Maintenance and future revision of Encoded Archival Guide (EAG)

Maintenance and support

Documentation of status quo

Documentation of Encoded Archival Guide (EAG) covers the standard's history and development and emphasises its connection to the work of the Technical Subcommittee on Encoded Archival Standards (TS-EAS), to Encoded Archival Description (EAD) and Encoded Archival Context - Corporate Bodies, Persons, and Families (EAC-CPF) as well as the descriptive standards of the International Council on Archives (ICA).
Documentation includes the EAG schema (in XSD format), a conversion stylesheet for converting EAG 0.2 files to EAG 2012 files, and the EAG Tag Library.
Documentation can be found and accessed via https://www.archivesportaleurope.net/eag and on [GitHub](#).
The Working Group on Standards as the maintaining body for EAG can be contacted directly at standards@archivesportaleurope.net.

Community

The community can engage with EAG and the Working Group on Standards via mail to standards@archivesportaleurope.net or by submitting a change request directly on [GitHub](#).

Bug fixes and enhancement requests

Requests for big fixes or suggestions for enhancement of EAG are to be submitted via [GitHub](#). Issues submitted to GitHub will be reviewed by the Working Group on Standards during their monthly meetings (usually the third Tuesday of every month). In that context, issues might be considered being part of two possible groups:

1. Submitted by members of the network of the Archives Portal Europe and with regard to EAG's specific use in the portal;
2. Submitted by other EAG users and with regard to general use of EAG.

Revision

Next (potential) revision

EAG 2012 is closely related to EAC-CPF with regard to quite a few of its elements and attributes. As EAC-CPF is currently undergoing a more general revision, it is expected that EAG will engage with and follow up on said revision, potentially also including a more general review of EAG itself. This would then become available during late 2020 / early 2021.

General revision workflow and cycle

In the context of the next revision, the Working Group on Standards will decide on a regular cycle for future revisions of EAG. Generally, revisions will include the following steps:
- Gather feedback from the community
- Discuss user feedback
- Propose changes
- Provide proposed changes to the community for comments
- Discuss comments
- Finalise changes
- Publish new version