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1. Summary of last meeting on 31st March 2022

❖ **Meeting report**:

https://docs.ted.europa.eu/espd-ouc/20220428_OUC%20meeting%20report.html

❖ **Main topics**:

- Changes on the ESPD-EDM webpages

- Code list DocRefContentType

- GitHub issues

- ESPD versions used

- Next ESPD release

2. Code list DocRefContentType

❖ In the last OUC meeting (28th of April), it was decided that **the code list DocRefContentType is necessary** and therefore it will not be removed.

❖ It was also agreed that **not all current elements of the code list are being used** and it is necessary to **cleanse the content of the code list**.

❖ The proposal of the elements of the code list to keep and to remove is based on the **feedback from the OUC**, both obtained in the last OUC meeting and afterwards by email.

2. Code list DocRefContentType

❖ Current elements of the code list DocRefContentType:
- Contract notice published in TED (Tenders Electronic Daily)
- European Single Procurement Document Request issued by a CA
- Letter of intent
- Status of the legal entity
- Notice of appointment of the persons authorised to represent the tenderer
- VAT registration document
- Identity document
- Reason for VAT exemption
- Subcontracting justification
- Power of attorney
- Contract notice published on a national government official journal
- Contract notice published on a regional government official journal
- Contract notice published on a local government official journal
- Prior information notice published on a national government official journal
- Prior information notice published on a regional government official journal
- Prior information notice published on a local government official journal
- Contract award notice published on a national government official journal
- Contract award notice published on a regional government official journal
- Contract notice published on a local government official journal
- Prior information notice published in TED (Tenders Electronic Daily)
- Other

2. Code list DocRefContentType

❖ Elements of the code list DocRefContentType that will be kept:

Code	Label
ESPD_REQUEST	European Single Procurement Document Request issued by a contracting authority
TED_CN	Contract notice published in TED (Tenders Electronic Daily)
NOJCN	Contract notice published on a national government official journal
ROJCN	Contract notice published on a regional government official journal
LOJCN	Contract notice published on a local government official journal
TED_PIN	Prior information notice published in TED (Tenders Electronic Daily)
NOJPIN	Prior information notice published on a national government official journal
ROJPIN	Prior information notice published on a regional government official journal
LOJPIN	Prior information notice published on a local government official journal

2. Code list DocRefContentType

❖ Elements of the code list DocRefContentType that will be removed:

- Contract notice published in TED (Tenders Electronic Daily)
- European Single Procurement Document Request issued by a CA
- Letter of intent
- Status of the legal entity
- Notice of appointment of the persons authorised to represent the tenderer
- VAT registration document
- Identity document
- Reason for VAT exemption
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- Contract notice published on a national government official journal
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- Prior information notice published on a regional government official journal
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- Contract award notice published on a regional government official journal
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- Other

3. Occupation code list (ESCO)

❖ The aim is to define the type of activity of the economic operator.

❖ A new technical code list "Occupation" was included in ESPD v3.0.0 (April 2021), based on ESCO (Multilingualclassification of European Skills, Competences, Qualifications and Occupations, https://esco.ec.europa.eu/).

❖ ESCO has been updated and metadata are now different.

❖ Since 15th June of 2022, EU Vocabularies provides the genericode file and a link to point to the ESCO website.

❖ The code list provided by EU Vocabularies will be available in the next ESPD release and will replace the current one. Validations and artifacts will be updated accordingly.
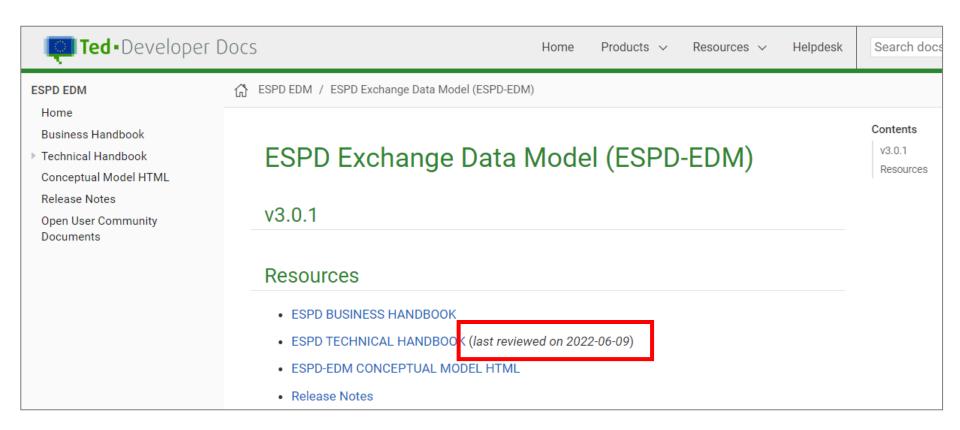
4. UUID

❖ The definition and analysis of the final solution of the UUID is ongoing.

❖ An internal meeting was held with INTERPROC on the 7th June to discuss the overall approach and the details of the solution.

❖ Currently, several samples are being prepared to test and validate the solution with question groups and requirement groups, in particular with variable cardinality and variable responses.

❖ An issue with the requirements linked to Selection Criteria still needs to be addressed and looked into.

❖ The proposed solution will be shared with the OUC after validating that it is sound and provides proper coverage to the business requirements.
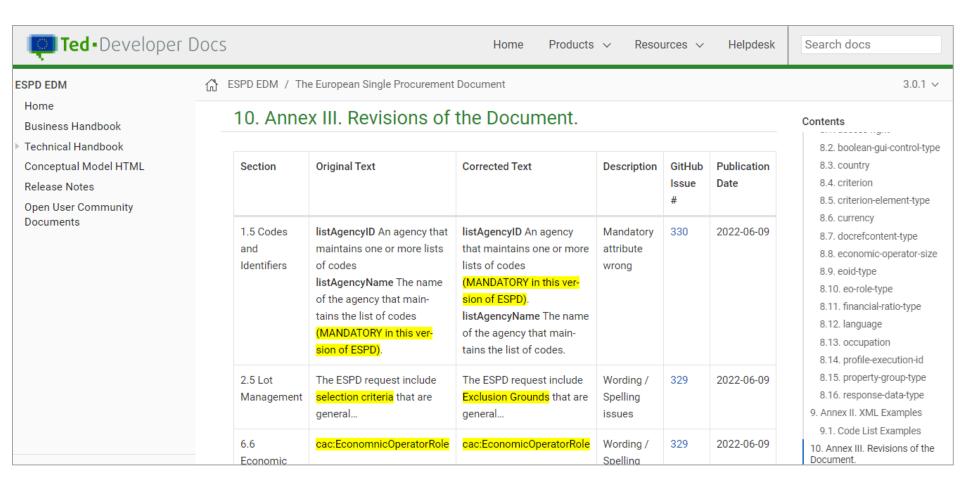
5. Documentation update

❖ Access to online documentation:

https://docs.ted.europa.eu/ESPD-EDM/3.0.1/index.html

5. Documentation update

❖ New section with the change log:

6. GitHub issues

❖ **Closed issues (4 issues)**

Issue	Title of the issue
330	Compulsory attributes of the code elements (datatype=Code)
329	Wording/Spelling issues in the technical handbook v3.0.1
328	Cardinality issue for the element cac:ProcurementProjectLotReference/cbc:ID
320	Duplicate "Question Group UUID" in the same Criterion and the Question Groups have different structures

6. GitHub issues

Compulsory attributes of the code elements (datatype=Code)					
GitHub issue	#330	Reception date	15/04/2022	Closing date	08/06/2022

Description of the issue

An inconsistency is reported regarding the compulsory attributes of elements classified as codes (datatype = Code) in the technical handbook v.3.0.1.

In table 1 there is a requirement saying that the current ESPD specification requires always three mandatory attributes. Those are listID, listAgencyID , listVersionID, but in table 3, from the definitions in the definition column, it appears that the mandatory attributes in the current version of ESPD are: listID, listAgencyName, and listVersionID. So, according to the requirement listAgencyName is not included in the mandatory attributes, but according to table 3, it is. And in table 3 listAgencyID is not marked as (MANDATORY in this version of ESPD).

Solution provided by the ESPD Team

We have updated the Technical Handbook (https://docs.ted.europa.eu/ESPD-EDM/3.0.1/index.html) as detailed in section Annex III. Revisions of the Document.

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Wording/Spelling issues in the technical handbook v3.0.1					
GitHub issue	#329	Reception date	15/04/2022	Closing date	08/06/2022

Description of the issue

Some wording/spelling issues have been detected in the technical handbook version 3.0.1.
Section 2.5 Lot Management. The following sentence doesn't make sense as it looks right now, instead of Selection it should say Exclusion Grounds.
Section 6.6 Economic Operator. This is a minor spelling issue that concerns the cac:EconomicOperatorRole element. As you can see in the photo attached the spelling of this element in table 32 is not correct.
Section 3.1 General Behavior. The Legislation element has an incorrect namespace prefix. More specifically the prefix is displayed as cbc, but the correct one is cac.
Section 3.4 Properties. There is a minor spelling issue in the description of cbc:ValueDataTypeCode element in table 23. The word property is written as poperty.
Section 5.1 Lot Management approach for Selection Criteria. There is an issue with the wording in the second sentence.

Solution provided by the ESPD Team

We have updated the Technical Handbook (https://docs.ted.europa.eu/ESPD-EDM/3.0.1/index.html) as detailed in section Annex III. Revisions of the Document.

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Cardinality issue for the element cac:ProcurementProjectLotReference/cbc:ID					
GitHub issue	#328	Reception date	15/04/2022	Closing date	16/05/2022

Description of the issue

Section: 2.4 Root Elements
In table 5 in the technical handbook v3.0.1, the cardinality of the element ../cac:TenderingCriterion/cac:ProcurementProjectLotReference/cbc:ID is presented as 0..n. but the correct cardinality for the identifier cbc:ID, which is inside the cac:ProcurementProjectLotReference is 1..1 and the 0..n cardinality belongs to
 ../cac:TenderingCriterion/cac:ProcurementProjectLotReference.

Solution provided by the ESPD Team

The cardinality is not the same for Exclusion Grounds and Selection Criteria:
* Exclusion Grounds are common to all lots, and therefore a Lot Reference is not required (for Exclusion Grounds, cardinality is 0).
* For Selection Criteria it is mandatory to specify the Lot Reference for all lots for which the Selection Criterion applies (for Selection Criteria, cardinality is 1.n).
Therefore, combining the two, gives a cardinality of 0.n.

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Duplicate "Question Group UUID" in the same Criterion and the Question Groups have different structures					
GitHub issue	#320	Reception date	20/01/2022	Closing date	16/05/2022

Description of the issue

In the ESPD-criterion-V3.0.0 excel sheet there is a duplicate "Question Group UUID" in Criterion number 40 (qual-cont-tech) and 41 (work-tech) in Question Groups with different structures. The value of a "Question Group UUID" matches with a specific Question Group structure. This behavior is followed in all the other Criteria, which is a possible bug.
The "Question Group UUIDs" that appear to be duplicate are:
52ffcf91-3598-438f-8c3d-faf97da02602; 9026e403-3eb6-4705-a9e9-e21a1efc867d; 0a166f0a-0c5f-42b0-81e9-0fc9fa598a48

Solution provided by the ESPD Team

Criteria 40 and 41 for question subgroup structures: "Technician" and "Technical body" are the same but the structures are different. To solve the reported issue, a new UUID has been generated in Criteria 40 and 41 for structure "Technical body": 70e28455-d0e1-47e7-9caa-ead3b7df7644. This is available in the master branch and it will be released it in the next version.

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Duplicate "Question Group UUID" in the same Criterion and the Question Groups have different structures (GitHub issue #320):

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❖ **Currently open issues (9 issues)**

Issue	Title of the issue
333	Same requirement group UUID with different content
332	DATE Response Data Type
331	Questions regarding the relationship at syntax binding level between data type and response data type and ESPD TestCases Mapping document
327	Groups with same UUID and different cardinality
325	Incorrect element code in ESPD-criterion.xlsx v3.0.1 for Criterion #27
312	Question on UUID for Repeatable Question Sub Group
307	New Code list 'occupation'
287	Part IV: Selection criteria, C: Technical and professional ability (CA`s)
251	Link eCertis and ESPD

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Part IV: Selection criteria, C: Technical and professional ability (CA`s)			
GitHub issue	#287	Reception date	04/11/2022
Description of the issue			

CA`s side

Part IV: Selection criteria, C: Technical and professional ability

Criteria:
Subcontracting proportion
For supply contracts: samples, descriptions or photographs without certification of authenticity
For supply contracts: samples, descriptions or photographs with certification of authenticity
For supply contracts: certificates by quality control institutes

It is suggested to add a window Requirement as non-obligatory data, as it is used for example in Criteria: For works contracts: technicians or technical bodies to carry out the work.

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Part IV: Selection criteria, C: Technical and professional ability (CA`s) (GitHub issue #287):

	Name	Description	Value(example)	Cardinality	PropertyDat	ElementUUID	Element Cod	Code List
51 {CRITERION	Subcontracti	The economic operator intends possibly to subcontract				612a1625-118d-4ea4-a6db	suncont-port	
{SUBCRITERION	[Name of th	[Description of the Natior	[Description of the National (	0..n		e6b21867-95b5-4549-8180	ON*	
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SUBCRITERION}								
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QUESTION_GROUP}								
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{QUESTION}		Evidence Supplied	EVIDENCE-ID	1..n	EVIDENCE_IDENTIFIER			
QUESTION_SUBGROUP}								
QUESTION_GROUP}								
CRITERION}								

7. Next meetings

❖ **Next OUC meetings:**

- September 22nd 2022, 10.00-11.30

❖ **eProcurement Ontology version 3.0.0 beta meeting:**

- June 28th 2022, 14.00-17.00

  (https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=mb4c23055d10fa536be6b046b50d1d518)

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Questions ?

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Thank you!