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BLSI Virtual breakfast
February 2023 Key takeaways

The Interoperable Europe Act proposal:
Implications and opportunities for our community

Interoperable Europe Act webinar series | Part 1

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Welcome and introduction

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Who we are

Better Legislation for Smoother Implementation (BLSI) community

A living and continuously growing multi-disciplinary community on better legislation to share good practices and co-create tools with interoperability in mind around:

- Digital-ready policies
- Legislation and technology
- Streamlined regulatory reporting process in the EU

Digital-ready policymaking

The Legal Interoperability Team

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Visit our community on JoinUp!

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What has happened in 2022?

Next Generation Digital Strategy for digital-ready policymaking

30 June 2022

On 30 June 2022 the European Commission adopted its new strategy to enhance its own digital transformation: **the Next Generation Digital Strategy**!
Digital-ready policymaking is among its the top five priorities!

"The strategy **foresees setting up an advice mechanism for digital-ready policymaking** to guide the lead service in charge of a new policy initiative through **mandatory digital checks**."

New course on digital-ready policymaking

13 July 2022

In our course, besides getting familiarised with **the concept of digital-ready policymaking and** its essential components, you may get inspiration from the **best practices across Europe.**

Interoperable Europe Act & Our Community

18 November 2022

On 18 November 2022 **the European Commission adopted a proposal for an Interoperable Europe Act to reinforce the interoperability of the public sector in the EU.** It aims to enhance the ability of administrations to cooperate and make public services function across borders, sectors and organizations.

"**To make EU legislation fully digital-ready and interoperable-by-design**, it is important to seek, and eventually ensure, **a shared understanding between the co-legislators**, in full respect of the roles of each Institution."

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The Communication accompanying the Interoperable Europe Act highlights the need for digital-ready policymaking

"Digital-ready and interoperability-by-design policymaking will support the emergence of genuinely trans-European digital services"

"The Commission's own Digital Strategy and Better Regulation agenda firmly incorporate digital thinking into the EU policy cycle, **promoting the 'digital-by-default' principle in policy development"**

"To make EU legislation fully digital-ready and interoperable-by-design, it is important to seek, and eventually ensure, a shared understanding between the co-legislators"

"It is important to develop transparent and reusable, digital-ready reporting and monitoring tools… the existing monitoring formats should be integrated into a 'once-only' logic, reusing data and surveys where possible and **making the results openly available in machine-readable formats"**

The Interoperable Europe Act proposal: What's in it for our community?

Isa Katharina von Kalben,
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The Interoperable Europe Act for our community 1/4

The IOP EU Act contains several important elements relevant for our community:

*cross-border interoperability is defined as the ability of network and information systems to be used by public sector bodies in different Member States and institutions, bodies, and agencies of the Union in order to interact with each other by sharing data by means of electronic communication

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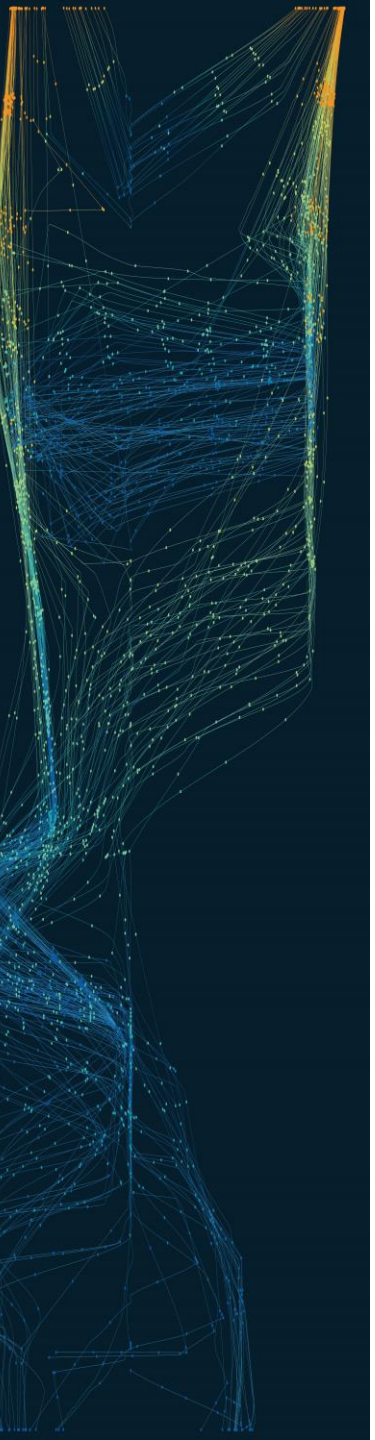

The Interoperable Europe Act for our community 2/4

Interoperable Europe Governance

Articles 15, 16, 17, 18

Structured cooperation, co-owned by the EU MS and the EU IABs;
An interoperability community will contribute to the activities of the Interoperable Europe Board by providing expertise and advice.

Our community could become part of the broader Interoperable Europe community

Interoperable Europe Portal

Article 8

One-stop-shop for shared and reusable interoperability solutions.

It will ensure that new collaboration features are available to support the knowledge exchange and interactive work also for our community. Opportunities to contribute today to the development of the portal build on top of todays JoinUp.

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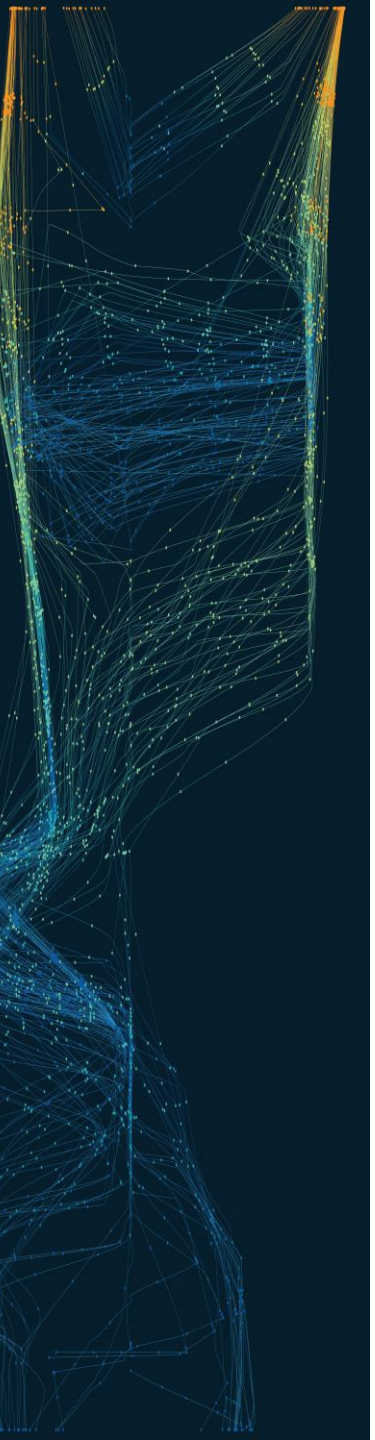

The Interoperable Europe Act for our community 3/4

Mandatory Interoperability Assessments

Article 3

To be performed before binding legal, organisational, semantic or technical requirements for IT systems are set.

Interoperability assessments performed in the policy design phase would fit our communities' activities on digital-ready policymaking.

Policy implementation support projects

Article 9

Structured process to work jointly on reusable interoperability solutions to implement EU policies.

Our community's expertise around the links between policy and digital implementation, or even law and code needed!

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The Interoperable Europe Act for our community 4/4

Innovation and support measures

Articles 10, 11, 12

Including private sector, notably regulatory sandboxes and GovTech innovation projects.

New opportunities for projects around our community's interest in regulatory learning and the use of emerging technologies for policymaking.

Training

Article 13

Making upskilling on cross-border interoperability in the public sector a task required by law

Our community started this work and can contribute to take this task further in the future.

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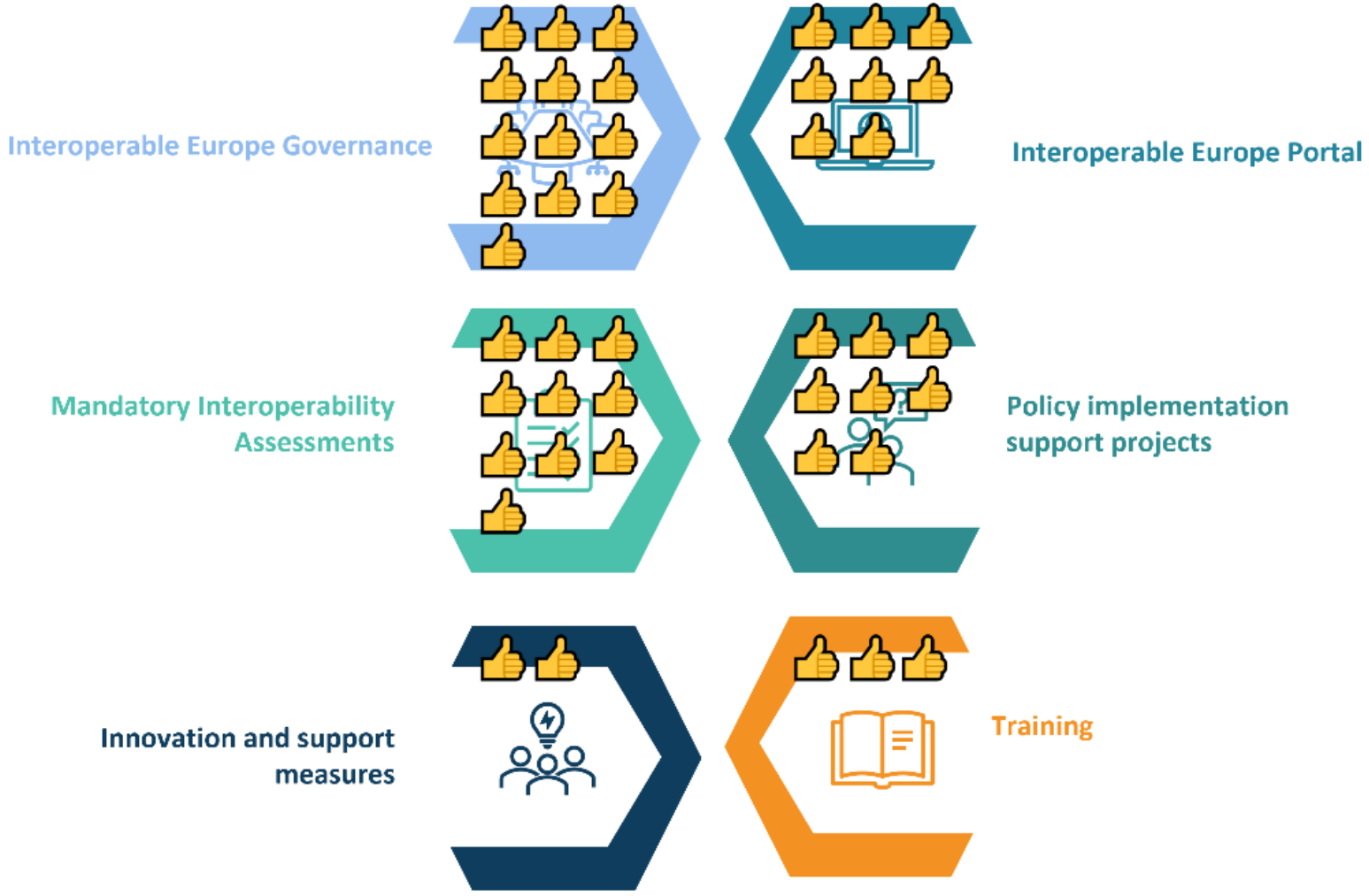
What would you expect to see in a next webinar?

Voting among the Interoperable Europe Act's key elements or add another topic with a sticky note



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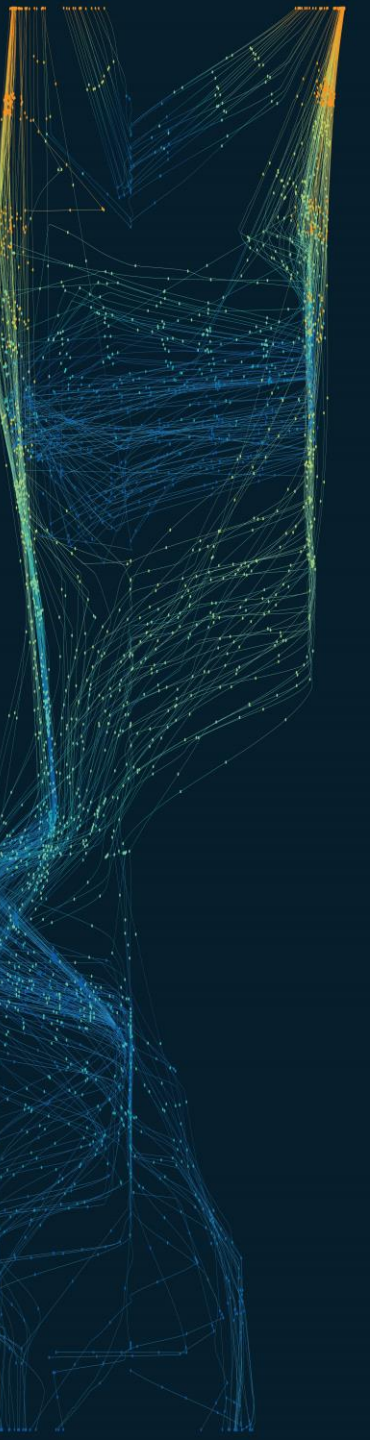

Which are your propositions for a next webinar?

- *Evolution of the European Interoperability Framework (EIF)*
- *Implementing EU interoperability solutions in the electronic offices of our almost 7,000 clients*
- *Stakeholder engagement measures could be a good subject to address*
- *Any manner to make prozelites? Any other international fora where one can exchange best practices?*
- *IOP EU bard: open for administrations and general public*
- *Measures to support local authorities in promoting interoperable solutions*
- *Funding opportunities to implement measures required by the IEA (e.g. assessments)*
- *International cooperation & needed legal and technical standards*

Questions addressed to
European Commission, DG DIGIT, D2

Q1: How can we create a top down and back network to bring the multi-government structure of Europe and the member states, the federal states and local or special units together with opensource data and platforms?

A1: The Digital Single Gateway is about this top-down bottom-up approach and provides the tools to help implement it. The Act is really about this top-down bottom-up structure. It provides public administrators with the necessary tools. The portal could play a role and provide transparency on what subset is required based on other Acts. The community can help with topics that might not be known yet and with solutions that might no longer apply to a specific issue.

A2: This structured governance is the core of the proposal. Transparency and inclusivity is important. The six pillars can be useful in this process, and it is interesting to see how this structure can be achieved through them. For example, through the Joinup portal with a series of webinars, a platform of knowledge sharing, and how to contribute to our community.

The Interoperable Europe portal: Joinup platform

Bernard Claes, DIGIT D2
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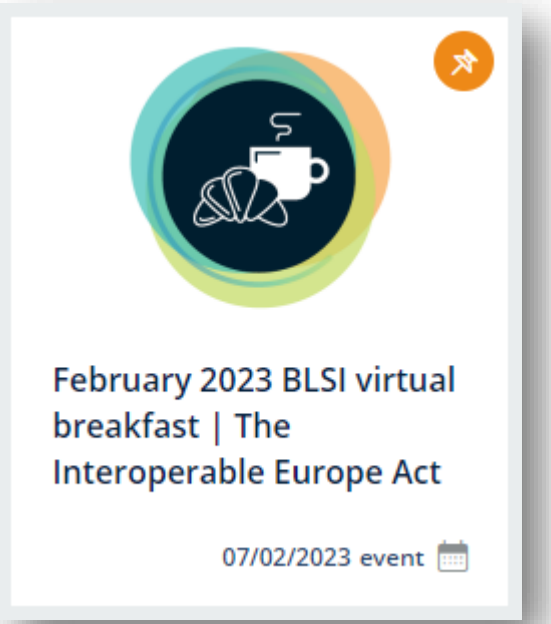
Top reasons to use Joinup

Content creation on Joinup

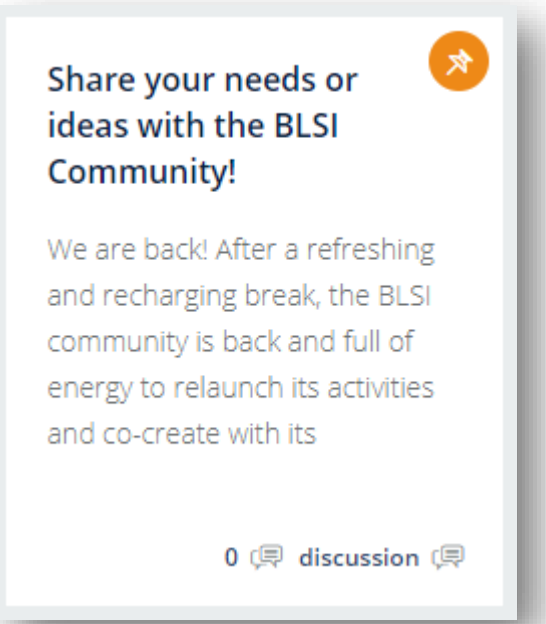
News

Ideal for publishing announcements, news flashes, press releases, bulletins etc.



Events

Great for announcing special occasions such as events, webinars, conferences etc.

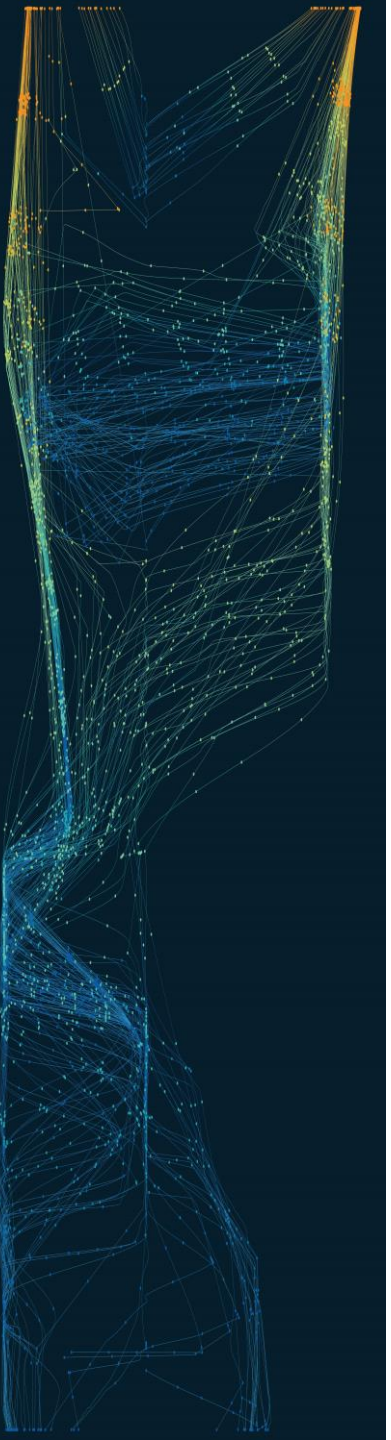


Discussions

Perfect for virtual conversations & debates, exchange of ideas, topics or suggestions etc.

Documents

Useful for publishing case studies, guidelines, How-To articles, or documentation-related content.



Content interaction on Joinup

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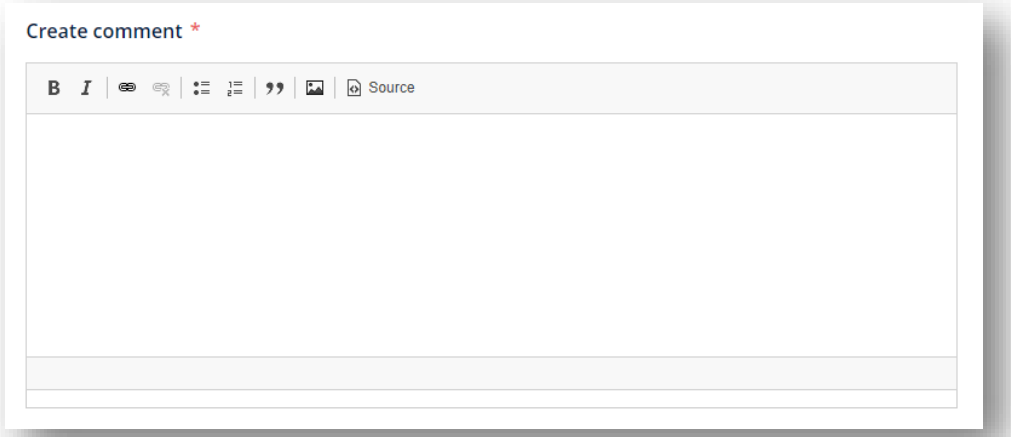
Content interaction on Joinup (1/4)

Sharing your thoughts via comments

- ✓ Available in all major content creation items (News, Events, Discussions, Documents)
- ✓ Support rich text (bold, italic etc.) & structured text (bullet/numbered lists etc.)
- ✓ Images & hyperlinks can be added
- ✓ Threaded replies are possible (and encouraged!)
- ✓ Provide permalinks for sharing comments

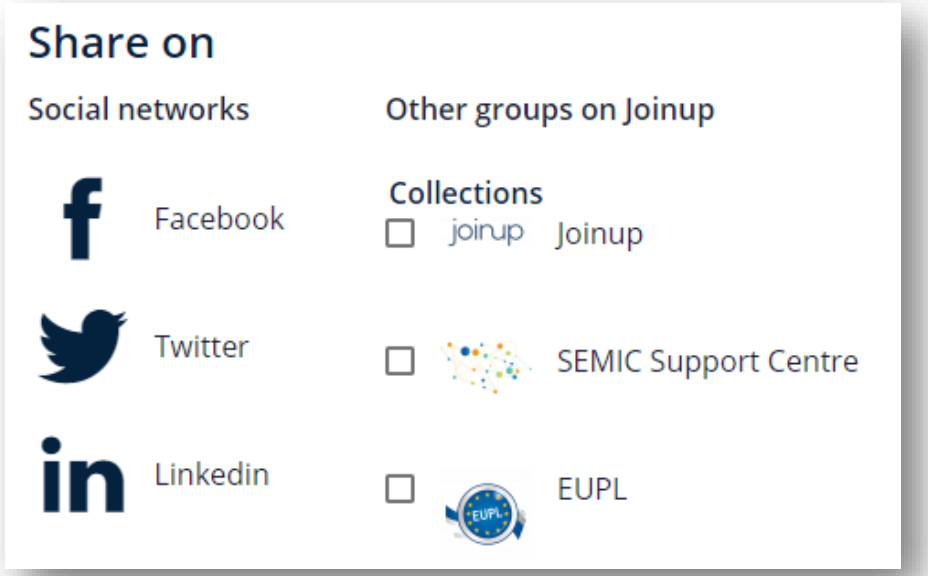
Note!
Only signed in users can post comments.

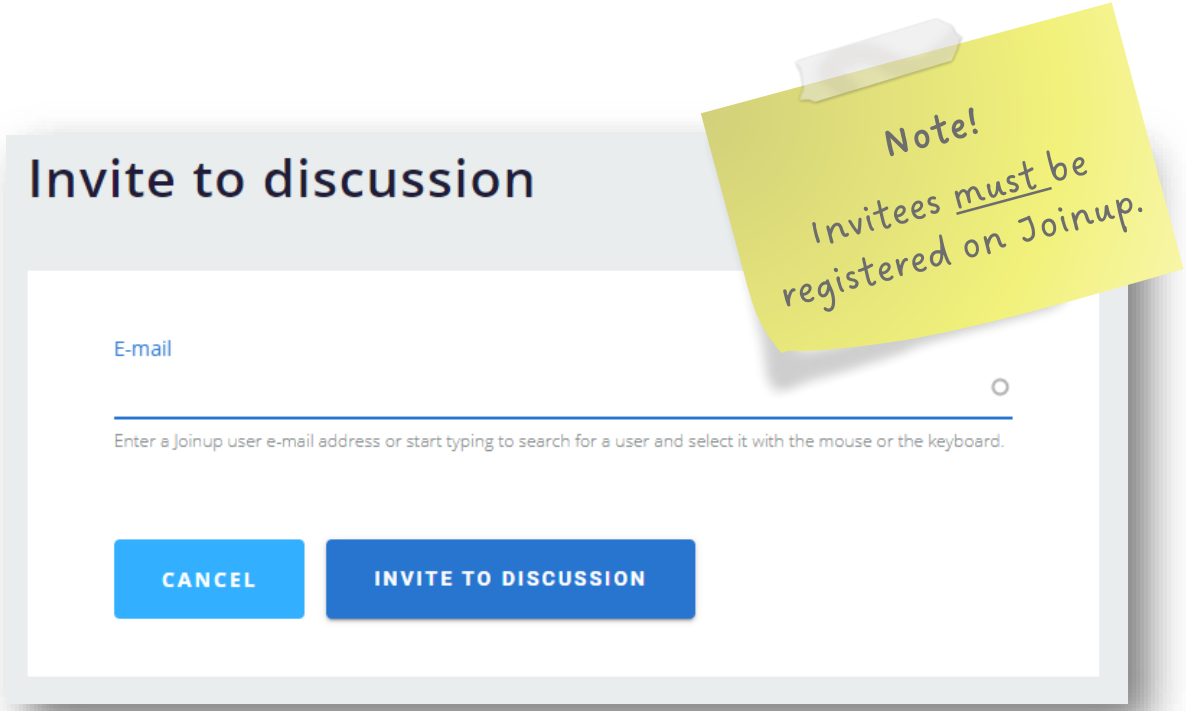


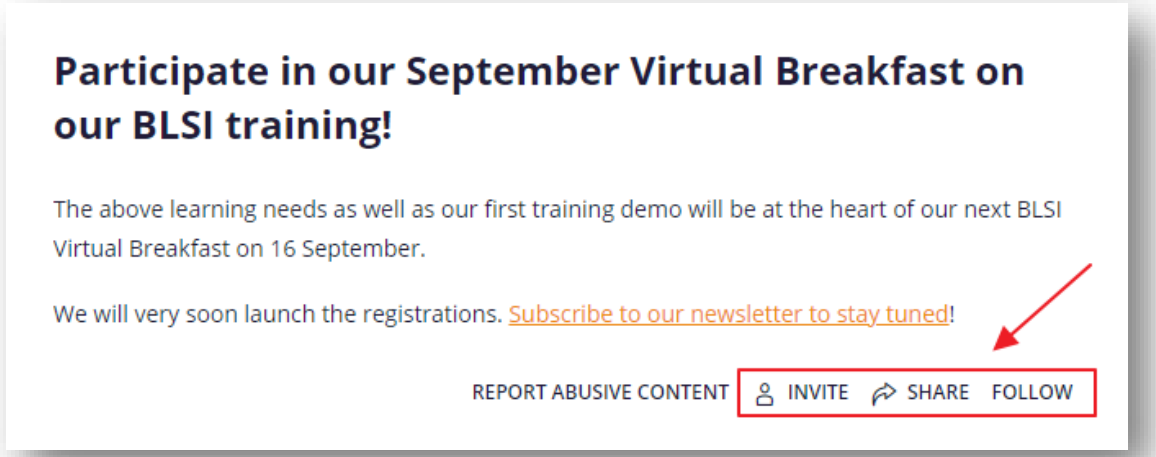
Content interaction on Joinup (2/4)

Requesting user contribution via Discussions

- ✓ Users can “follow” a Discussion
  - Receive notification of new comments
- ✓ Users can “share” a Discussion (applicable to other items)
  - In social media or on Joinup
- ✓ Creators can “invite” other users



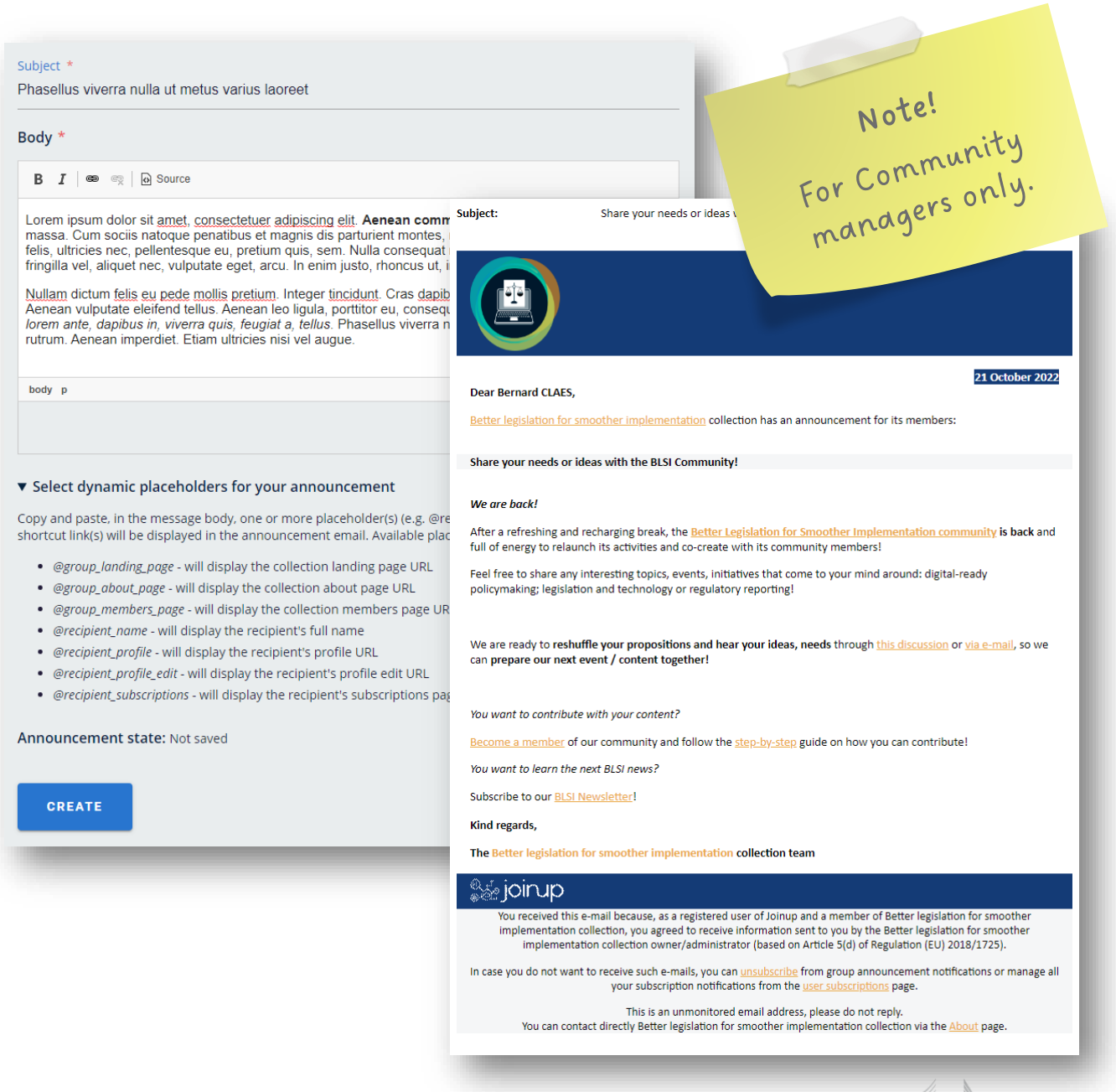




Content interaction on Joinup (3/4)

Reaching your Community members

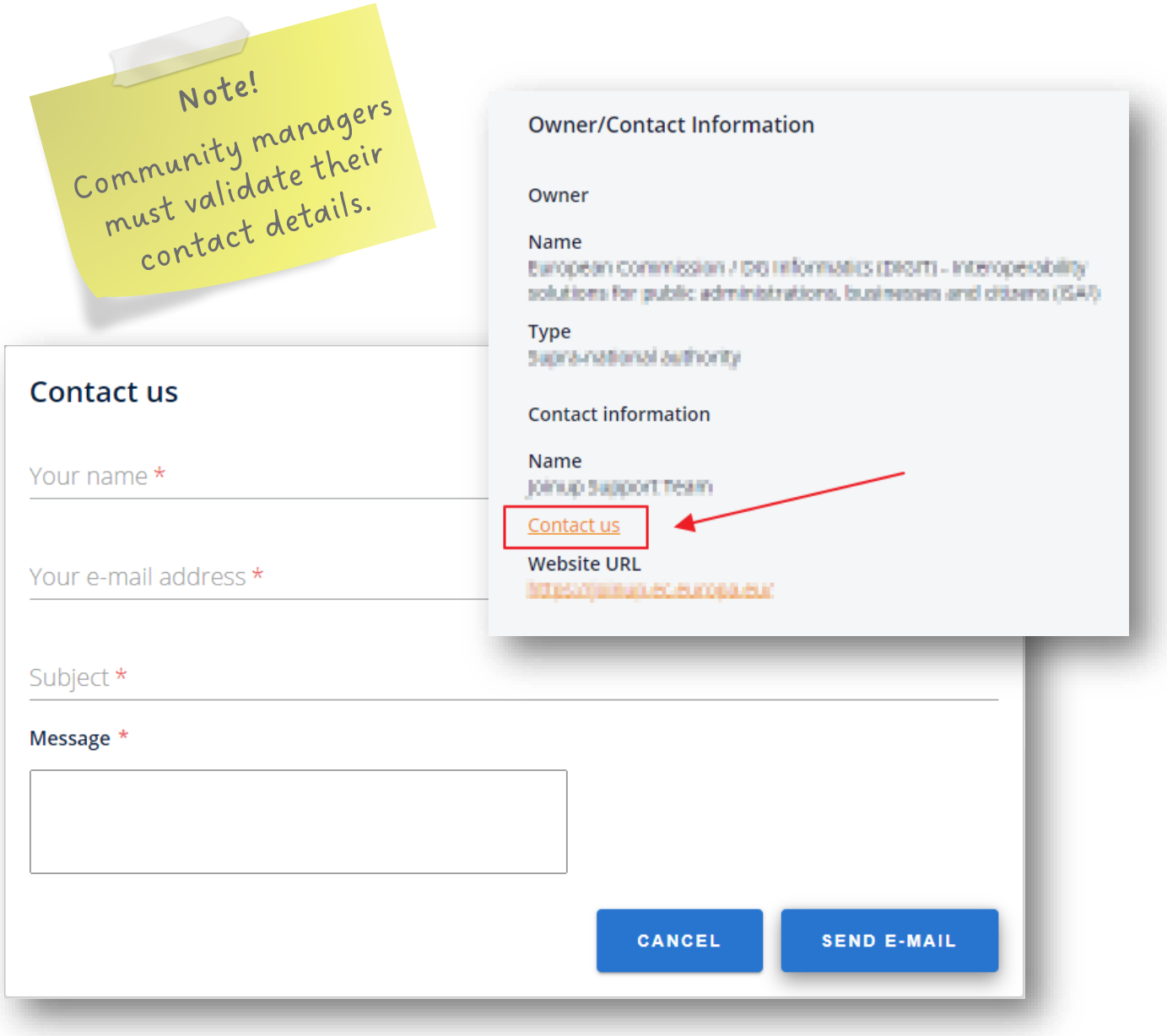
- ✓ “Announcements” allow Community managers to send emails to all their members
- ✓ Only members of a Community will receive the announcement
- ✓ Members can unsubscribe from announcements

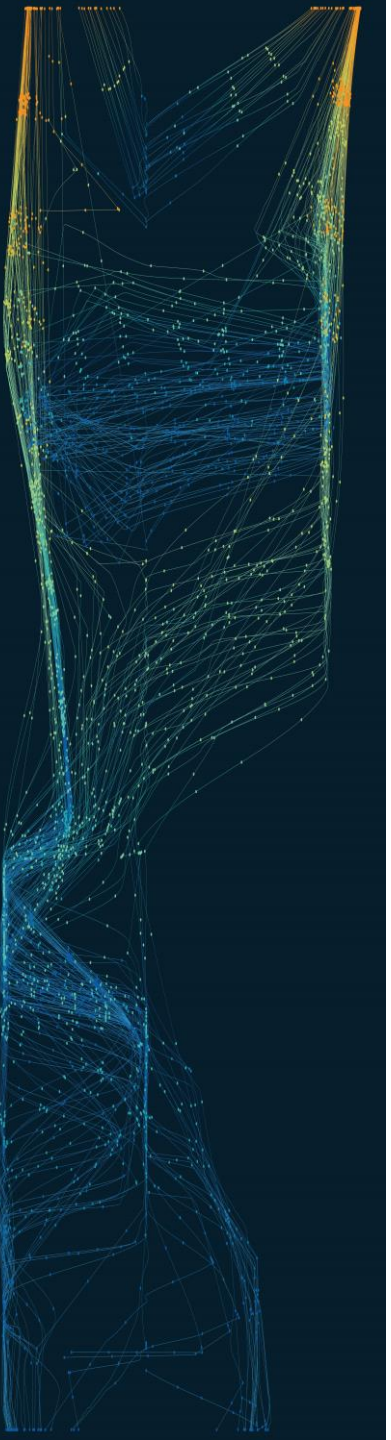


Content interaction on Joinup (4/4)

Reaching your Community managers

- ✓ Quick & easy communication
- ✓ No need for traditional email client software
- ✓ Enhanced privacy protection for Community managers & users





Content consumption on Joinup

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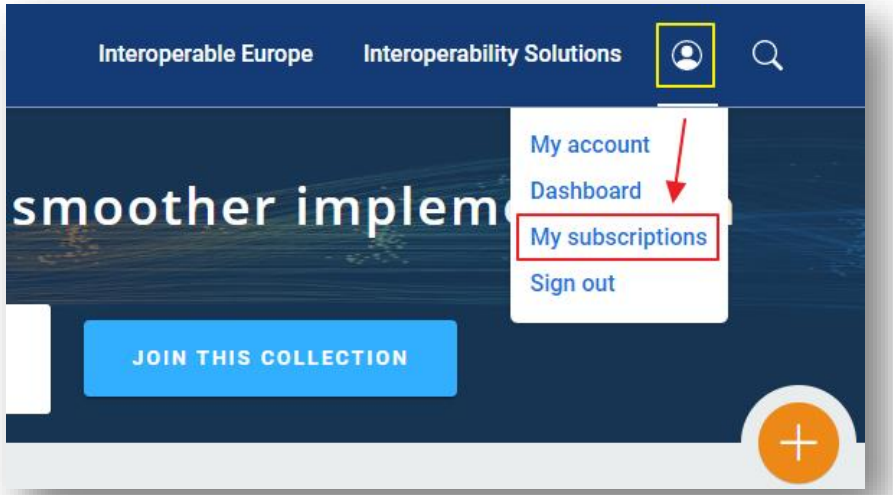
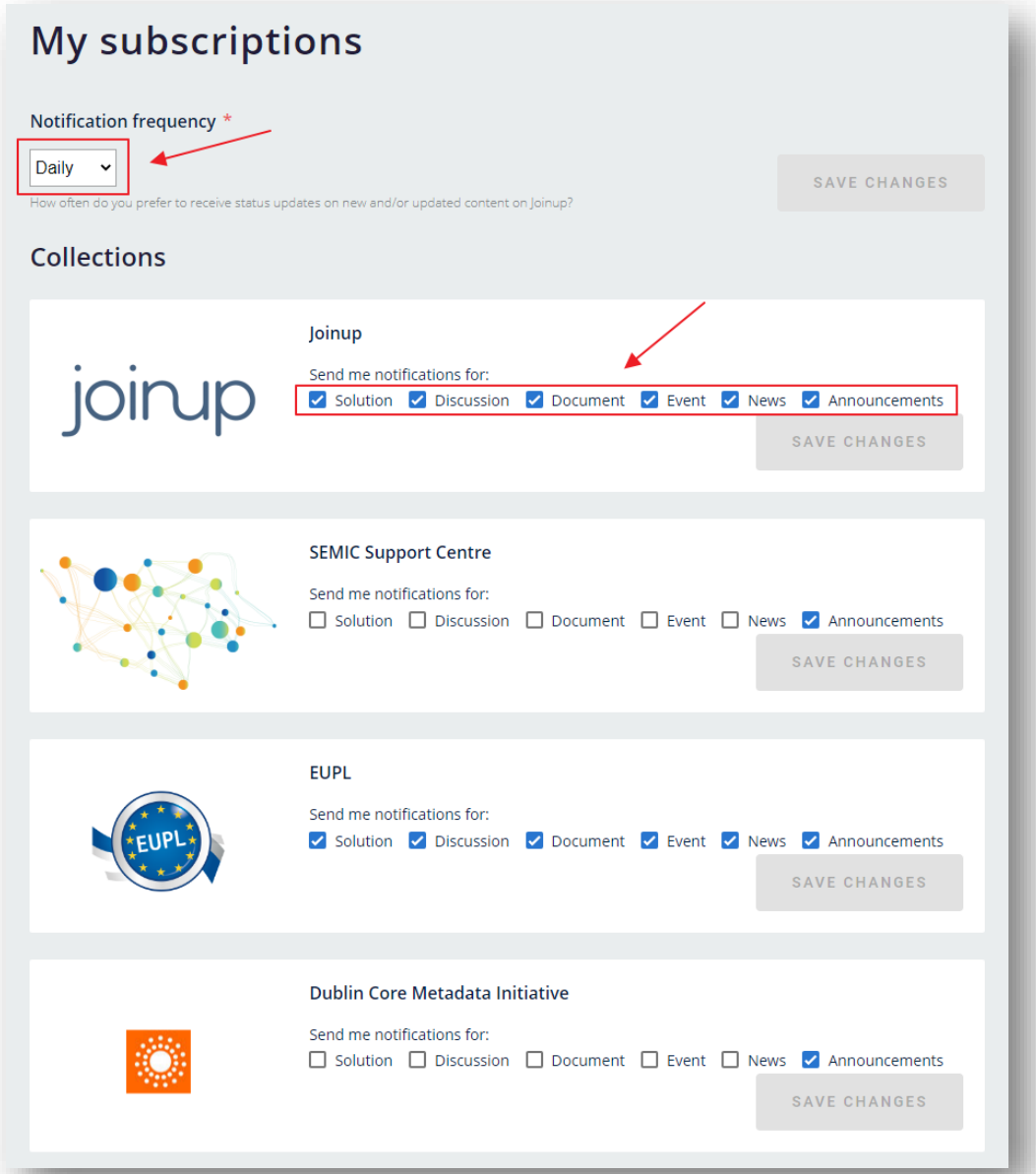
Content consumption on Joinup (1/2)

Managing your subscriptions

- ✓ The “My subscriptions” page allows you to:
  - Select the content items for which to receive updates
  - Set the frequency of receiving these updates (daily, weekly, monthly)
  - Opt out of Announcements

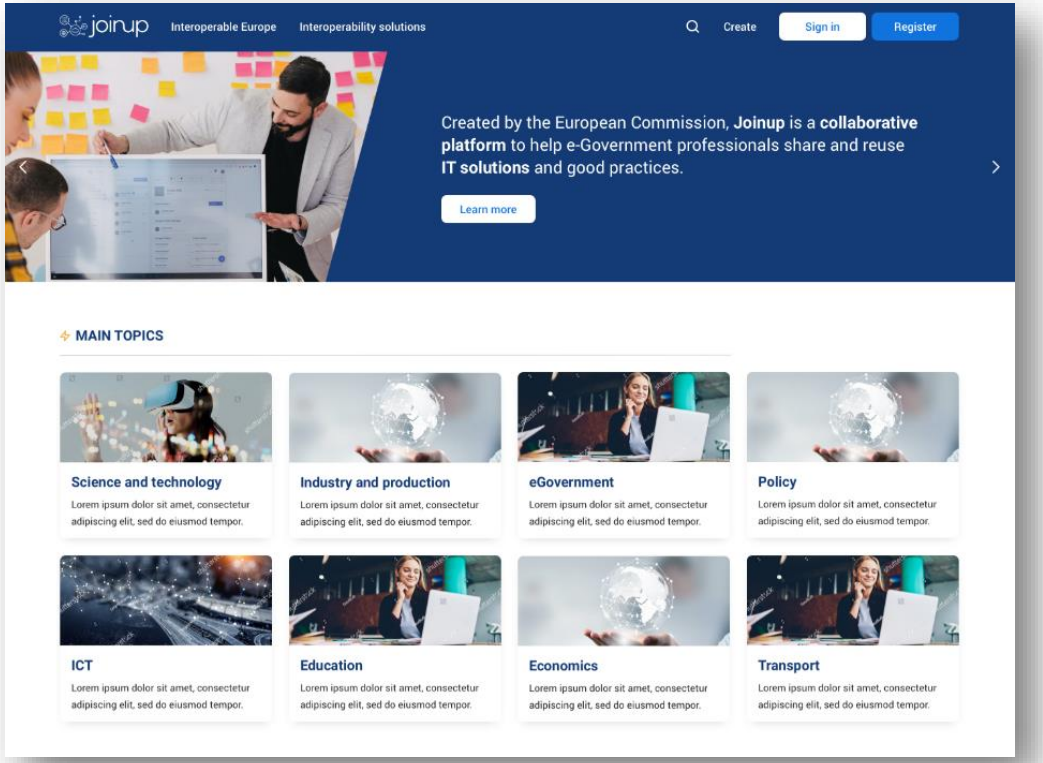




Content consumption on Joinup (2/2)

Topic-based approach to content

- ✓ Help users discover *more* relevant content with *less* effort
- ✓ Provide meaningful user journeys throughout Joinup
- ✓ Allow Communities to showcase their content
- ✓ Welcoming Communities to help curate topic pages



Note!
Topic pages are coming in Q1 2023.

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“Digital-ready policymaking” topic page (1/2)

Digital-ready policymaking

Digital-ready policymaking emphasises digital considerations right from the start of the policy cycle, leading to **policies and legislation that are ready for the digital age, future-proof and interoperable**. This includes incorporating innovative methodologies and tools in the policy design, analysis and implementation process.

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POPULAR CONTENT

Digital-ready policies

To achieve **digital-ready and interoperable policies by default**, the “Digital-ready policymaking” Tool #28 suggests a multidisciplinary approach and envisages **six main pillars** for digital-ready policymaking.
Learn more

Legislation and technology

This page explores the different links between **legislation and technology** and how technology can help enable policymaking and law-making activities.
Learn more

Regulatory Reporting

Regulatory reporting helps monitor stakeholder compliance with certain legislation, thus making it an essential element of the policy making cycle is **an integral element** of making better legislation to achieve smoother implementation.
Learn more

Trainings

Start your **training journey** with our dedicated courses, find out more by exploring our collated resources, and share your training needs with the community!
Learn more

The LEOS solution

LEOS (**L**egislation **E**diting **O**pen **S**oftware) is an open-source software designed to help those involved in drafting legislation, which in itself is a complex, knowledge-intensive process, by supporting efficient online collaboration.
Learn more

The ELI Annotation tool

The ELI annotation tool helps building notices describing legal resources using the European Legislation Identifier (http://www.eurlex.europa.eu/eli/) (ELI) standard.
Learn more

“Digital-ready policymaking” topic page (2/2)

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Why is the Interoperable Europe Act proposal important for digital-ready policymaking and our community?

The Interoperable Europe Act proposal has finally been adopted and **touches upon the digital-ready concept**! Community building and the reuse and exchange of solutions area the heart of the proposal and will become the driver of our community.

Learn more

Digital-ready policymaking in the top five priorities of the Next Generation Digital Strategy

The inclusion of digital-ready policymaking in the Next Generation Digital Strategy is great news for our community! This leads to the inclusion of digital thinking from the early stages of the legislative process, check out the full strategy. **Check out the European Commission's new corporate digital strategy!**

Learn more

LATEST NEWS *(Random picks of latest updates from our page)*

The EU Open-Source Policy Summit 2023

IRI§23 International Legal Informatics Symposium 2023

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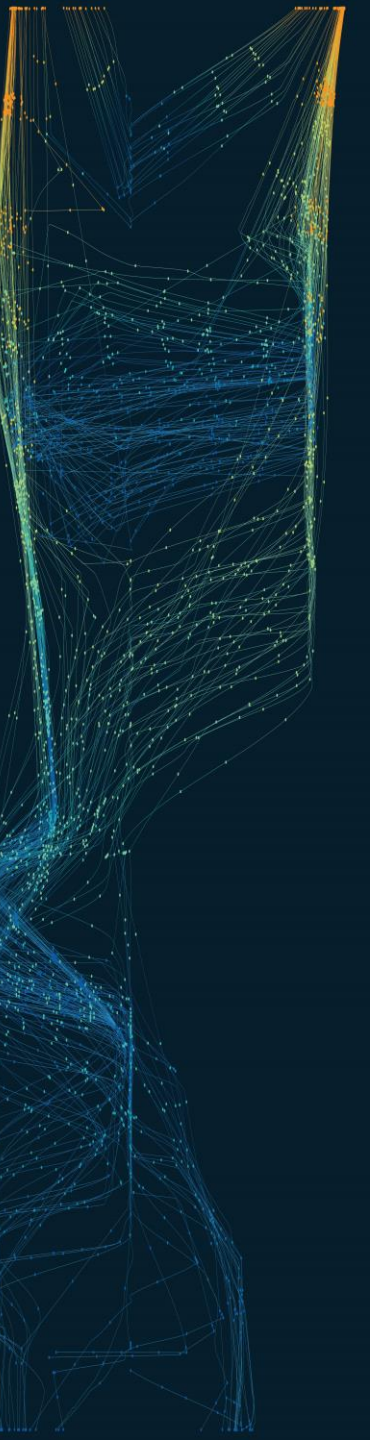

Q: How would you like to collaborate with our community through Joinup?

- *Tools for SDGs - Sustainable Development Goals*

Q: What type of content would you expect to see in the "Digital-ready policymaking" topic page? (e.g., solutions, initiatives, events)

- *You could structure the content according to the stages of the policy cycle.*
- *Try and identify types of users, and structure the content accordingly.*
- *How we cope with "old legislations" that can not be change or adapted to new digital needs - is there a work around?*

The Interoperable Europe Act: Need for training?

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Key takeaways: *The Interoperable Europe Act: Need for training?*

Collecting community members' training needs

- **4 Votes** — Understanding Law as code
- **3 Votes** — Digital-ready drafting
- **2 Votes** — Applying once-only and reusing data
- **2 Votes** — Aligning policies with existing digital policies
- **1 Vote** — Understanding new trends in digital government transformation
- **1 Vote** — Understanding innovative tools using new technologies to support policy
- **1 Vote** — Identifying and assessing digital impacts

NEW TOPICS

1. **How to find the right partners for cooperation and how to organise the process of working together**
2. **Finding the right tools**

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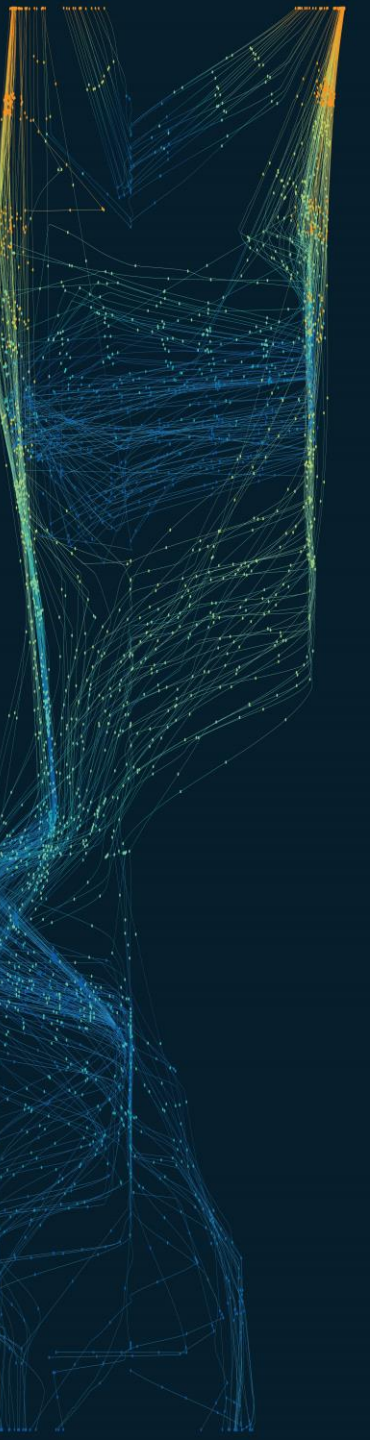

Key takeaways: *The Interoperable Europe Act: Need for training?*

Gathering ideas on most effective learning material

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Discussions and fora to exchange ideas

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Short videos and/or learning nuggets complemented by a document

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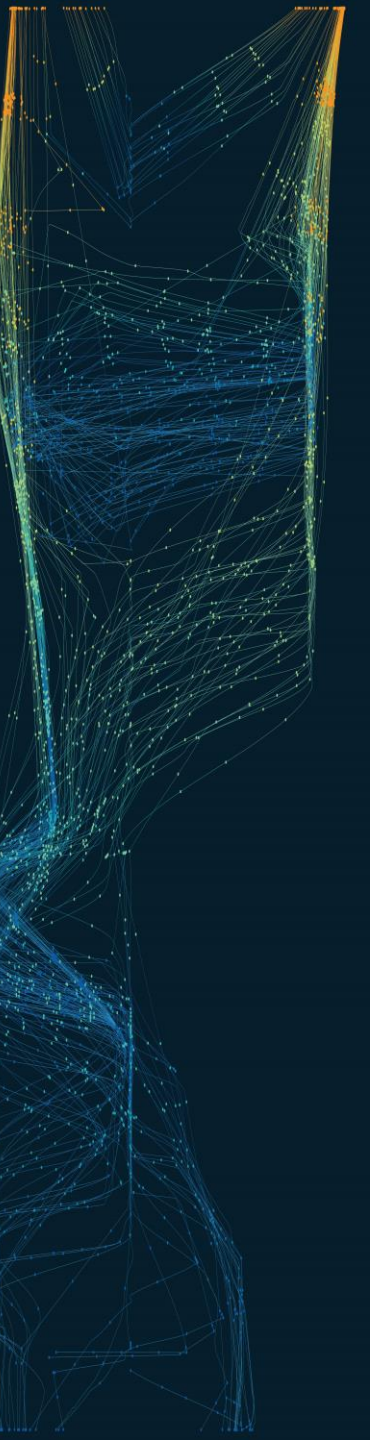
Factsheets



Key takeaways: *The Interoperable Europe Act: Need for training?*

Improving the BLSI Learning Hub

1. **Focus on case studies**
2. **Focus on national and local examples**
3. **Focus on projects and pilots**
4. **Focus on tools**

We thank you for helping us shape future training programmes! Don't hesitate to leave a comment in the dedicated discussion!

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Conversations from the chat

A1: For international cooperation we need legal and technical standards in space and on earth to use data in an effective way.

A2: Some kind of standards and good practices are into European Interoperability Framework - nonbinding (form now) instrument

A3: The European Interoperability Framework is another important element of the legislative proposal that we have not covered today. It will develop in the future and also here your (community) voice is very much welcomed!

A4: Yes. In Interoperable Europe Act, Interoperable Europe Board will get the opportunity to prepare the proposition of actualisation on this area - accepted by the European Commision. So, EIF will become binding rules for participants (countries)?

A5: The Communication accompanying the Interoperable Europe act has a short chapter on '4.4 Developing international cooperation on public sector interoperability' com2022710_0.pdf (europa.eu)

A6: In the Interoperability Assessments you would need to look into the alignment with the EIF.

Final remarks

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BLSI community

Stay tuned for the upcoming:

- Virtual breakfast webinars
- Publication of case studies, issue papers, solutions and tools
- Legal Interoperability trainings

Join our ongoing discussions on:

- Share your needs or ideas with the BLSI Community!
- What are your learning needs?

Stay informed:

Subscribe to our newsletter to stay tuned on what is coming and become a member of our community!

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