

Factsheet Belgium

Main interoperability activities

Belgium put forward the BELGIF¹ (BELgian Governement Interoperability Framework) wiki as Interoperability Framework. No recent activity (i.e. after 2008) took place on this collaborative platform.

Summary of the NIF

The BELGIF wiki is a collaborative platform of the Belgian government dedicated to interoperability in the context of e-government and the information society. It is a result of the collaboration between several Belgian institutional levels and is compatible with the European Interoperability Framework (EIF). This platform is open for everyone to consult and to contribute. The BELGIF defines an organizational and technical layer.

The Organizational layer defines a set of basic principles, the main authentic sources and the Federal Service Bus (FSB) as eGovernment services. The Federal Service Bus is a key element in the Belgium Interoperability strategy as it enables the various levels of the administration to connect and to exchange data. The FSB provides XML based message exchange, routing, authentication and authorization services.

The Technical layer defines a list of standards. The list of standards can be categorised in the following four categories:

- data presentation and exchange
- data integration and middleware
- interconnection services
- security services

The open-standard, according to the IDABC definition, criteria applies to all new proposed standards. An impact study will be made to evaluate the organizational and financial consequences. If the ICEG approves the standard, the newly proposed standard will be labeled as recommended.

Alignment NIF/EIF

No additional evidences (besides the listed one in the 'summary of the NIF') have been delivered concerning interoperability in Belgium. Based on the information provided by Belgium, no alignment with the EIF could be made.

Other initiatives on interoperability

No further initiatives observed.

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