



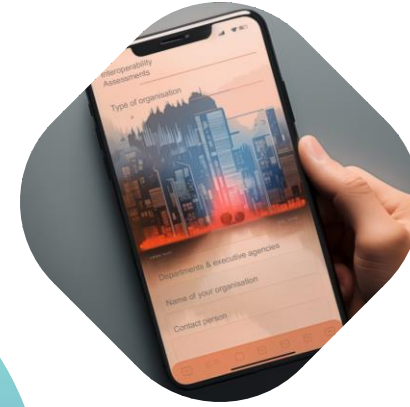
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Interoperability in action: Act and assessments

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Interoperable Europe Act: what it is about?

Interoperable Europe Act in a nutshell

Helps EU and Member State administrations to deliver connected digital services to citizens and businesses across Europe.

What? Digital public services and their systems
All services requiring cross-border data exchange in EU.

Who? Union entities and public sector bodies
All entities that provide or manage digital public services.

Why? Better public services
Assess interoperability before binding decisions.

When? Entered into force in April 2024
Full application from 12 January 2025.

Overview of main elements

Recognised reusable interoperability solutions

European Interoperability Framework
Interoperable Europe solutions
Mandatory share and reuse
Interoperable Europe Portal



Strengthened interoperability support

GovTech and interoperability regulatory sandboxes
Policy implementation support projects, trainings, peer reviews



Structured and co-owned EU cooperation

Governance (Board, Community, competent authorities, coordinators)
Interoperable Europe Agenda
Monitoring



Digital-ready and interoperability-by-design

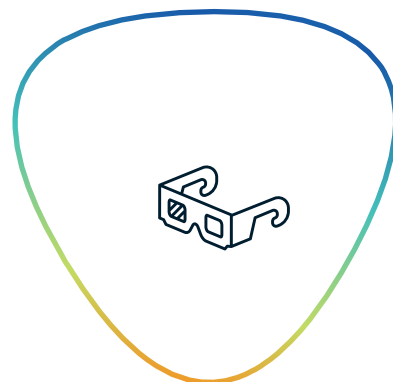
Interoperability assessments



IEA implementation highlights so far



- **High-level Member State representatives** nominated to the Board
- Most MSs have nominated a **national competent authority**
- **41** EUIBAs have nominated an interoperability coordinator



- **Change policymaking @EC:** digital aspects considered early in the policymaking
- **Publication** of the IOP assessment [guidelines](#)



- Launch of the **Interoperable Europe Portal**
- **Launch of a Coordination and Support Action (CSA)** to support Member State preparations for implementing the Act

What's next?

2026: EIF Communication?

Q1
2025

- Application of the rules on **interoperability assessments** and national competent authorities.
- Launch of the Interoperable Europe **Community**.
- Launch of the independent expert group on the **next generation EIF**.

Q2
2025

- **Study report** to support the implementation of IOPAs.
- New **training** courses.
- 2nd Interoperable Europe **Board** meeting.
- Launch of the **Agenda consultation**.
- IOP **regulatory sandboxes** implementing act.

Q3
2025

- First **monitoring results** (report to EP and Council).

Q4
2025

- 3rd Interoperable Europe **Board** meeting.
- Adoption of **Interoperable Europe Agenda**.



Interoperability assessments: what are they and what support exists?

Interoperability assessments: Think before you act

- **Identify barriers** to cross-border interoperability at an early stage in the policymaking process and **facilitate the implementation of digital public services** that require cross-border data exchange
- **Reduce gap between policy design and IT implementation** by considering digital and interoperability aspects from the outset
- Promote the **reuse** of common interoperability solutions and **user-centricity**.

What needs to be assessed?

Public sector bodies or Union entities intending to set binding requirements for digital public services must assess:



The effects of the binding requirements on cross-border interoperability, using the European Interoperability Framework as a support tool.



The stakeholders to which the binding requirements are relevant.



The Interoperable Europe solutions that support the implementation.



The outcome of these assessments is summarised in a report (see the Annex of the Regulation).

What triggers an assessment?

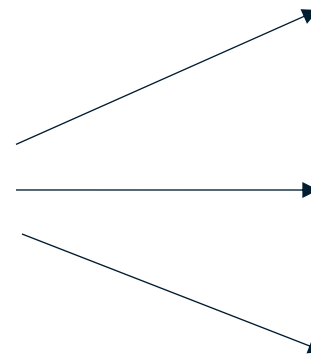
Before taking a decision on new or substantially modified binding requirements



Before taking a decision



Binding requirement:
obligation, prohibition,
condition, criterion or limit
of a legal, organisational,
semantic or technical
nature



set by a Union entity or a public
sector body



concerning one or more trans-
European digital public services



and which has an effect on cross-
border interoperability

Interoperability assessments (Article 3)



Obligation

at the **beginning** of the legislative cycle, then cascading through life-cycle



Any binding requirement

limits the choice of others, e.g., by mandating a specific format for data



Trans-European digital public service

requiring **interaction** across Member State borders: The recognition of academic diplomas, professional qualifications, the exchange of vehicle data or taxation and customs

Interoperability assessments: Example

European Disability and Parking Card



- **Legislative Proposal**



- **European Commission (Union entity)**



- **Provided by public sector bodies to natural persons across the EU**



- **Mutual recognition across the EU (most likely requires interaction across borders by means of network and information systems)**

Interoperability assessments: Example



Binding requirements

Art. 5 (1)

Member States shall take the **necessary measures** to ensure that holders of a European Disability Card, **while travelling to or visiting a Member State other than that of which they are a resident**, shall be granted **access on equal terms and conditions** as those provided to persons with disabilities who are holders of a disability certificate, disability card or any other formal document recognising their disability status in that Member State, to any special conditions or preferential treatment offered with respect to the services, activities and facilities referred to in Article 2(1).



Interoperability assessments: Example

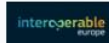


Binding requirements

Art. 6 (1)

Each Member State shall introduce the European Disability Card following the common standardised format set out in Annex I. (including surname, forename, date of birth, serial number)

BE	European Disability Card	QR Code
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Name:	Name Arial 14pt	
Surname:	Family Name	
Date of birth:	17/07/1999	
Card serial number:	0123456789	
Expiry date:	01/12/2029	



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In an era marked by rapid digital transformation, the [Interoperable Europe Act](#) emerges as a pivotal legislative document, guiding the **seamless delivery of digital public services across the European Union**. This act underscores the essentiality of interoperability - the ability of diverse organizations and systems to interact effectively, exchanging data and ensuring that public services are not only technologically advanced but also accessible and user-centric. In light of this, interoperability assessments become not just a technical necessity but also a strategic imperative.

Any interoperability assessment, as provided by Article 3 of the Interoperable Europe Act, aims to ensure that binding requirements for trans-European digital public services have adequately considered cross-border interoperability issues before being decided on.





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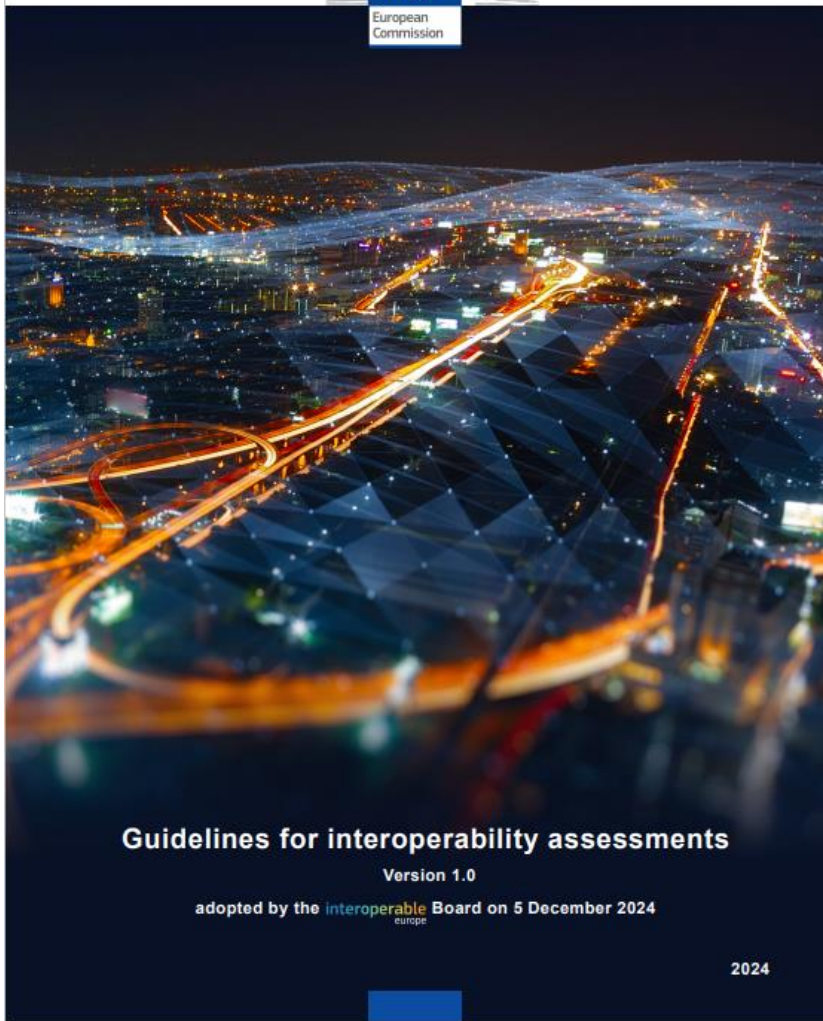
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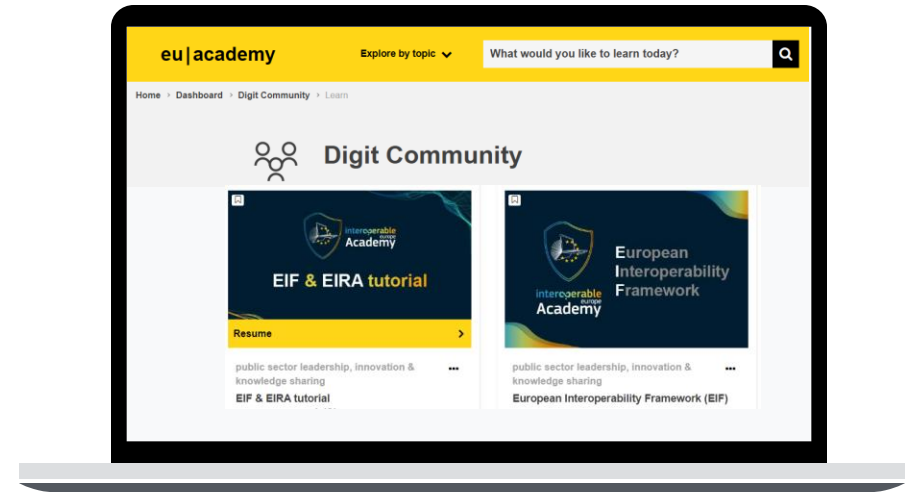
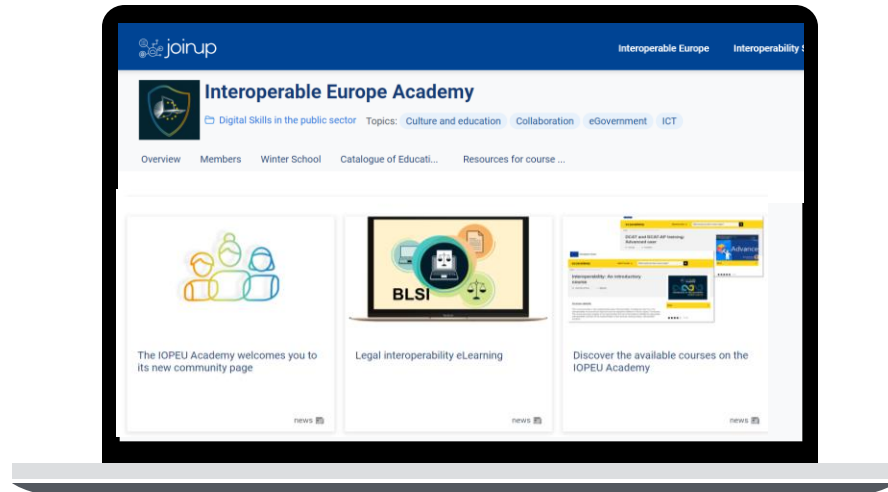
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- Links to all IOPEU Academy **courses**
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