EIRA v2.0.0

Release notes

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of this document

This document contains the description of the release version 2.0.0 of the EIRA.

EIRA is an architecture content metamodel defining the most salient architectural building blocks (ABBs) needed to build interoperable e-Government systems (Decoupled functionalities).

1.2 Release date

This version of the EIRA has been released on the 26th of July 2017 in [Joinup](#).

1.3 Description

EIRA v1.0.0 was released on the 21st of March 2016 after which the EIRA has been tested by writing Solution Architecture Templates and by modelling solutions at Member States. A bit over a year later, version 2.0.0 of the EIRA has been released, containing major upgrades related to the release of the New European Interoperability Framework and an upgrade to ArchiMate® v3.

1.4 List of acronyms used in this document

Table 1-1

ABB	Architectural Building Block
EC	European Commission
EIRA	European Interoperability Reference Architecture.
IoP	Interoperability
SKOS	Simple Knowledge Organization System

2 RELEASE COMPONENTS

The EIRA consists of the following release components

2.1 EIRA_v2_0_0_ArchiMate.xml

The Open Group ArchiMate Exchange File Format, containing the model.

Modification	Details
Version 2.0.0	
ArchiMate® 3 upgrade	EIRA© v1.2.2 was aligned with ArchiMate® 2.1, EIRA© v2.0.0 is aligned with ArchiMate® 3.0
Alignment with the new version of the EIF (the New European Interoperability Framework)	Introduction of new viewpoints to align with the cross-cutting concerns that are introduced in the new version of the "European Interoperability Framework (EIF): • "Interoperability Governance viewpoint" • "Integrated Public Service Governance" • "Security and privacy viewpoint" Introduction of a new view: • "EIF Underlying Principles" Introduction of new Architecture Building Blocks (ABBs), specialising "Organisational Interoperability Enablers" on the "Organisational View": • "Security Policy" • "Security Framework" (as specialisation of "Security Policy") Introduction of new Architecture Building Blocks (ABBs), specialising "Data" on the "Semantic View": • Open Data Base Registry (as specialisation of "Master Data")
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Descriptions of all the ABBs have been revised	References have been verified and updated where possible
Minor changes	- Change of the ArchiMate® icon of representation. - The High-level overview has become a viewpoint. - The "Hosting and Networking Infrastructure" has been implemented as grouping for the different attached services. - Introduction of a "Service Discovery Component" on the "Technical view – application".
Version 1.1.0	
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Added GovIS 2 ID attribute	The Interoperable European Solution building block now includes the GovIS2 ID as an attribute for EC solutions. Govis2 is an internal EC portfolio management solution.
Changed relation between Public Policy Formulation and Implementation Instrument	The relation is now : "is realised by"
Completed documentation of "assign" relations	
Added TES attributes	All building blocks are updated to define the attributes used by the data collection and analysis activities of the ISA TES Action (2.14).
Additional relationship in the semantic view	[Data policy] influences [Data]
All services in the technical view are now considered application services	
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Version 1.0.0	

2.2 EIRA_v2_0_0_ArchiMate.archimate

The 'Archi' version of the model.

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2.3 EIRA_v2_0_0_ArchiMate.html.zip

A compressed folder containing the web-version of the EIRA model.

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2.4 EIRA_v2.0.0_Overview.pdf

A PDF document containing an introduction to the EIRA, including its key concepts, used ArchiMate notation, tool support and views.

Modification	Details
Version 2.0.0	
Alignment to EIRA v2.0.0	Added the new Views, Viewpoints with their descriptions.
Added additional ArchiMate© elements and their description	Addition of Goal, Assessment and Principle coming from the ArchiMate© motivation extension.
Additional section "How EIRA supports Interoperability in eGovernment"	
Version 1.1.0	
Readability improvements	Improvement of the readability in the Overview document by introducing minor phrasing changes throughout all sections in the document.
Improvement of EIRA background section 2.1	Refined the text of the requirements of interoperability coordination across borders and sectors.
Improvement of EIRA's expected benefits section 2.4	Stronger link to the advantages of Enterprise Architecture principles and further elaboration of the EIRA's specific benefits.
	Highlighted how the development of more interoperable e-Government solutions requires consideration of interoperability on multiple levels and the transition to digital service delivery (Section 2.4.1).
	Provided more information on how cost-savings on portfolios can be made due to better assessment of solution portfolios by highlighting the importance of Interoperability Specifications (Section 2.4.2)
	Provided more information on how cost-savings can be increased through the reusability assessment of solutions (Section 2.4.3).
Additional section (Section 2.6) on the application of the EIRA.	

Additional section (3.3.2) introducing the Cartography Tool.	
Improvement of the Key Concepts of the EIRA (Section 3.1)	Provided more information to define what a reference architecture is in the context of the EIRA with a link to Enterprise Architecture.
Updated EIRA meta model	EIRA meta model updated in Key Concepts in EIRA (Section 3.1)
Version 1.0.0	

2.5 EIRA_v2_0_0_SKOS.rdf

The EIRA as controlled vocabulary in SKOS format.

Modification	Details
Version 2.0.0	
Alignment with EIRA v2.0.0	
Version 1.1.0	
Creation of the controlled vocabulary	
Version 1.0.0	

2.6 ISA Product License v1.3.pdf

The license under which the EIRA is released.

Modification	Details
Version 1.3.0	
Replacement of specific ISA Product licenses by a generic license	
Version 1.2.0	
Typo "hereafter"	
"or later versions" replaced by "which replaces earlier versions"	
Version 1.1.0	
Typo "above" replaced by "below".	
Version or ArchiMate explicitly mentioned (i.e. 2.1).	
Reference to citizens of the EU included.	
Version 1.0.0	

2.7 Joinup

The public web-page (https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/eia/description) containing information on the EIRA.

Modification	Details
Version 1.1.0	
Version 1.0.0	

2.8 EIRA_v2_0_0_release.zip

An archive containing each of the above mentioned files.

Modification	Details
Version 2.0.0	
Release package of all new components – EIRA v2.0.0	
Version 1.1.1	
Replacement of specific ISA Product licenses by a generic license	
Version 1.1.0	
Update version of components	
Add EIRA_v_1_1_0_SKOS.rdf	
Version 1.0.0	