

Designing for Sustainability when Architecture Standards are involved: an industrial Case Study

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Appendix A. Sustainability Impacts of DIAL

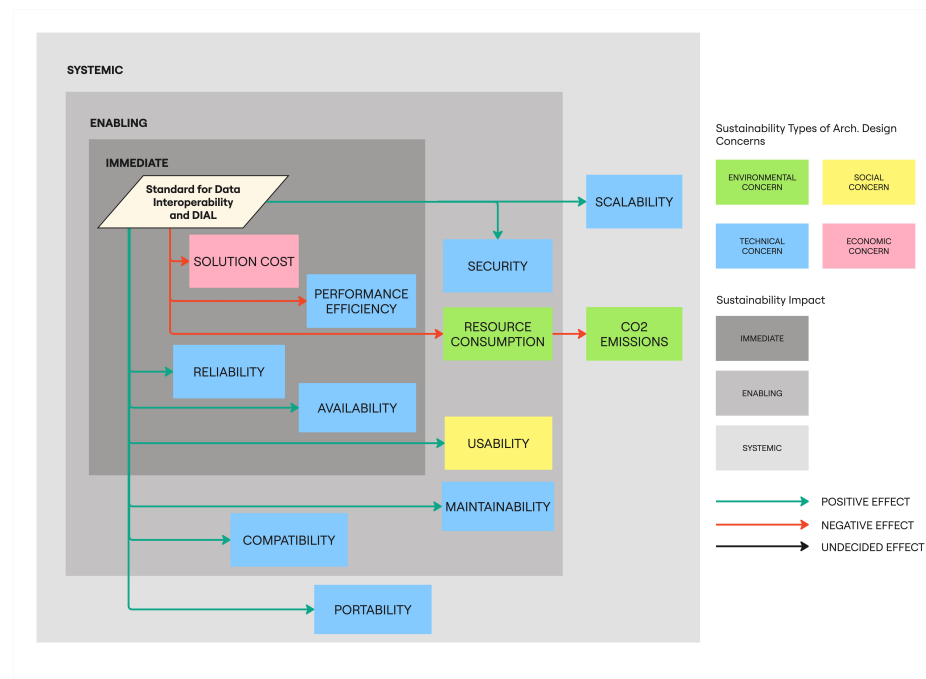


Fig. 1. Decision map for DIAL

Appendix B. Sustainability Impacts of IDP

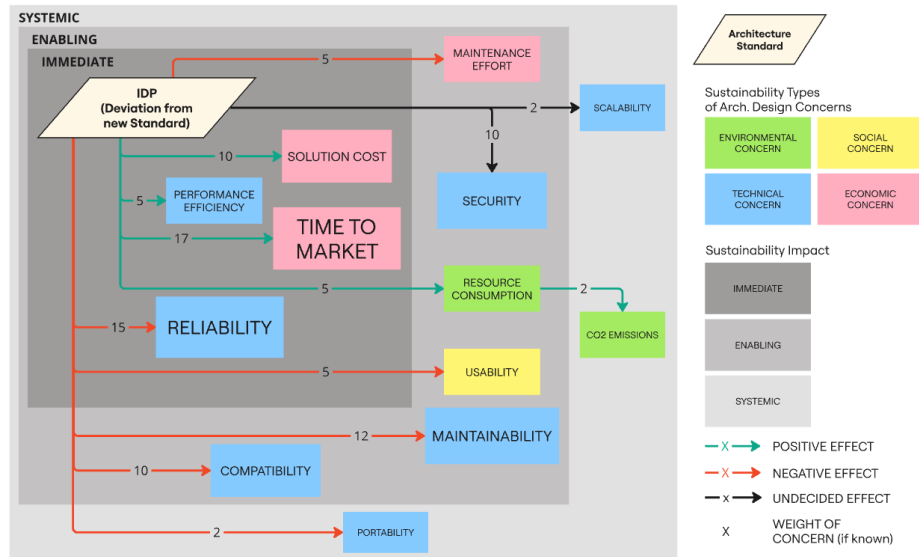


Fig. 2. Decision map for IDP

Appendix C. Sustainability Concerns

Concerns which are not adopted from the ISO/IEC 25010:2012 standard have been presented with a gray background color.

Table 1: Identified sustainability concerns.

Sustainability Concern	Sub-concern	Definition	Weight	Sustainability Dimension
Time to Market	-	The duration between the conception of a product or service and its availability to intended users/customers	17	Economic
Reliability	Availability	The degree to which a system, product or component is operational and accessible when required for use	15	Technical
	Recoverability	The degree to which, in the event of an interruption or a failure, a product or system can recover the data directly affected and re-establish the desired state of the system		
Maintainability	Modularity	The degree to which a system or computer program is composed of discrete components such that a change to one component has minimal impact on other components	12	Technical
	Modifiability	The degree to which a product or system can be effectively and efficiently modified without introducing defects or degrading existing product quality		

Compatibility	Interoperability	The degree to which two or more systems, products or components can exchange information and use the information that has been exchanged	10	Technical
Security	Integrity	The degree to which a system, product or component prevents unauthorized access to, or modification of, computer programs or data	10	Technical
Solution Cost	-	The expenditure associated with implementing and running a software solution	10	Economic
Performance Efficiency	Time Behaviour	The degree to which the response and processing times and throughput rates of a product or system, when performing its functions, meet requirements	5	Technical
Resource Consumption	-	The amount of different resources used by a system over a specified period	5	Technical
Usability	Learnability	The degree to which a product or system can be used by specified users to achieve specified goals of learning to use the product or system with effectiveness, efficiency, freedom from risk and satisfaction in a specified context of use	5	Social
	Operability	The degree to which a product or system has attributes that make it easy to operate and control		

Maintenance Effort	-	The effort or cost required for the correction or modification of a software product after delivery, to correct faults, to improve performance or other attributes, or to adapt the product to a changed environment	5	Economic
Portability	Adaptability	The degree to which a product or system can effectively and efficiently be adapted for different or evolving hardware, software or other operational or usage environments	2	Technical
Scalability	-	The capacity of a software solution to grow or shrink in response to changing demands	2	Technical
CO ₂ Emissions	-	CO ₂ from burning oil, coal, natural gas and waste materials for energy use	2	Environmental
			Total = 100	

Appendix D. Key Performance Indicators

Color coding indicates which fields were existing and reused (gray), or missing and added (white).

<i>Sustainability Concern: Time to Market</i>					
Goal	CSF	KPI		Metric	Measure
Gain competitive market advantage	Launch product within target time	Time Deviation (%)		Time Deviation = (—Lead time - Target time— / Target time) × 100	Lead time, Target time
		Target	Action		
		A: ≤ 5%	Streamline		
		B: 6 to 10%	develop-		
		C: 11 to 20%	ment and		
		D: 21 to 50%	production		
		E: ≥ 50%	processes		

Table 2. KPI for Time to Market

<i>Sustainability Concern: Reliability</i>					
Goal	CSF	KPI		Metric	Measure
Offer reliable service to users	Pass quality check	Reliability		Severity level of the worst open bug	Severity level of bugs, Number of bugs
		Target	Action		
		A: 0 Bugs	Resolve		
		B: at least 1 Minor Bug	open bugs,		
		C: at least 1 Major Bug	prioritizing		
		D: at least 1 Critical Bug	the most		
		E: at least 1 Blocker Bug	severe ones		

Table 3. KPI for Reliability (gray fields taken from SonarQube)

<i>Sustainability Concern: Maintainability</i>					
Goal	CSF	KPI		Metric	Measure
Reduce technical debt	Pass quality check	Maintainability		Maintainability = Lines of Code (LOC) / Estimated code smell fix time	Lines of Code, Estimated time to fix code smells
		Target	Action		
		A: ≤ 5%	Static code		
		B: 6 to 10%	analysis,		
		C: 11 to 20%	code review,		
		D: 21 to 50%	and refactor-		
		E: ≥ 50%	ing		

Table 4. KPI for Maintainability (gray fields taken from SonarQube & IT Strategy)

<i>Sustainability Concern: Security</i>					
Goal	CSF	KPI		Metric	Measure
Comply with security regulations	Pass quality check	Security		Severity level of the worst open vulnerability	Severity level of vulnerabilities, Number of vulnerabilities
		Target	Action		
		A: 0 Vulnerabilities B: at least 1 Minor Vulnerability C: at least 1 Major Vulnerability D: at least 1 Critical Vulnerability E: at least 1 Blocker Vulnerability	Security logging, monitoring, and vulnerability management		

Table 5. KPI for Security (gray fields taken from SonarQube & IT Strategy)

<i>Sustainability Concern: Compatibility</i>					
Goal	CSF	KPI		Metric	Measure
Build a simplified, lean IT landscape	Integrate seamlessly with external and standardized platforms	Compatibility		Number of compatibility issues	Number of compatibility issues per release cycle
		Target	Action		
		A: 0 compatibility issues per release cycle B: 1-2 compatibility issues per release cycle C: 3 or more compatibility issues encountered per release cycle	Perform integration testing and use standard protocols & platforms		

Table 6. KPI for Compatibility (gray fields taken from IT Strategy)

<i>Sustainability Concern: Solution Cost</i>					
Goal	CSF	KPI		Metric	Measure
Mitigate financial risk	Keep cost within spend target	Spend Deviation (%)		Spend Deviation = $(\frac{\text{—Actual spend} - \text{Spend target}}{\text{Spend target}}) \times 100$	Actual spend, Spend target
		Target	Action		
		A: < 15% deviation per month B: ≥ 15% deviation per month	Monitor and control deployments		

Table 7. KPI for Solution Cost (gray fields taken from Cost Dashboard & related documentation)

<i>Sustainability Concern: Performance Efficiency</i>					
Goal	CSF	KPI		Metric	Measure
Increase IT efficiency	Meet the established performance criteria	Average Response Time (ms)		Average response time	Response times
		Target	Action		
		A: <120ms avg. response time B: \geq 120ms avg. response time	Root cause analysis		

Table 8. KPI for Performance Efficiency (gray fields taken from Azure Dashboard & IT Strategy)

<i>Sustainability Concern: Resource Consumption</i>					
Goal	CSF	KPI		Metric	Measure
Optimize resource usage	Keep consumption below the set baseline	Application Consumption		Out-of-Pocket (OOP) costs	OOP costs per vendor
		Target	Action		
		A: consumption \leq monthly budget B: consumption $>$ monthly budget	Root cause analysis		

Table 9. KPI for Resource Consumption (gray fields taken from Azure Dashboard & IT Strategy)

<i>Sustainability Concern: Usability</i>					
Goal	CSF	KPI		Metric	Measure
Improve employee experience	Increase adoption by developers	Developer Satisfaction		Ease of use	Level of ease of use
		Target	Action		
		A: Easy B: Average C: Complicated	Improve tooling and support		

Table 10. KPI for Usability

<i>Sustainability Concern: Maintenance Effort</i>					
Goal	CSF	KPI		Metric	Measure
Minimize financial risk	Close open incidents in time	Incident		Mean Time to Restore (MTTR)	Time to restore services, Baseline time
		Target	Action		
		A: MTTR \leq Baseline time B: MTTR $>$ Baseline time	Root cause analysis		

Table 11. KPI for Maintenance Effort (gray fields taken from Operations Dashboard)

<i>Sustainability Concern: Portability</i>					
Goal	CSF	KPI		Metric	Measure
Increase IT efficiency	Keep failed changes within threshold	Deployment Fail Rate (%)		Deployment Fail Rate = (Number of failed deployments / Total number of deployments) \times 100	Total number of deployments, Number of failed deployments
		Target	Action		
		A: Deployment Fail Rate \leq 5% B: Deployment Fail Rate $>$ 5%	Analyze independent platform issues		

Table 12. KPI for Portability (gray fields taken from Operations Dashboard & IT Strategy)

<i>Sustainability Concern: Scalability</i>					
Goal	CSF	KPI		Metric	Measure
Generate business value	Optimize cloud capacity	Cloud Savings		Potential Cost Savings	Potential cost savings per month
		Target	Action		
		A: Savings per month $>$ 250€ B: Savings per month \leq 250€	Implement recommendations		

Table 13. KPI for Scalability (gray fields taken from Operations Dashboard & IT Strategy)

<i>Sustainability Concern: CO₂ Emissions</i>					
Goal	CSF	KPI		Metric	Measure
Reduce CO ₂ by 50% in IT operations	Resolve spikes in emissions	CO ₂ Emissions (<i>MtCO₂e</i>)		Electricity consumption (<i>kWh</i>)	Baseline electricity consumption, Monthly moving average of electricity consumption
		Target	Action		
		A: Monthly moving average \leq Baseline consumption B: Monthly moving average $>$ Baseline consumption	Root cause analysis		

Table 14. KPI for CO₂ Emissions (gray fields taken from Sustainable IT Dashboard & IT Strategy)