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## **EUPL Milestones**

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2005

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## Update

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foreseen making it interoperable with a greater number of other licences





