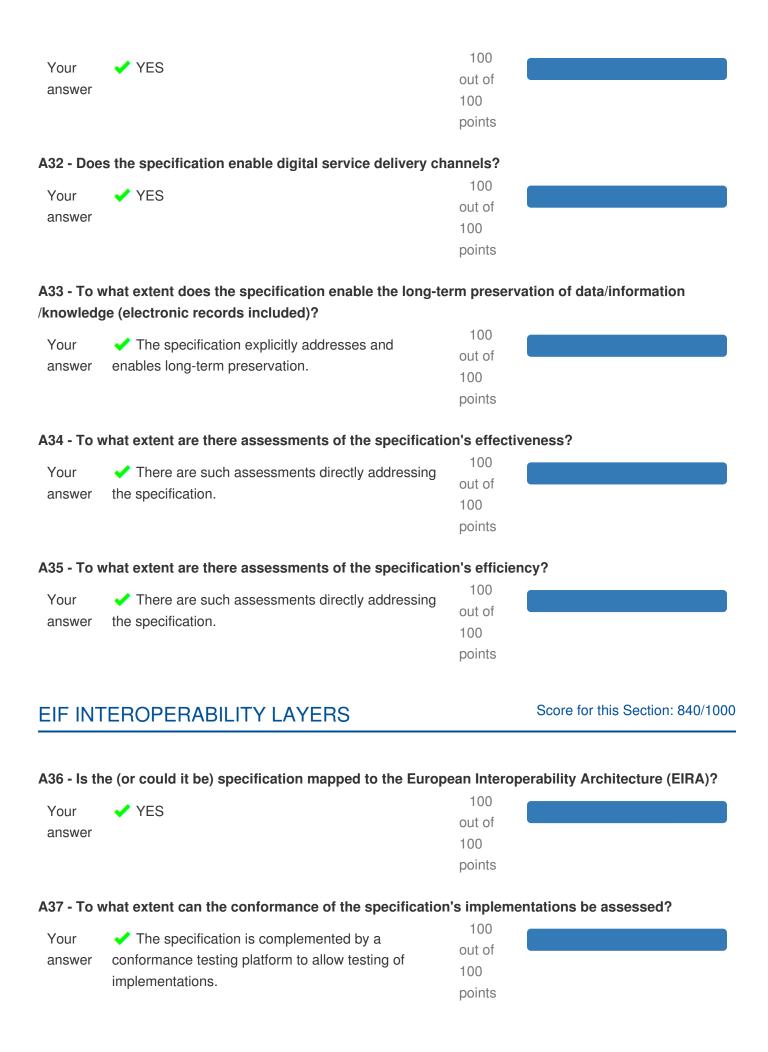


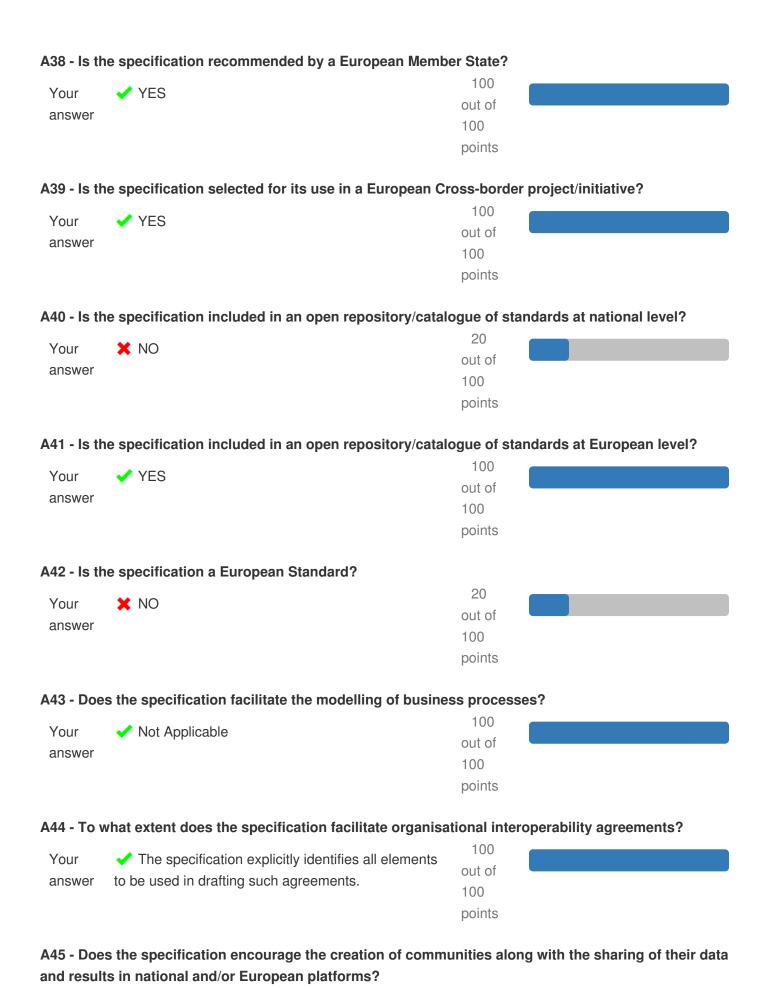
# EIF PRINCIPLES RELATED TO GENERIC USER NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS

A19 - To v	what extent does the specification allow relevant in	nformation to be reused when needed?
Your	✓ Provided information is reused, but not in all	80
answer	scenarios.	out of
anower	Sociatios.	100
		points
A20 - To v	what extent does the specification enable the e-ac	cessibility?
Your	✓ The specification explicitly addresses and	100
answer	enables e-accessibility.	out of
answei	enables e-accessibility.	100
		points
A21 - To v Administi	what extent does the specification ensure the proterations?	ection of personal data managed by Publ
V	A Net Applicable	100
Your	✓ Not Applicable	out of
answer		100
		points
A22 - Doe	es the specification provide means for restriction o	of access to information/data?
Your	✓ Not Applicable	100
	▼ Not Applicable	out of
answer		100
		points
A23 - Is thas spects?	ne specification included in any initiative at Europe	ean or National level covering privacy
Your	✓ Not Applicable	100
answer	TVOL Applicable	out of
answer		100
		points
A24 - To v	what extent does the specification enable the secu	ure exchange of data?
Your	✓ Not Applicable	100
	▼ Νοι Αρμισασίο	out of
answer		100
		points



# EIF FOUNDATION PRINCIPLES FOR COOPERATION Score for this Section: 500/500 AMONG PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS





answer

100 out of 100 points

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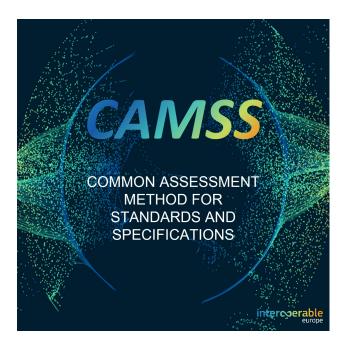


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**INTRODUCTION** 



#### **EIF Scenario**

The European Interoperability Framework (EIF) provides guidance to public administrations on how to improve governance of their interoperability activities, establish cross-organisational relationships, streamline processes supporting end-to-end digital services, and ensure that existing and new legislation do not compromise interoperability efforts.

This CAMSS Scenario allows to assess the compliance of <u>interoperability specifications</u> with the EIF. The objective of the obtained assessment is to determine the suitability of the assessed interoperability specification for the delivery of interoperable European public services.

#### **Background**

<u>CAMSS</u> is the European guide for assessing and selecting standards and specifications for an eGovernment project, a reference when building an architecture, and an enabler for justifying the choice of standards and specifications in terms of interoperability needs and requirements. It is fully aligned with the European Standardisation Regulation 1025/2012.

The main objective of CAMSS is achieving interoperability and avoiding vendor lock-in by establishing a neutral and unbiased method for the assessment of technical specifications and standards in the field of ICT. This method will be compliant with Regulation 1025/2012 on European Standardisation.

While ICT solutions have specific characteristics at the political, legal, and organisational levels; semantic and technical interoperability are based mostly on technical specifications or standards. Within the context of the elaboration of their National Interoperability Frameworks, Member States organise the assessment of technical specifications or standards, in order to establish their national recommendations. Deciding on the recommended technical specifications or standards often calls for a resource-intensive and time-consuming assessment. In order to tackle this, the <a href="Digital Europe Programme">Digital Europe Programme</a> (DEP) defines an action focused on the development of a common assessment method for standards and specifications (CAMSS).

#### The purpose of CAMSS is:

- to ensure that assessments of technical ICT specifications or standards and interoperability profiles are performed according to high and consistent standards;
- to ensure that assessments will contribute significantly to the confidence in the interoperability of systems implementing these specifications and profiles;
- to enable the reuse, in whole or in part, of such assessments;
- to continuously improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the assessment process for ICT technical specifications, standards, and interoperability profiles.

#### The expected benefits of the CAMSS are:

- Ensuring greater transparency throughout the selection of standards in the context of ICT strategies, architectures, and interoperability frameworks. This will be achieved through the establishment of a commonly agreed assessment method, assessment process, and a list of assessment attributes.
- Reducing resource and time requirements and avoiding duplication of efforts. (Partial) sharing of finalised assessments of standards and specifications.
- Allowing easier and faster assessments, and reusing the ones already performed through the creation and maintenance of a library of standards.

Your compliance level of the specification assessed depends on the scores you achieved in each section of the survey. Please see below the survey score conversion table below for guidance.

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#### **USER CONSENT**

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Your First Name
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Your Position / Role
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European Commision DG - DIGIT
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<ul> <li>* Where did you learn about CAMSS?</li> <li>DEP Programme (DEP website, DEP social media)</li> <li>Joinup (e.g., CAMSS Collection, Joinup social media)</li> <li>European Commission</li> <li>Public Administrations at national, regional or local level</li> <li>Standards Developing Organizations (SDOs)</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>

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If you answered "Other" in the previous question, please specify how:

Info	ormation on the specification
* Spec	cification type
Spec or m Stan App use c unde	cification: Set of agreed, descriptive, and normative statements about how a specification should be designed lade.  Indard: Specification that is largely adopted and possibly endorsed.  Ilication Profile: An application profile "customises one or more existing specifications potentially for a given case or a policy domain adding an end to end narrative describing and ensuring the interoperability of its erlying specification(s)".  Inly: A family is a collection of interrelated and/or complementary specifications, standards, or application liles and the explanation of how they are combined, used, or both.
* Title	of the specification
	European Legislation Identifier (ELI)
* Versi	ion of the specification
	1.4
* Desc	cription of the specification
	The European Legislation Identifier (ELI) is a system to make legislation available online in a standardised format, so that it can be accessed, exchanged and reused across borders. This initiative, taken jointly by EU countries and institutions, is enshrined in the Council Conclusions of 6 November 2017 on the European Legislation Identifier (2017/C 441/05).
* URL	from where the specification is distributed
	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html
* Nam	e and website of the standard developing/setting organisation (SDO/SSO) of the specification  W3C (https://www.w3.org)  OASIS (https://www.oasis-open.org/)  IEEE (https://standards.ieee.org/)  ETSI (https://www.etsi.org/)  GS1 (https://www.gs1.fr/)  openEHR (https://www.openehr.org/)

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Publications Office of the EU
* and, provide its URL:
https://op.europa.eu/en/home
Contact information/contact person of the SDO a) for the organisation b) for the specification submitted
Information on the assessment of the specification  Reason for the submission, the need and intended use for the specification.
If any other evaluation of this specification is known, e.g. by Member States or European Commission projects, provide a link to this evaluation.
Considerations  Is the functional area of application for the formal specification addressing interoperability and eGovernment?
<ul><li>YES</li><li>NO</li></ul>
Additional Information  ELI encourages interoperability among information systems by structuring legislation in a standardised way,
while taking account of the specific features of different legal systems.
ELI Interoperability reference:

# EIF PRINCIPLES SETTING THE CONTEXT FOR EU ACTIONS ON INTEROPERABILITY

This category is related to the first underlying principle (<u>UP</u>) of the EIF Subsidiarity and Proportionality (UP1). The basis of this principle is to ensure that the EU Actions are taken or stated to improve national actions or decisions. Specifically, it aims to know if National Interoperability Frameworks are aligned with the EIF.

Please note that some of the questions have a prefilled answer depending on the SDO. To ensure it, please see that these questions include a help message that remarks it.

#### **Subsidiarity and Proportionality**

\* A1 - To what extent has the specification been included in a national catalogue from a Member State whose National Interoperability Framework has a high performance on interoperability according to National Interoperability Framework Observatory factsheets?

**EIF Recommendation 1:** Ensure that national interoperability frameworks and interoperability strategies are aligned with the EIF and, if needed, tailor and extend them to address the national context and needs.

This criterion assesses if the specifications have been included within the National Catalogues of Specifications of the Member States that are highly aligned with the higher level of performance in terms of interoperability.

The Digital Public Administration Factsheets use three categories to evaluate the level of National Interoperability frameworks in accordance with the EIF. The three categories are 1. CONCEPTUAL MODEL FOR INTEGRATED PUBLIC SERVICES PROVISION; 2 INTEROPERABILITY LAYERS, and 3. INTEROPERABILITY PRINCIPLES. National Interoperability Frameworks reports can be found here: https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/collection/nifo-national-interoperability-framework-observatory/digital-public-administration-factsheets-2021

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- The specification has not been included within the catalogue of any Member State.
- The specification has been included within the catalogue of a Member State with a lower performance than stated in the Digital Public Administration Factsheets from the NIFO.
- The specification has been included within the catalogue of a Member State with a middle-lower performance than stated in the Digital Public Administration Factsheets from the NIFO.
- The specification has been included within the catalogue of a Member State with a middle-upper performance than stated in the Digital Public Administration Factsheets from the NIFO.
- The specification has been included within the catalogue of a Member State with a higher performance than stated in the Digital Public Administration Factsheets from the NIFO.
- \* Justification

ELI is not included in any national catalogue of recommended specifications whose Member State NIF is fully aligned with at least 2 out of 3 sections of the EIF according to NIFO factsheets.

#### CAMSS List of Standards:

https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/collection/common-assessment-method-standards-and-specifications-camss/camss-list-standards

#### EIF CORE INTEROPERABILITY PRINCIPLES

In this category, elements related to the core interoperability principles (UP) are encompassed, which are: openness (UP 2), transparency (UP3), reusability (UP4), technological neutrality and data portability (UP5).

#### **Openness**

#### \* A2 - Does the specification facilitate the publication of data on the web?

EIF Recommendation 2: Publish the data you own as open data unless certain restrictions apply.

Relates to the ability of the specification to publish data as open data or not.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- The specification does not support the publication of data on the web.
- The specification supports the publication of data on the web but under a non-open license.
- The specification supports the publication of data on the web with an open license, but in an unstructured format.
- The specification supports publication of data on the web with an open license and in a structured, machinereadable format.
- In addition to the previous question, the specification does not require proprietary software for the processing of its related data.
- In addition to the previous question, the specification is or incorporates open standards (e.g. W3C).

#### \* Justification

The European Legislation Identifier (ELI) is a system designed to make legislation available online in a standardized format, so that it can be accessed, exchanged, and reused across borders. ELI is based on a voluntary agreement between the EU countries and includes technical specifications on web identifiers (URIs) for legal information, metadata specifying how to describe legal information, and a specific language for exchanging legislation in machine-readable formats. Moreover, the ELI is used by the EU Open Data Portal to describe datasets from Member States that have already implemented the specification. This facilitates the publication of public data as open data, promoting transparency and interoperability among information systems.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

EU Open Data portal Examples:

https://data.europa.eu/euodp/en/data/group/eli?groups=eli

## \* A3 - To what extent do stakeholders have the opportunity to contribute to the development of the specification?

**EIF Recommendation 3:** Ensure a level playing field for open-source software and demonstrate active and fair consideration of using open source software, taking into account the total cost of ownership of the solution.

Relates to in which measure the different stakeholders that a specification can benefit have the opportunity to participate in the working groups focused on the development of certain specifications.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- There is no information on the working group of the specification.
- The working group is open to participation by any stakeholder but requires registration, fees, and membership approval.
- The working group is open to participation by any stakeholder but requires fees and membership approval.
- The working group is open to participation following a registration process.
- The working group is open to all without specific fees, registration, or other conditions.

#### \* Justification

The ELI TF is the body in charge of the maintenance and development of the specification. In the ELI Governance document, it is defined how and by who the specification is evolved.

Member States are open to participate in the evolution of the specification only with soft requirements like having implemented the specification at a national level and having the knowledge to contribute to the evolution of ELI.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

Governance Rules:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/content/eli-register/governance\_rules.pdf

#### \* A4 - To what extent is a public review part of the release lifecycle?

<u>EIF Recommendation 3:</u> Ensure a level playing field for open-source software and demonstrate active and fair consideration of using open source software, taking into account the total cost of ownership of the solution.

A public review consists of the public availability of the specification's draft for stakeholders to provide inputs for the improvement and fix of possible bugs.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- Specification releases do not foresee public reviews.
- Public review is applied to certain releases depending on the involved changes.
- All major releases foresee a public review.
- All major and minor releases foresee a public review but, during which, collected feedback is not publicly visible.
- All major and minor releases foresee a public review during which collected feedback is publicly visible.

#### \* Justification

The ELI Governance Rules Document outlines that decisions are reached through working group discussions and consensus, with no explicit provision for a public review process. While there isn't a formal mechanism like public consultations, the evolution of specifications is driven by the consensus among participants, who represent the Member States.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

Governance Rules:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/content/eli-register/governance rules.pdf

#### \* A5 - To what extent do restrictions and royalties apply to the specification's use?

**EIF Recommendation 3:** Ensure a level playing field for open-source software and demonstrate active and fair consideration of using open source software, taking into account the total cost of ownership of the solution.

Additionally to the EIF's recommendation that refers to open-source software it applies to a specification in itself at any interoperability level (legal, organisational, semantic, or technical)

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- The specification has no public definition of its Intellectual Property Right (IPR) policy or licence.
- Use of the specification is restricted and requires the payment of royalty fees.
- Use of the specification is royalty-free but imposes an Intellectual Property Right (IPR) policy or licence that goes against Fair, Reasonable and Non-Discriminatory (F/RAND) principles.
- Use of the specification is royalty-free and its Intellectual Property Right (IPR) policy or licence is aligned with Fair, Reasonable and Non-Discriminatory (F/RAND) principles.

#### \* Justification

ELI is a public asset developed by a European Institution with the participation of interested parties like the Member States. To foster the implementation across public administrations it can be accessed for free without any payment restrictions. Therefore, it can be considered that the specification is licensed under royalty-free basis and (F)RAND basis.

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https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

## \* A6 - To what extent is the specification sufficiently mature for its use in the development of digital solutions/services?

**EIF Recommendation 4:** Give preference to open specifications, taking due account of the coverage of functional needs, maturity and market support, and innovation.

Maturity related to the stability of the specification, meaning that it has been evolved enough and mechanisms for its development have been put in place (Change Management processes, monitoring, etc.)

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- The specification has no published releases and no publicly accessible information on its development state.
- The specification is under development without published releases.
- The specification is under development with published preview releases.
- The specification has published major releases but without public documentation on its supporting processes (e.g. change management and release management).
- The specification, in addition to having major releases available, has published documentation on its supporting processes (e.g. change management and release management).

#### \* Justification

The specification was officially established in 2012, and the ELI ontology version 1.3 was published in July 2020, incorporating the experience and expertise of Member States collaborating closely to refine the specification. On the ELI homepage, various materials are available to aid in visualizing and comprehending the evolution of the specification. These resources assist Member States in implementing ELI seamlessly, enhancing interoperability, and ensuring cost-efficiency.

The ongoing contributions from Member States play a crucial role in the continuous evolution of the specification, allowing it to adapt to the changing needs of users.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

ELI highlights:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/index.html

## \* A7 - To what extent has the specification sufficient market acceptance for its use in the development of digital solutions/services?

**<u>EIF Recommendation 4:</u>** Give preference to open specifications, taking due account of the coverage of functional needs, maturity and market support, and innovation.

Relates to how the specification is supported by the market, taking as a reference whether or not the specifications are widely used or implemented. There is an exception, and it is when the specification is used to implement innovative solutions, then, the specification should not be considered as failing to meet the requirements of the criterion.

Not	Answered
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Not Applicable

- There is no information about the specification's market uptake.
- The specification has known implementations but not enough to indicate market acceptance.
- The specification has widespread use indicating market acceptance.
- The specification has widespread use and relevant independent reports proving its market acceptance.
- The specification does not have market acceptance because it is directly used to create innovative solutions.

#### \* Justification

ELI is in continuous development with the primary goal of facilitating and improving interoperability when exchanging legal documentation among different Member States. Presently, it has already been successfully implemented by 20 countries, including Finland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, and Spain, with the latter fully incorporating the system, while others are in various stages of partial or ongoing implementation. The ELI documentation includes valuable resources that offer insights into use cases and implementations by various stakeholders, providing visibility and guidance for those engaging with the framework.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

**ELI Testimonials:** 

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/testimonials.html

ELI highlights:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/index.html

ELI Implementation Overview:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/implementation.html

#### \* A8 - To what extent has the specification support from at least one community?

**EIF Recommendation 3:** Ensure a level playing field for open-source software and demonstrate active and fair consideration of using open source software, taking into account the total cost of ownership of the solution.

Related to whether or not communities exist around the specification at any level legal, organisational, semantic, or technical contributions to its enhancement and development.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- There is no community linked to the specification.
- Specification support is available but as part of a closed community requiring registration and possibly fees.
- There is no specific community to support the specification but there are public channels for the exchange of help and knowledge among its users.
- There is a community providing public support linked to the specification but in a best-effort manner.
- There is a community tasked to provide public support linked to the specification and manage its maintenance.

#### \* Justification

The ELI specification is supported by the ELI Task Force, which includes representatives from multiple European countries. The ELI TF, which consists of European countries that have implemented ELI, is responsible for defining ELI-related specifications and ensuring their future evolution.

This community is public and its work	, including the ELI	specifications a	and best practice	guides,	is freely
accessible.					

ELI Task Force reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

ELI Best Practices reference:

https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/collection/digital-skills-public-sector/solution/interoperable-europe-academy/european-legislation-identifier

#### **Transparency**

## \* A9 - To what extent does the specification enable the visibility of administrative procedures, rules data, and services?

**EIF Recommendation 5:** Ensure internal visibility and provide external interfaces for European public services.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- The specification hinders visibility.
- The specification neither promotes nor hinders visibility.
- The specification can contribute and promote the visibility of administrations, but it is not its main purpose.
- The specification can enable the visibility of administrations if combined with other specifications.
- The specification actively promotes and supports visibility.

#### \* Justification

The implementation of ELI ensures that legislation is accessible to diverse stakeholders within government frameworks. On one front, it facilitates interoperability among European Public Administrations, promoting seamless data exchange and improving the visibility of administrative data. On the other hand, it contributes to the availability of legislations, encouraging citizens and businesses to stay informed about the initiatives and actions undertaken by public administrations.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

## \* A10 - To what extent does the specification scope comprehensibly administrative procedures, rules data, and services?

**<u>EIF Recommendation 5:</u>** Ensure internal visibility and provide external interfaces for European public services.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- The specification hinders comprehensibility.
- The specification neither promotes nor hinders comprehensibility.
- The specification can contribute and promote the comprehensibility of administrations, but it is not its main purpose.
- The specification can scope the comprehensibility of administrations if combined with other specifications.
- The specification actively promotes and supports comprehensibility.

#### \* Justification

Considering the original intent of the specification, it can be affirmed that its role enchances the clarity of data within Public Administrations and pertinent information generated for the decision-making process. ELI offers a unified schema for defining metadata related to legislation, simplifying the comprehension and shareability of legislative documents and facilitating their accessibility.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

## \* A11 - To what extent does the specification enable the exposure of interfaces to access the public administration's services?

**EIF Recommendation 5:** Ensure internal visibility and provide external interfaces for European public services.

Relates to ensuring availability of interfaces with internal information systems. As the EIF defines: *Public administrations operate a large number of what are often heterogeneous and disparate information systems in support of their internal processes. Interoperability depends on ensuring the availability of interfaces to these systems and the data they handle. In turn, interoperability facilitates the reuse of systems and data and enables these to be integrated into larger systems.* 

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- The specification prevents the exposure of such interfaces.
- The specification neither promotes nor hinders the exposure of such interfaces.
- The specification can contribute to the exposure of interfaces, but it is not its main purpose.
- The specification can enable the exposure of interfaces if combined with other specifications.
- The specification enables exposure of such interfaces.

#### \* Justification

ELI can help the availability of administrations data in machine-readable format ensuring its reuse and exchange, however, ELI does not help the availability of interfaces with this internal information.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

#### Reusability

## \* A12 - To what extent is the specification usable beyond the business-specific domain, allowing its usage across business domains?

**<u>EIF Recommendation 6:</u>** Reuse and share solutions, and cooperate in the development of joint solutions when implementing European public services.

Relates to the use of the specification beyond a specific business domain. E.g. a specification developed under the eHealth domain that can be used in other domains or not.

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Not Applicable

- The specification is tied to a specific domain and is restricted from being implemented or used in other domains.
- The specification is associated with a specific domain but its implementation and/or use in other domains is difficult.
- The specification is associated with a specific domain but could be partially implemented and/or used in other domains.
- The specification is associated with a specific domain but could be implemented and/or used 'as-is' to other domains.
- The specification is domain-agnostic, designed to be implemented and/or used in any domain.

#### \* Justification

ELI is a business-specific specification that is focused on the identification and definition of metadata for legal documents at the European Level. While it has the potential to be adapted or expanded to accommodate other business needs, there is currently no evidence of implementations reflecting such modifications.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

ELI Technical Documentation:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/technical information.html

#### **Technological Neutrality and Data Portability**

#### \* A13 - Is the specification technology agnostic?

**EIF Recommendation 8:** Do not impose any technological solutions on citizens, businesses, and other administrations that are technology-specific or disproportionate to their real needs.

Technology-neutrality relates to not being dependent on any other ("sister") specifications, and platform-neutrality, not being dependent on any specific environment, web platform, operating system.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- ON O
- YES

#### \* Justification

ELI is designed to be technology-agnostic. This means that it is intended to work independently of specific technological platforms or systems. The goal is to allow flexibility in its implementation across various technology environments, making it adaptable to different systems and ensuring interoperability. This approach facilitates the integration of ELI into diverse information systems and applications without being tied to a particular technology stack.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

#### \* A14 - Is the specification platform agnostic?

**<u>EIF Recommendation 8:</u>** Do not impose any technological solutions on citizens, businesses, and other administrations that are technology-specific or disproportionate to their real needs.

Technology-neutrality relates to not being dependent on any other ("sister") specifications, and platform-neutrality, not being dependent on any specific environment, web platform, operating system.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- ON O
- YES

#### \* Justification

ELI (European Legislation Identifier) is designed to be platform-agnostic. This means that it is intended to work independently of specific computing platforms or environments. ELI is formulated to be flexible and adaptable across various technology platforms, ensuring compatibility and interoperability regardless of the underlying infrastructure. This platform-agnostic approach enables ELI to be implemented and integrated into different systems and applications without being constrained by the specifics of a particular platform.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

#### \* A15 - To what extent does the specification allow for partial implementations?

**EIF Recommendation 8:** Do not impose any technological solutions on citizens, businesses, and other administrations that are technology-specific or disproportionate to their real needs.

Partial implementations refer to the application of specifications, not in their whole, but part of the requirements or features defined in the documentation.

It can also be understood as the implementation of different profiles, which is also related to a certain set of requirements depending on the context of implementation.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- The specification is only meant to be used as a whole.
- The specification could be partially implemented but does not make specific provisions towards this.
- The specification could be partially implemented but includes only guidelines towards this rather than sets of requirements.
- The specification explicitly foresees sets of requirements that can be implemented incrementally.
- The specification explicitly foresees sets of requirements that can be implemented incrementally or separately.

#### \* Justification

The degree to which the ELI specification accommodates partial implementations is contingent upon the particular requirements and characteristics under consideration. Typically, specifications such as ELI are crafted with a focus on modularity, thereby enabling those implementing it to select and rank specific elements in accordance with their individual needs and available resources.

#### ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

#### \* A16 - Does the specification allow customisation?

**EIF Recommendation 8:** Do not impose any technological solutions on citizens, businesses, and other administrations that are technology-specific or disproportionate to their real needs.

A clear example of customizations is Core Vocabularies, which define a set of general requirements that could fit in any context and allow for the customization to fit specific business requirements in the implementation.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- ON O
- YES

#### \* Justification

The ELI specification allows for customization and partial implementations. It's designed with modularity, enabling implementers to select and prioritize components based on their needs. The ELI Task Force provides resources like the ELI annotation tool, an open-source solution that can be customized and used to create and publish vocabularies in SKOS format. Thus, ELI offers a flexible framework tailored to individual requirements.

#### ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

ELI annotation tool reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/resources.html

#### \* A17 - Does the specification allow extension?

**EIF Recommendation 8:** Do not impose any technological solutions on citizens, businesses, and other administrations that are technology-specific or disproportionate to their real needs.

A clear example of extension is Core Vocabularies, which are a set of general requirements fitting in different contexts that can complement each other in a sort of extensibility practice to fit specific business requirements in any implementation.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- ON O
- YES

#### \* Justification

The ELI specification allows for extensions. The ELI Task Force is responsible for proposing updates to the ELI specifications. They also provide resources like the ELI annotation tool and the ELI validator to assist in the implementation and validation of ELI metadata.

ELI governance reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/content/eli-register/governance_rules.pdf
ELI annitation and validator tool:
https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/resources.html

## \* A18 - To what extent does the specification enable data portability between systems/applications supporting the implementation or evolution of European public services?

**EIF Recommendation 9:** Ensure data portability, namely that data is easily transferable between systems and applications supporting the implementation and evolution of European public services without unjustified restrictions, if legally possible.

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- Not Applicable
- The specification prevents or does not support data portability.
- The specification neither addresses data portability nor prevents it.
- The specification addresses data portability but without specific provisions to enable it.
- The specification introduces certain aspects that can contribute to enabling data portability.
- The specification explicitly addresses and enables data portability.

#### \* Justification

The ELI specification promotes data portability in European public services by encouraging technological neutrality and providing clear recommendations. It supports the transferability of data among different systems to avoid lock-in and facilitate the free movement of data. Legal initiatives like the European Directive on patients' rights and the NIS Directive, and frameworks like ISA<sup>2</sup>, further enhance these capabilities.

ELI Technological Neutrality and Data portability reference:

https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/collection/nifo-national-interoperability-framework-observatory/solution/eif-toolbox /underlying-principle-5-technological-neutrality-and-data-portability

ISA2 Framework reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2017%3A134%3AFIN

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

# EIF PRINCIPLES RELATED TO GENERIC USER NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS

This category includes all underlying principles from the EIF which are related to user needs. Principles included here are user-centricity (UP6), inclusion and accessibility (UP7), security and privacy (UP8), and multilingualism (UP9).

#### **User-Centricity**

\* A19 - To what extent does the specification allow relevant information to be reused when needed?

**EIF Recommendation 13:** As far as possible under the legislation in force, ask users of European public services once-only and relevant-only information.

The Once-Only Principle is related to making the operations or transactions between administrations and stakeholders more efficient. It implies avoiding the provision of certain data or information twice or more when this information is already available for public administrations.

First European Data Space, Once Only Technical System (OOTS):

https://ec.europa.eu/digital-building-blocks/wikis/display/DIGITAL/Once+Only+Technical+System

Additional and relevant information can be found here: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL">https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL</a>

#### /Once+Only+Principle

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- Information needs to be provided whenever this is needed.
- There is limited reuse of provided information.
- Provided information is reused, but this is not consistently done.
- Provided information is reused, but not in all scenarios.
- Information is provided once-only and reused as needed.

#### \* Justification

The ELI system allows for the reuse of material free of charge, even for commercial purposes, without having to request permission. The information can be reproduced, adapted, translated, etc. However, this reuse may be subject to conditions.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

#### **Inclusion and Accessibility**

#### \* A20 - To what extent does the specification enable the e-accessibility?

**EIF Recommendation 14:** Ensure that all European public services are accessible to all citizens, including persons with disabilities, the elderly, and other disadvantaged groups. For digital public services, public administrations should comply with e-accessibility specifications that are widely recognised at the European or international level.

Examples of specifications addressing e-accessibility are, for instance, WAI-ARIA (<a href="https://www.w3.org/WAI">https://www.w3.org/WAI</a> /standards-guidelines/aria/) included within Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) Overview (<a href="https://www.w3.org/WAI/standards-guidelines/wcag/">https://www.w3.org/WAI</a> /standards-guidelines/wcag/).

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- The specification prevents or does not support e-accessibility.
- The specification neither addresses e-accessibility nor prevents it.
- The specification can contribute and promote e-accessibility, but it is not its main purpose.
- The specification can enable e-accessibility if combined with other specifications.
- The specification explicitly addresses and enables e-accessibility.

The ELI specification enables e-accessibility. It is designed to facilitate the access, exchange, and interconnection of information published in European, national, and global information systems.

BOE ELI reference:

https://www.boe.es/legislacion/eli.php

Technical Specification for the implementation of ELI in Spain reference:

https://www.elidata.es/documentacion\_tecnica/especificacion\_tecnica.php?lang=en

#### **Privacy**

\* A21 - To what extent does the specification ensure the protection of personal data managed by Public Administrations?

**EIF Recommendation 15:** Define common security and privacy framework and establish processes for public services to ensure secure and trustworthy data exchange between public administrations and in interactions with citizens and businesses.

Relates to the actions that Public Administrations establish concerning sensitive information for the proper delivery of public services. The different actions imply the reception, classification, and exchange of such information.

Securing the right to the protection of personal data, by respecting the applicable legal framework for the large volumes of personal data of citizens, held and managed by Public administrations.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- The specification hinders the protection of personal data.
- The specification does not address the protection of personal data but neither prevents it.
- The specification includes certain data protection considerations but without being exhaustive.
- The specification explicitly addresses data protection but without referring to relevant regulations.
- The specification explicitly addresses data protection and its alignment to relevant regulations.

#### \* Justification

While the ELI system itself does not specifically address the protection of personal data, any data processed within the EU is subject to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Therefore, this criterion is considered not applicable to this specification.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

GDPR Regulation (EU) 2016/679 reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/679/oj

\* A22 - Does the specification provide means for restriction of access to information/data?

**EIF Recommendation 15:** Define common security and privacy framework and establish processes for public services to ensure secure and trustworthy data exchange between public administrations and in interactions with citizens and businesses.

The principle of confidentiality defines that only the sender and the intended recipient(s) must be able to create the content of a message. Confidentiality have compromised if an unauthorized person is able to create a message.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- The specification prevents or does not support the implementation of confidentiality mechanisms/features.
- The specification neither addresses confidentiality nor prevents it.
- The specification addresses confidentiality but without specific provisions to enable it.
- The specification introduces certain aspects that can contribute to enabling confidentiality.
- The specification explicitly addresses and enables the implementation of features to guarantee confidentiality.

#### \* Justification

The ELI system does not inherently provide means for restricting access to information or data. Therefore, this criterion is considered not applicable to this specification.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

#### \* A23 - Is the specification included in any initiative at European or National level covering privacy aspects?

**EIF Recommendation 15:** Define common security and privacy framework and establish processes for public services to ensure secure and trustworthy data exchange between public administrations and in interactions with citizens and businesses.

Securing the right to the protection of personal data, by respecting the applicable legal framework for the large volumes of personal data of citizens, held and managed by Public administrations.

Relates to the actions that Public Administrations establish concerning sensitive information for the proper delivery of public services. The different actions imply the reception, classification, and exchange of such information.

For example, the ETSI (Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures) family of specifications are part of the trust establishment of the eDelivery solution, ensuring that its implementation is salient to guarantee security and privacy.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- Yes, but at national or regional level.
- Yes, at European level.

#### \* Justification

The ELI system itself is not specifically included in any initiative at the European or National level covering privacy aspects. Therefore, this criterion is considered not applicable to this specification.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

#### Security

#### Data processing and exchange

#### \* A24 - To what extent does the specification enable the secure exchange of data?

<u>EIF Recommendation 15:</u> Define common security and privacy framework and establish processes for public services to ensure secure and trustworthy data exchange between public administrations and in interactions with citizens and businesses.

This relates to the actions that Public Administrations establish concerning sensitive information for the proper delivery of public services. The different actions imply the reception, classification, and exchange of such information.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- The specification prevents or does not support the secure and trustworthy exchange of data.
- The specification introduces certain aspects that can contribute to enabling the secure exchange of data.
- The specification addresses data security and trustworthy data exchange but does not foresee specific provisions to enable them.
- The specification addresses data security and trustworthy data exchange but specific provisions to enable them are limited.
- The specification explicitly addresses and enables the secure and trustworthy exchange of data.

#### \* Justification

Insufficient information is available to conclusively determine whether this criterion is met. Furthermore, the specification does not appear to be designed with the explicit goal of enhancing data exchange security and privacy. Therefore, this criterion is considered not applicable to this specification.

#### ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

#### \* A25 - To what extent does the specification enable the secure processing of data?

**EIF Recommendation 15:** Define common security and privacy framework and establish processes for public services to ensure secure and trustworthy data exchange between public administrations and in interactions with citizens and businesses.

Relates to the actions that Public Administrations establish concerning sensitive information for the proper delivery of public services. The different actions imply the reception, classification, and exchange of such information.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- The specification prevents or does not support the secure and trustworthy processing of data.
- The specification introduces certain aspects that can contribute to enabling the secure processing of data.
- The specification addresses data security and trustworthy data processing but does not foresee specific provisions to enable them.

The specification addresses data security and trustworthy data processing but specific provisions to enable them are limited.

The specification explicitly addresses and enables the secure and trustworthy processing of data.

#### \* Justification

Insufficient information is available to conclusively determine whether this criterion is met. Furthermore, the specification does not appear to be designed with the explicit goal of enhancing data exchange security and privacy. Therefore, this criterion is considered not applicable to this specification.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

#### **Data authenticity**

## \* A26 - To what extent the specification guarantees the authenticity and authentication of the roles agents involved in the data transactions?

**EIF Recommendation 15:** Define common security and privacy framework and establish processes for public services to ensure secure and trustworthy data exchange between public administrations and in interactions with citizens and businesses.

Authentication defines that users are who they request to be. Availability defines that resources are available by authorized parties; "denial of service" attacks, which are the subject matter of national news, are attacks against availability. The concerns of information security professionals are access control and Nonrepudiation.

Authorization defines the power that it can have over distinguishing authorized users from unauthorized users, and levels of access in-between. Authenticity defines the constant checks that it can have to run on the system to make sure sensitive places are protected and working perfectly."

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- The specification prevents or does not support the implementation of authentication features.
- The specification neither addresses authenticity nor prevents it.
- The specification addresses the implementation of authenticity features but without specific provisions to enable it.
- The specification introduces certain aspects that can contribute to enabling authenticity features.
- The specification explicitly addresses and enables the implementation of authenticity features.

#### \* Justification

The ELI system does not inherently provide mechanisms for guaranteeing the authenticity and authentication of roles. Therefore, this criterion is considered not applicable to this specification.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

#### **Data integrity**

\* A27 - To what extent information is protected against unauthorised changes?

**EIF Recommendation 15:** Define common security and privacy framework and establish processes for public services to ensure secure and trustworthy data exchange between public administrations and in interactions with citizens and businesses.

Integrity defines that information is protected against unauthorized changes that are not perceptible to authorized users; some incidents of hacking compromise the integrity of databases and multiple resources.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- The specification prevents or does not support the implementation of data integrity mechanisms /features.
- The specification neither addresses data integrity nor prevents it.
- The specification addresses data integrity but without specific provisions to enable it.
- The specification introduces certain aspects that can contribute to enabling data integrity.
- The specification explicitly addresses and enables the implementation of features to guarantee data integrity.

#### \* Justification

The ELI system does not inherently provide protection against unauthorized changes. Therefore, this criterion is considered not applicable to this specification.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

#### **Data accuracy**

#### \* A28 - To what extent does the specification ensure and enable data processing accuracy?

**EIF Recommendation 15:** Define common security and privacy framework and establish processes for public services to ensure secure and trustworthy data exchange between public administrations and in interactions with citizens and businesses.

The accuracy and completeness of information systems and the data supported within the systems should be an administration concern. The information which has been inappropriately changed or destroyed (by external or employees) can impact the organization. Each organization should make controls to provide that data entered into and saved in its automated files and databases are complete and accurate and provide the accuracy of disseminated data.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- The specification prevents or does not support the implementation of data accuracy mechanisms/features.
- The specification neither addresses data accuracy nor prevents it.
- The specification addresses data accuracy but without specific provisions to enable it.
- The specification introduces certain aspects that can contribute to enabling data accuracy.
- The specification explicitly addresses and enables the implementation of features to guarantee data accuracy.

#### \* Justification

The ELI system does not inherently ensure or enable data processing accuracy. Therefore, this criterion is considered not applicable to this specification.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

#### **Access Control**

## \* A29 - To what extent does the specification provide an access control mechanism?

**EIF Recommendation 15:** Define common security and privacy framework and establish processes for public services to ensure secure and trustworthy data exchange between public administrations and in interactions with citizens and businesses.

The principle of access control decides who must be able to access what. For example, it must be able to define that user A can view the data in a database, but cannot refresh them. User A can be allowed to create updates as well. An access-control mechanism can be installed to provide this. Access control is associated with two areas including role management and rule management. Role management applies on the user side, whereas rule management targets the resources side.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- The specification does not provide access control mechanisms.
- The specification neither addresses nor prevents access control mechanisms.
- The specification addresses access control mechanisms but without specific provisions to enable them.
- The specification introduces certain aspects that can contribute to enabling access control mechanisms.
- The specification explicitly foresees a set of requirements for the enabling of access control mechanisms.

## \* Justification

The ELI system does not inherently provide an access control mechanism. Therefore, this criterion is considered not applicable to this specification.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

# Multilingualism

## \* A30 - To what extent could the specification be used in a multilingual context?

**EIF Recommendation 16:** Use information systems and technical architectures that cater to multilingualism when establishing a European public service. Decide on the level of multilingualism support based on the needs of the expected users.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- The specification cannot be used in a multilingual context.
- The specification could be used in a multilingual context but has no specific provisions to facilitate this.
- The specification foresees limited support for multilingualism.
- The specification foresees support for multilingualism but this is not complete.
- The specification is designed to fully support multilingualism.

#### \* Justification

The ELI's Task Force team encourages ELI specifications to be available in multiple languages. Therefore, the specification can be used to a significant extent in a multilingual context. However, the extent to which it can be used in a specific language would depend on the availability of the specification in that language.

#### ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

Study on how users of legislation access transposition information:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/content/eli-register/ELI\_usability\_study\_results-final.pdf

# EIF FOUNDATION PRINCIPLES FOR COOPERATION AMONG PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS

This category includes the criteria aiming to evaluate principles related to collaboration amongst public organisations, business, and citizens. This is related to the underlying principles of administrative simplification (UP10), preservation of information (UP11), and assessment of effectiveness and efficiency (UP12).

## **Administrative Simplification**

## \* A31 - Does the specification simplify the delivery of European public services?

**EIF Recommendation 17:** Simplify processes and use digital channels whenever appropriate for the delivery of European public services, to respond promptly and with high quality to users' requests and reduce the administrative burden on public administrations, businesses and citizens.

A positive answer would cover every specification easing digitalisation and administratice simplification by for example helping an Identification service access a Digital Portfolo with citizens information.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- ON O
- YES

## \* Justification

The ELI specification simplifies the delivery of European public services. By making legislation available online in a standardized format, it facilitates the exchange and reuse of legal information across borders. This not only promotes the development of new services but also makes information flows more effective, potentially shortening the time taken to publish legislation. Therefore, the ELI specification plays a significant role in administrative simplification.

#### ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

### \* A32 - Does the specification enable digital service delivery channels?

<u>EIF Recommendation 17:</u> Simplify processes and use digital channels whenever appropriate for the delivery of European public services, to respond promptly and with high quality to users' requests and reduce the administrative burden on public administrations, businesses and citizens.

A positive answer would cover that a specification eases or provides better means of delivering public services as a good asset for digitalisation and administrative simplification. For instance, a specification directly related to API performance easing and improving the delivery of a Digital Public Service through an API.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- ON O
- YES

#### \* Justification

ELI specification does enable digital service delivery channels. According to the ELI 'Pillar IV' protocol, an ELI provider must provide two channels: the ELI Sitemap and the ELI Atom feed. These channels facilitate the dissemination of ELI metadata in a structured format embedded in the web pages of Official Journal websites.

This allows legislation publishers to share their data in an interoperable way, thereby enabling digital service delivery channels. However, to be compatible with the ELI 'Pillar IV' protocol, it is necessary to have ELI Pillar III implemented, which involves the inclusion of structured metadata in web pages.

ELI IV specification refrerence:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/content/eli-register/ELI-Pillar-IV-protocol-specification-v1.0 en.pdf

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

## **Preservation of Information**

# \* A33 - To what extent does the specification enable the long-term preservation of data/information /knowledge (electronic records included)?

**<u>EIF Recommendation 18:</u>** Formulate a long-term preservation policy for information related to European public services and especially for information that is exchanged across borders.

Relates to the capacity of the specification to contribute to the long-term preservation of information.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- The specification prevents or does not support long-term preservation.
- The specification neither addresses the long-term preservation nor prevents it.
- The specification addresses the long-term preservation of electronic resources (information, data, etc) in a limited manner.
- The specification addresses long-term preservation of electronic resources (information, data, etc), but not in a complete manner.
- The specification explicitly addresses and enables long-term preservation.

#### \* Justification

A key component of ELI is the implementation of URI template patterns, which guarantee persistent access to resources over time. This feature promotes the long-term preservation of electronic documents, ensuring their continued availability.

Furthermore, by providing access to legal documents in a machine-readable format, ELI encourages their reuse and adaptation to other formats, thereby facilitating the evolution of European Public Services.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

## Assessment of Effectiveness and Efficiency

#### \* A34 - To what extent are there assessments of the specification's effectiveness?

**EIF Recommendation 19:** Evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of different interoperability solutions and technological options considering user needs, proportionality, and balance between costs and benefits.

Related to the degree to which the specification is effective while using it. There are indirect methods to determine that the specification is effective, for instance when a solution that has an effective performance and uses the specification to deliver the expected service.

Effectiveness: the extent to which the specifications reach the expected action according to its purpose.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- There are no such assessments.
- There are such assessments that indirectly address the specification.
- There are such assessments evaluating digital solutions' effectiveness that involve the specification.
- There are such assessments addressing the specification and its effectiveness together with other specifications.
- There are such assessments directly addressing the specification.

#### \* Justification

There are several success stories and implementation examples that provide visibility on the effectiveness of implementing ELI. It allows the description of legal resources and increases the shareability across borders enhancing the cooperation amongst European Institutions removing barriers.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

ELI highlights:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/index.html

**ELI Testimonials:** 

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/testimonials.html

#### \* A35 - To what extent are there assessments of the specification's efficiency?

**EIF Recommendation 19:** Evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of different interoperability solutions and technological options considering user needs, proportionality, and balance between costs and benefits.

Related to the good use of time and resources not wasted unnecessarily by a specification being used. There are indirect methods to determine that the specification is efficient, for instance, a solution delivering a service with an efficient performance that uses the specification.

Efficiency: times and means needed to achieve the results using the specification.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- There are no such assessments.
- There are such assessments that indirectly address the specification.
- There are assessments evaluating digital solutions' efficiency that involve the specification.
- There are such assessments addressing the specification and its efficiency together with other specifications.
- There are such assessments directly addressing the specification.

#### \* Justification

There are several success stories and implementation examples that provide visibility on the efficiency of implementing ELI. It allows the description of legal resources and increases the shareability across borders enhancing the cooperation amongst European Institutions removing barriers.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

ELI highlights:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/index.html

**ELI Testimonials:** 

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/testimonials.html

## EIF INTEROPERABILITY LAYERS

This category is aligned with the related interoperability models described in the EIF and apply to all the public services. It includes six layers: interoperability governance, integrated public service governance, legal interoperability, organisational interoperability, semantic interoperability, and technical interoperability covered by criteria A2 to A10 under the Openness category.

## **Interoperability Governance**

# \* A36 - Is the (or could it be) specification mapped to the European Interoperability Architecture (EIRA)?

**EIF Recommendation 20:** Ensure holistic governance of interoperability activities across administrative levels and sectors.

The EIRA defines the required capabilities for promoting interoperability as a set of Architecture Building Blocks (ABBs). The association of specification to these ABBs means the capacity to enable Legal, Organisational, Semantic, or Technical aspects needed for the development of interoperable public services. This association can be taken from ELIS the EIRA Library of Interoperability Specifications (ELIS) but also can be established ad-hoc.

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#### \* Justification

Currently, ELI is associated with EIRA ABBs in the European Library Of Specifications. Specifically, ELI can define the interoperability aspects of the "Legislation Catalogue" ABBs of the EIRA Legal View, and "Ontology" ABB from the Semantic View.

EIRA Library of Interoperability Specifications (ELIS):

https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/collection/common-assessment-method-standards-and-specifications-camss/solution/elis/release/600

#### \* A37 - To what extent can the conformance of the specification's implementations be assessed?

**EIF Recommendation 21:** Put in place processes to select relevant standards and specifications, evaluate them, monitor their implementation, check compliance and test their interoperability.

Relates to the implementation of the specification being conformant with the requirements established in the text of the specification. There are different methods to ensure the conformance of an implementation: check manually if the implementation meets the requirements in the specification text (if any), use additional methods or resources provided to this purpose or use specific tools provided by the SDO developing the specification.

Not Applicable

The specification does not include a definition of conformance.

The specification defines conformance but not as a set of measurable requirements.

The specification defines conformance as requirements that can be measured manually.

The specification defines conformance as requirements with resources to enable automated measurement.

The specification is complemented by a conformance testing platform to allow testing of implementations.

#### \* Justification

The conformance of the ELI specification's implementations can be assessed using the ELI validator. This online tool checks the compliance of ELI metadata with the ELI ontology requirements. In addition to the validator, the ELI specification also includes an annotation tool. This open-source tool enables the labeling of different legal resources, description, and publishing of metadata in machine-usable format.

ELI's annotation and validator tool:

https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/eli-validator/

## \* A38 - Is the specification recommended by a European Member State?

**EIF Recommendation 23:** Consult relevant catalogues of standards, specifications, and guidelines at the national and EU level, in accordance with your NIF and relevant DIFs, when procuring and developing ICT solutions.

Recommended specifications are these specifications that the Member States provide as examples for the implementation of certain digital public services or for being used when procuring these digital public services or solutions.

Not Answered

Not Applicable

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YES

#### \* Justification

No Member States are recommending ELI in their ICT National Catalogues. Despite this, the Ministry of Justice in Denmark, the Ministry of State in Luxembourg, the Office of the Attorney General in Ireland, Central Legislation Service, Ministry of State in Luxembourg, the National Printing Office and Mint/ Imprensa Nacional-Casa da Moeda in Portugal and the State Agency for the Official State Gazette in Spain are hardly recommending ELI and the common benefits of implementing it.

ELI Testimonials reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/testimonials.html

CAMSS List of Standards:

https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/collection/common-assessment-method-standards-and-specifications-camss/camss-list-standards

## \* A39 - Is the specification selected for its use in a European Cross-border project/initiative?

**EIF Recommendation 23:** Consult relevant catalogues of standards, specifications, and guidelines at national and EU level, in accordance with your NIF and relevant DIFs, when procuring and developing ICT solutions.

The European Commission set up a process for the identification and assessment of specifications for its use in the development of IT solutions and also when procuring them. Find here the commission implementing decisions that include the specifications identified by the European Commission: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/growth/single-market/">https://ec.europa.eu/growth/single-market/</a> /european-standards/ict-standardisation/ict-technical-specifications en

Additionally, there could be other situations where a specification can be selected for European projects or initiatives out of the scope of the above-mentioned context. These specifications can be considered positively in this assessment.

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Not Applicable

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#### \* Justification

ELI is a European Specification developed for its common reuse and to foster the shareability of legal document across borders. It is used within the EU Open Data Portal for the provision of data sets described using the main requirements established by ELI. Doing so, European institutions, businesses and citizens can access and reuse it in a machine-readable format.

Moreover, since ELI was developed taking Common Data Model (CMD) from the OP and the
implementations require to be compliant with it, it ensures that the content is available from CELLAR, which
is an access point to all the open data generated by the Publications office.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

ELI technical Information:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/technical\_information.html

EU Open Data Portal Data sets:

https://data.europa.eu/euodp/en/data/group/eli?groups=eli

## \* A40 - Is the specification included in an open repository/catalogue of standards at national level?

**EIF Recommendation 23:** Consult relevant catalogues of standards, specifications, and guidelines at the national and EU level, in accordance with your NIF and relevant DIFs, when procuring and developing ICT solutions.

**EIF Recommendation 6:** Reuse and share solutions, and cooperate in the development of joint solutions when implementing European public services.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
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- YES

#### \* Justification

ELI is not included in any Member States' catalogues of recommended specifications.

CAMSS List of Standards:

https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/collection/common-assessment-method-standards-and-specifications-camss/camss-list-standards

#### \* A41 - Is the specification included in an open repository/catalogue of standards at European level?

**EIF Recommendation 23:** Consult relevant catalogues of standards, specifications, and guidelines at the national and EU level, in accordance with your NIF and relevant DIFs, when procuring and developing ICT solutions.

**EIF Recommendation 6:** Reuse and share solutions, and cooperate in the development of joint solutions when implementing European public services.

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
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#### \* Justification

Having reviewed various standard catalogues at the supra-national level, the Publications Office has compiled a comprehensive list containing specifications and resources integral to the creation, utilization,

and accessibility of open data.
EUR-Lex: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html
ELI reference: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html
EU Vocabularies Business Collection: https://op.europa.eu/en/web/eu-vocabularies/business-collections

## Legal Interoperability

## \* A42 - Is the specification a European Standard?

**EIF Recommendation 27:** Ensure that legislation is screened by means of 'interoperability checks', to identify any barriers to interoperability. When drafting legislation to establish a European public service, seek to make it consistent with relevant legislation, perform a 'digital check', and consider data protection requirements.

European Standards are those standards developed by certain organisations dedicated to this purpose. CEN, CENELEC, and ETSI are the principal organisations and all of them are developing their standards under the basis of meeting the requirements established within the European Standardisation Regulation. CEN-CENELEC homepage: https://www.cencenelec.eu/

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#### \* Justification

ELI is an initiative aimed at improving the interoperability of legal information within the European Union. It provides a common framework for identifying and referencing legal documents across different jurisdictions. ELI is often used as a best practice and guideline rather than a formal standard.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

# Organisational Interoperability

#### \* A43 - Does the specification facilitate the modelling of business processes?

**EIF Recommendation 28:** Document your business processes using commonly accepted modelling techniques and agree on how these processes should be aligned to deliver a European public service.

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#### \* Justification

The objective of ELI does not pertain to the modeling of business processes. Therefore, this criterion is not applicable to the specification.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

## \* A44 - To what extent does the specification facilitate organisational interoperability agreements?

**EIF Recommendation 29:** Clarify and formalise your organisational relationships for establishing and operating European public services.

Relates to specifications' capacities to help and ease the creation and formalisation of Interoperability agreements. E.g. Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs), Services Level Agreements (SLAs).

- Not Answered
- Not Applicable
- The specification's definition hinders the drafting of such agreements.
- The specification makes no provisions that would facilitate the drafting of such agreements.
- The specification defines certain elements to facilitate such agreements.
- The specification defines most elements to facilitate such agreements.
- The specification explicitly identifies all elements to be used in drafting such agreements.

## \* Justification

The ELI specification significantly enhances the facilitation of organizational interoperability agreements by providing a standardized framework for the identification and referencing of legal documents across different entities. Its design promotes consistency and compatibility, fostering a more seamless exchange of information and collaboration among organizations.

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

# **Semantic Interoperability**

# \* A45 - Does the specification encourage the creation of communities along with the sharing of their data and results in national and/or European platforms?

**EIF Recommendation 32:** Support the establishment of sector-specific and cross-sectoral communities that aim to create open information specifications and encourage relevant communities to share their results on national and European platforms.

Relates to specifications that are narrowly related to the data/information being exchanged, its format, and structure. It would allow a common method/mechanism to improve its reuse and exchange removing possible limitations. An example of it could be RDF, which is used to describe information and its metadata using specific syntax and serialisation.



Not Answered

- Not Applicable
- Yes, but at national or regional level.
- Yes, at European platforms.

#### \* Justification

ELI fosters a community of nations working together to standardize legal information, and it encourages the sharing of this data on national and European platforms. This makes it easier to exchange and reuse legal information across borders

EU Open Data Portal Data sets:

https://data.europa.eu/euodp/en/data/group/eli?groups=eli

ELI reference:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli-register/about.html

5-star linked open data:

https://www.w3.org/DesignIssues/LinkedData.html

#### **Useful links**

<u>CAMSS Joinup Page (https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/collection/common-assessment-method-standards-and-specifications-camss)</u>

<u>CAMSS Library of Assessments (https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/collection/common-assessment-method-standards-and-specifications-camss/camss-assessments-library)</u>

<u>CAMSS Assessment EIF Scenario - User Guide (https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/collection/common-assessment-method-standards-and-specifications-camss/solution/camss-assessment-eif-scenario/camss-assessment-eif-scenario-quick-user-guide)</u>

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