

Unknown or ongoing date ranges

Schema: EAC-CPF 2.0

Context: Encoding unknown or ongoing dates.

Description: In some circumstances it may not be possible to include information about particular dates in an EAC-CPF instance because they are either unknown, or because a date range is ongoing. An example of an ongoing date range is a Corporate Body that continues to operate. Standalone dates may be unknown or a date range may be incomplete, for example when a date of birth is unknown. It may be important to indicate the status of these dates, rather than omitting them from the EAC-CPF instance.

The `@status` attribute can be used with the `<date>`, `<fromDate>` and `<toDate>` elements, with a controlled list of values, to allow for indicating where dates - or parts of a date range - may be unknown, or where a date range is ongoing.

The available value for `<date>` and `<fromDate>` is "unknown", and the available values for `<toDate>` are "unknown" or "ongoing"

Example

```
<dateRange>
  <fromDate status="unknown"/>
  <toDate certainty="uncertain" standardDate="2010?">circa 2010</toDate>
</dateRange>
```

```
<dateSet>
  <date standardDate="2014-07">July 2014</date>
  <dateRange>
    <fromDate standardDate="2016-09">September 2016</fromDate>
    <toDate status="ongoing"/>
  </dateRange>
</dateSet>
```

```
<date status="unknown"/>
```