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# Introduction

This document represents the deliverable under Task-02 in the framework of the specific contract n°157 under ABCIV-Lot 3, regarding the project on the continuation of Action 2016.28, namely Access to Base Registries (ABR), running under the ISA² programme.

The overall purpose of the aforementioned task is to elaborate a draft of registry of registries (RoR) specification, and define the main aspects and elements to be served for the creation of potential Registry of Registries at the European level in the future.

This deliverable’s purpose is to elaborate the RoR specification, namely **BRegDCAT-AP**, an extension of the DCAT application profile for data portals in Europe (DCAT-AP), aiming to facilitate Member States (MS) work on creation of their own RoR.

With regard to the elaboration of this deliverable, the project team performed the following activities:

* Creation and animation of an ABR working group (WG) composed of MS representatives and other semantics experts, to discuss the specification;
* Draft an application profile of the DCAT to describe the data contained in base registries (and RoR), implementing relevant feedback from WG members and other European Union (EU) initiatives.

The work is also based on the following:

* Relevant aspects from the existing documentation on Action 2016.28;
* Alignment with the existing similar initiatives on the EU level;
* Best practices and challenges that MS face in creation of their RoR.

The outcome of the deliverable, on the long-term, will serve to fulfil one of the goals of a European Registry of Base Registries (ERBR), namely to provide a full interconnection of base registries at the European level.

## Context

One of the targets of the **Digital Single Market[[1]](#footnote-2)** is to deliver cross-border and cross-sector public services in Europe. So, in order to succeed with this objective, Member State’s base registries need to be interconnected. **Base registries** are trusted and reliable sources of basic information on data items such as citizens, corporations, vehicles, driver licenses, buildings, and locations. They are the cornerstone of public services and essential entities for public administration management.

The interoperability of base registries is key for the development of the **EU** **Single Digital Gateway[[2]](#footnote-3)** (or just Gateway), a platform that aims to be the single point of access to public EU Member State’s services, facilitating digital public services among public administrations and citizens. The implementation of the Gateway relies on **the once-only principle**, ensuring data that is submitted once to at least one EU Member State, could be reused by any public authority across the EU.

The development of a **European Registry of Base Registries (ERBR)**, a pan-European registry of base registries, will improve the interoperability of individual base registries and harmonise the existing registries of base registries, enabling a one-stop-platform for citizens, business and public bodies to access and manage base registries across the European Union and across different domains. The ERBR development initiative works in close liaison with **The Once-Only Principle Project (TOOP)[[3]](#footnote-4),** launched by the European Commission in 2017 with the objective of exploring and demonstrating the once-only principle across borders. In particular, TOOP is focused on creating an innovative pan-European federated architecture for interacting with existing national infrastructures, connecting base registries and eGovernment platforms in different countries. As TOOP is based on the reuse of existing EU interoperability Frameworks, such as the **European Interoperability Reference Architecture (EIRA)[[4]](#footnote-5)**, the **European Interoperability Framework (EIF)[[5]](#footnote-6)**, and **Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)[[6]](#footnote-7)**, an **ERBR** may contribute to this project of interoperability development.

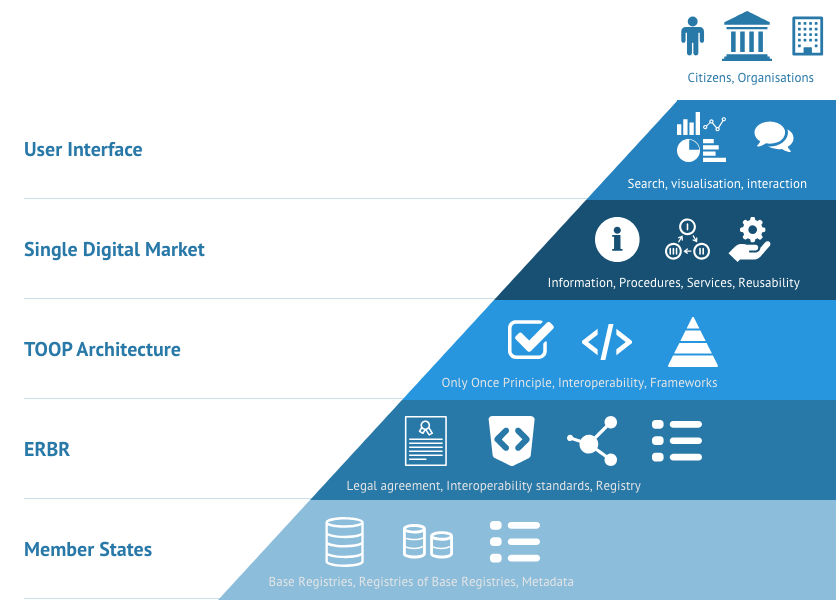


Fig. 1. ERBR Framework Stack

The development of the ERBR requires defining a **data model** to support the description of Base Registries and Registries of Base Registries. This abstract model will drive the creation of a subsequent vocabulary to represent registries, registries of registries and the ERBR itself. This vocabulary, along with a proper set of taxonomies and value schemas, would be a key component to share information between national registries and the ERBR.

This specification expects to be aligned with other standards such as the **Core Public Service Vocabulary Application Profile (CPSV-AP)**[[7]](#footnote-8) and the **European Legislation Identifier (ELI)**[[8]](#footnote-9), guaranteeing the full compatibility with the existing implementations.

## DCAT-AP and ISA2 Core Vocabularies

Both, the data model and the vocabulary must be based on recognised schemes and ontologies such as the **ISA2 Core Vocabularies[[9]](#footnote-10)**, **DCAT[[10]](#footnote-11)** (W3C Data Catalogue Vocabulary), **EUROVOC[[11]](#footnote-12)**, Publication Office’s **MDR**[[12]](#footnote-13) (Metadata Registry), **NUTS[[13]](#footnote-14)**(Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics) and **ELI[[14]](#footnote-15)** (European Legislation Identifier).

Since the ERBR will manage registries —i.e., catalogues of data and catalogues of catalogues—, the development of the vocabulary will be based on the W3C DCAT specification, a standard to describe data catalogues and their content. More specifically, the ERBR will extend **DCAT-AP** (DCAT Application Profile for Data Portals in Europe)[[15]](#footnote-16), a technical specification that ISA2 developed for describing public sector datasets in order to achieve a successful exchange of metadata among data portals in Europe. Thus, a new **DCAT Application profile for base registries in Europe** (**BRegDCAT-AP**) will be created, as a DCAT-AP extension for describing base registries, their contents, and the services they provide.

This deliverable defines the **BRegDCAT-AP** specification. Its application will enable cross-border interoperability between Base Registries and Registries of Base Registries, defining a semantic model to describe registries and their contents, facilitating data discovery and exchange of data, reducing redundancy by supporting the Once-Only principle. This set of recommendations will enable a mechanism for the update of EU base registries and their content, reducing technical, organisational and multilingual barriers.

The Application Profile specified in this document is based on the specification of the latest of **DCAT Application Profile** for data portals in Europe, in concrete version 1.2.1, issued on 28th May 2019. Public services representing base registers are based on the **CPSV-AP**[[16]](#footnote-17) (Core Public Service Vocabulary Application Profile) model, in its latest version (2.2.1). The legal information regarding the implementation of services is represented through the ELI Ontology[[17]](#footnote-18).

Likewise, the original version of DCAT-AP, BReg-DCAT-AP does not cover implementation issues like mechanisms for exchange of data and expected behaviour of systems implementing the Application Profile.

The Application Profile is intended to facilitate data exchange and therefore the vocabulary of classes and properties defined in this document is only relevant for the data to be exchanged; there are no requirements for communicating systems to implement specific technical environments. The only requirement is that the systems can export and import data in RDF[[18]](#footnote-19), in any format and serialization, in conformance with this Application Profile.

## Terminology used in the DCAT Application Profile

An **Application Profile** is a specification that re-uses terms from one or more base standards, adding more specificity by identifying mandatory, recommended and optional elements to be used for a particular application, in this case the definition of **Base Registries and Registries of Base Registries**, as well as recommendations for controlled vocabularies to be used.

A **Resource** represents an individual data item in a catalogue, a parent abstract concept of **Dataset** and **Data Service**. A **Dataset** is a collection of data, published or curated by a single source, and available for access or download in one or more formats. Datasets of this application profile will be primarily collections of Master Data (authoritative and accurate data about key entities, used to establish the context for transactions and transactional data), catalogued on Base Registries. A **Data Service** represents a collection of operations accessible through an interface that provide access to one or more datasets or data processing functions.

A **Base Registry** is a Web-based system that contains an inventory of descriptions of **Master datasets** and provides services enabling discovery and re-use of the datasets. The mandate of a Base Registry is given by specific legislation. At EU level, National Registers aggregates information about Base Registries in Registries of Base Registries. A **Base Registry is considered as a Catalogue** of collections of metadata about datasets or data services.

In the following sections, classes and properties of the vocabulary are classified as ‘mandatory’, ‘recommended’ and ‘optional’, according to the following meaning:

**Classes:**

* **Mandatory**: a receiver of data must be able to process information about instances of the class; a sender of data *must* provide information about instances of the class.
* **Recommended**: a sender of data should provide information about instances of the class; a sender of data *must* provide information about instances of the class, if such information is available; a receiver of data must be able to process information about instances of the class.
* **Optional**: a receiver must be able to process information about instances of the class; a sender *may* provide the information but is not obliged to do so.

**Properties:**

* **Mandatory**: a receiver *must* be able to process the information for that property; a sender *must* provide the information for that property.
* **Recommended**: a receiver *must* be able to process the information for that property; a sender *should* provide the information for that property if it is available.
* **Optional**: a receiver *must* be able to process the information for that property; a sender *may* provide the information for that property but is not obliged to do so.

The meaning of the terms ***must***, ***should***and ***may***in this document, is compliant with the specifications of RFC 2119[[19]](#footnote-20): ***must*** mean that the definition is an absolute requirement of the specification; ***should***, or the adjective *recommended*, mean that there may exist valid reasons in particular circumstances to ignore a particular item, but the full implications must be understood and carefully weighed before choosing a different course; and ***may***, or the adjective *optional*, mean that an item is truly optional.

In the given context, the term "processing" means that receivers accept incoming data and transparently provide these data to applications and services. It does neither imply nor prescribe what applications and services finally do with the data (parse, convert, list, store, make searchable, display to users, etc.).

The Application Profile reuses terms from various recognised standard schemas and ontologies. In order to simplify the notation, this specification will refer to **namespaces** that represents the following vocabularies and ontologies:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Prefix | Namespace | RDF Vocabulary |
| adms | http://www.w3.org/ns/adms# | Asset Description Metadata Schema |
| cv | http://data.europa.eu/m8g/ | Core Vocabulary |
| cpsv | http://purl.org/vocab/cpsv# | Core Public Service Vocabulary |
| dc | http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/ | Dublin Core Metadata Element Set, v1.1 |
| dcat | http://www.w3.org/ns/dcat# | Data Catalog Vocabulary |
| dcatap | http://data.europa.eu/r5r/ | DCAT Application Profile |
| dct | http://purl.org/dc/terms/ | DCMI Metadata Terms |
| dctype | http://purl.org/dc/dcmitype/ | DCMI Type Vocabulary |
| dqv | http://www.w3.org/ns/dqv# | Data Quality Vocabulary |
| eli | http://data.europa.eu/eli/ontology# | European Legislation Identifier |
| foaf | http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/ | FOAF Vocabulary |
| locn | http://www.w3.org/ns/locn# | ISA Programme Core Location Vocabulary |
| odlr | http://www.w3.org/ns/odrl/2/ | Open Digital Rights Language (ODRL) |
| owl | http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl# | OWL Web Ontology Language |
| prov | http://www.w3.org/ns/prov# | PROV-O: The PROV Ontology |
| prof | http://www.w3.org/ns/dx/prof/ | The Profiles Vocabulary |
| rdfs | http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema# | RDF Vocabulary Description Language 1.0: RDF Schema |
| schema | http://schema.org/ | schema.org |
| skos | http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core# | SKOS Simple Knowledge Organization System - Reference |
| spdx | http://spdx.org/rdf/terms# | Software Package Data Exchange |
| time | http://www.w3.org/2006/time# | Time Ontology |
| vcard | http://www.w3.org/2006/vcard/ns# | vCard Ontology |
| xsd | http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema# | XML Schema Part 2: Datatypes Second Edition |

This specification was aligned with the W3C DCAT version 2, and it is in the process of alignment with DCAT-AP 2. This dependence may require a further update of the BReg-DCAT-AP specification in the future.

# Overview of Classes and Properties

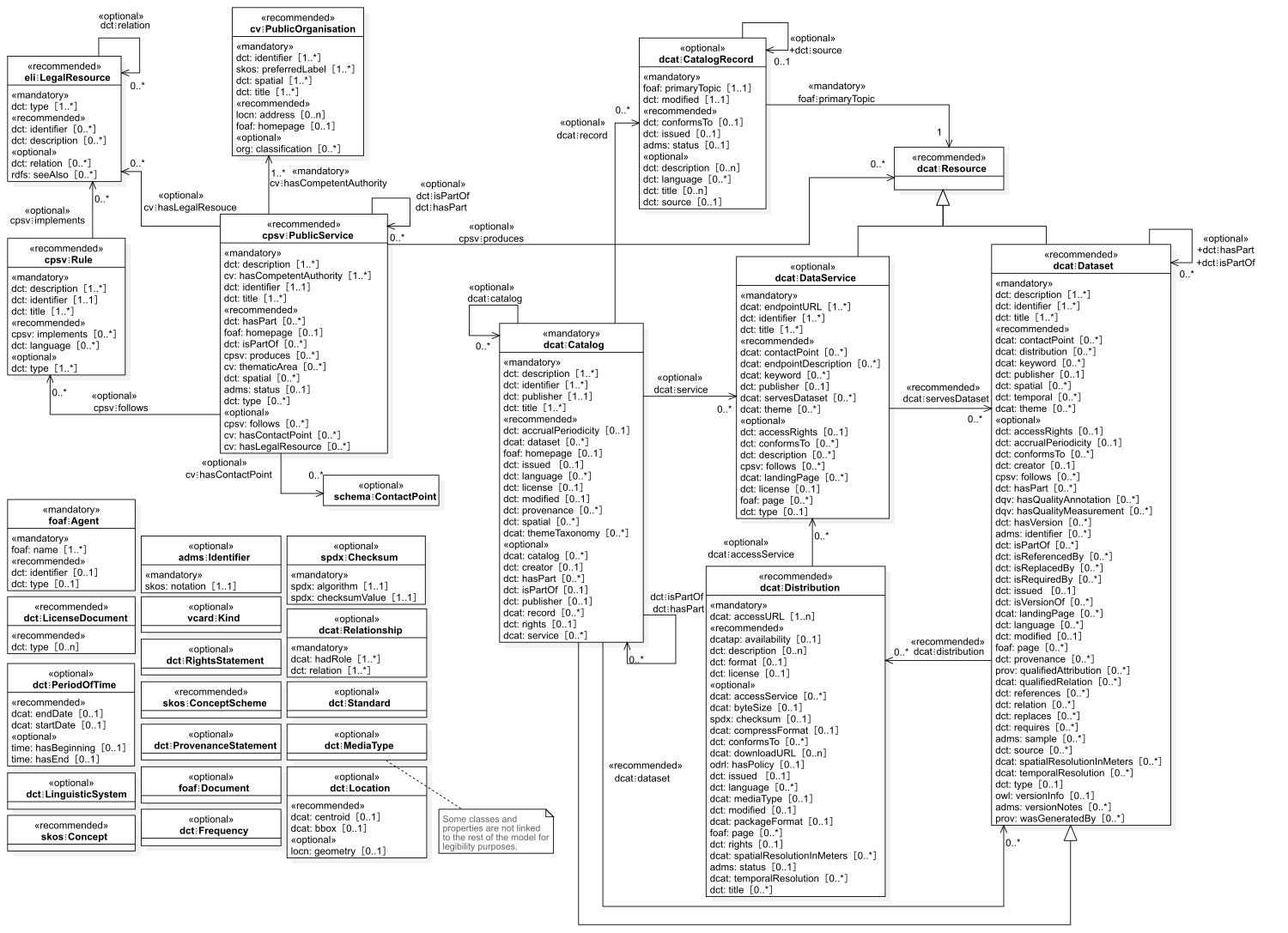
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Fig. 2. Simplified UML class diagram showing the main relations between classes

# Application Profile Classes

## Mandatory Classes

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Class name | Usage note for the Application Profile | URI | Reference |
| Agent | An entity that is associated with Public Services, Registries and/or Datasets. Agents may be either organisations or persons. | foaf:Agent | [http://xmlns.com/foaf/spec/#term\_Agent](http://xmlns.com/foaf/spec/#_blank) |
| Literal | A literal value such as a text string or a integer; Literals may be typed, e.g. as a date according to xsd:date. Literals that contain human-readable text have an optional language tag as defined by BCP 47[[20]](#footnote-21). | rdfs:Literal | [http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-concepts/#section-Literals](http://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-concepts/#_blank) |
| Registry Catalogue | A catalogue or repository that lists Datasets or Data Services managed and provided by a Base Registry Service. The Registry Catalogue is the main output produced by a Register, so this specification considers both, DCAT-AP and CPSV-AP to model services and content. | dcat:Catalog | <http://www.w3.org/TR/2013/WD-vocab-dcat-20130312/#class-catalog>  <https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/solution/core-public-service-vocabulary> |
| Catalogued Resource | A Catalogued Resource represents an individual item in a catalogue. This auxiliary class **is not intended to be used directly**, but is the parent class of Dataset and Data Service. Resource is effectively an extension point for defining a catalogue of any kind of data resource. | dcat:Resource | <https://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-dcat-2/#Class:Resource> |

## Recommended Classes

| Class name | Usage note for the Application Profile | URI | Reference |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Dataset | A conceptual entity that represents the information managed and/or published by a Registry Service. | dcat:Dataset | https://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-dcat-2/#Class:Dataset |
| Distribution | A physical embodiment of the Dataset in a particular format accessible through specific means (e.g., file download, web service request, etc.). | dcat:Distribution | <http://www.w3.org/TR/2013/WD-vocab-dcat-20130312/#class-distribution> |
| Legal Resource | A Legal Resource refers to legislation, policy or policies that lie behind the Rules that defines the governance of a Base Registry Service. Legal Resource descriptions will be represented through the ELI ontology. | eli:LegalResource | <https://publications.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/8159b75d-5efc-11e8-ab9c-01aa75ed71a1> |
| Licence document | A legal document giving official permission to do something with a resource. | dct:LicenseDocument | <http://dublincore.org/documents/2012/06/14/dcmi-terms/?v=terms#LicenseDocument> |
| Public Organisation | A Public Organisation is the responsible Agent for the delivery of a Public Service. This specification uses the class from the Core Public Organization Vocabulary[[21]](#footnote-22), based also on the W3C Organization Ontology[[22]](#footnote-23). | cv:PublicOrganisation | <https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/solution/core-public-service-vocabulary>  <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-org/> |
| Public Registry Service | A Registry Service is a public service that creates, maintains and/or manages Base Registries or a Registry of Base Registries. This service, provided by public administrations, or by other organisations on their behalf, stores and provides basic information on authoritative data items such as people, companies, vehicles, licences, buildings, locations and roads. | cpsv:PublicService | <https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/solution/core-public-service-vocabulary> |
| Rule | A Rule is a document that sets out the specific guidelines or procedures followed by the Base Registry. It may include the requirements of the information managed and the services provided by a Public Base Registry. | cpsv:Rule | https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/solution/core-public-service-vocabulary |
| Theme | Thematic area, subject of a Base Registry, a Catalogue and/or a Dataset/Data Service. | skos:Concept | <http://www.w3.org/TR/2013/WD-vocab-dcat-20130312/#class-category-and-category-scheme> |
| Thematic scheme | A taxonomy, or other type of controlled vocabulary, in which the Themes are defined. | skos:ConceptScheme | <http://www.w3.org/TR/2013/WD-vocab-dcat-20130312/#class-category-and-category-scheme> |

## Optional Classes

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Class name | Usage note for the Application Profile | URI | Reference |
| Catalogue Record | A description of a Dataset or Data Service entry in the Catalogue. | dcat:CatalogRecord | <https://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-dcat-2/#Class:Catalog_Record> |
| Checksum | A value that allows the contents of a file to be authenticated. This class allows the results of a variety of checksum and cryptographic message digest algorithms to be represented. | spdx:Checksum | http://spdx.org/rdf/terms#Checksum |
| Data Service | A data service is a collection of operations accessible through an interface (API) that provide access to one or more datasets or data processing functions listed in a data registry or catalogue. | dcat:DataService | https://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-dcat-2/#Class:Data\_Service |
| Document | A textual resource intended for human consumption that contains information (e.g. a web page about a Dataset). | foaf:Document | <http://xmlns.com/foaf/spec/#term_Document> |
| Frequency | A rate at which something recurs (e.g. the publication of a Dataset). | dct:Frequency | <http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/#terms-Frequency> |
| Identifier | An identifier in a particular context, consisting of the string that is the identifier; an optional identifier for the identifier scheme; an optional identifier for the version of the identifier scheme; an optional identifier for the agency that manages the identifier scheme. | adms:Identifier | <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-adms/#identifier> |
| Kind | A description following the vCard specification, e.g. to provide telephone number and e-mail address for a contact point. Note that the class Kind is the parent class for the four explicit types of vCards (Individual, Organization, Location, Group). | vcard:Kind | <http://www.w3.org/TR/2014/NOTE-vcard-rdf-20140522/#d4e181> |
| Linguistic system | A system of signs, symbols, sounds, gestures, or rules used in communication, e.g. a language | dct:LinguisticSystem | <http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/#terms-LinguisticSystem> |
| Location | A spatial region or named place. It can be represented using a controlled vocabulary or with geographic coordinates. In the latter case, the use of the Core Location Vocabulary[[23]](#footnote-24) is recommended, following the approach described in the GeoDCAT-AP specification. | dct:Location | <http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/#terms-Location> |
| Media type | A media type, such as format or physical medium. | dct:MediaType | <http://purl.org/dc/terms/MediaType> |
| Period of time | An interval of time that is named or defined by its start and end dates. | dct:PeriodOfTime | <http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/#terms-PeriodOfTime> |
| Publisher type | A type of organisation that acts as a publisher. | skos:Concept | http://www.w3.org/TR/vocabadms/#dcterms-type |
| Relationship | An association class for attaching additional information to a relationship between data Resources. | dcat:Relationship | https://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-dcat- 2/#Class:Relationship |
| Rights statement | A statement about the intellectual property rights (IPR) held in or over a resource, a legal document giving official permission to do something with a resource, or a statement about access rights. | dct:RightsStatement | <http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/#terms-RightsStatement> |
| Role | A role is the function of a resource or agent with respect to another resource, in the context of resource attribution or resource relationships. Note it is a subclass of skos:Concept. | dcat:Role | <https://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-dcat-2/#Class:Role> |
| Standard | A standard or other specification to which a Dataset or Distribution conforms. It is recommended to use the W3C Profiles Vocabulary[[24]](#footnote-25) to describe the profiles of specifications. | dct:Standard | <http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/#terms-Standard> |
| Status | An indication of the maturity of a Distribution or the type of change of a Catalogue Record; or the status of a Public Service. | skos:Concept | <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-adms/#status> |
| Provenance Statement | A statement of any changes in ownership and custody of a resource since its creation that are significant for its authenticity, integrity, and interpretation | dct:ProvenanceStatement | <http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/#terms-ProvenanceStatement> |

# Application Profile Properties per Class

## Agent

Mandatory properties for Agent

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| name | foaf:name | rdfs:Literal | This property contains a name of the agent. This property can be repeated for different versions of the name (e.g. the name in different languages) | 1..n |

Recommended properties for Agent

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| identifier | dct:identifier | rdfs:Literal | This property contains an identifier for the Agent. | 0..1 |
| type | dct:type | skos:Concept | This property refers to a type of the agent that makes the Catalogue or Dataset available. | 0..1 |

## Catalogue Record

Mandatory properties for Catalogue Record

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| primary topic | foaf:primaryTopic | dcat:Resource | This property links a Catalogue Record to a Dataset or Data Service described in the record. | 1..1 |
| last update | dct:modified | rdfs:Literal | This property contains the latest modification date of a catalogue entry. This property should be typed as xsd:date or xsd:dateTime. | 1..1 |

Recommended properties for Catalogue Record

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| application profile | dct:conformsTo | dct:Standard | This property refers to an Application Profile that the Dataset’s metadata conforms to. | 0..1 |
| release date | dct:issued | rdfs:Literal | This property indicates when the catalogue entry was listed. It should be typed as xsd:date or xsd:dateTime. | 0..1 |
| status | adms:status | skos:Concept | This property indicates the status of the latest revision of a Dataset's entry in the Catalogue. | 0..1 |

Optional properties for Catalogue Record

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| description | dct:description | rdfs:Literal | This property contains descriptive textual information about the Catalogue Record. This property should be repeated in case there are various versions of the text in different languages. | 0..n |
| language | dct:language | dct:LinguisticSystem | This property indicates the language in which a catalogue entry is expressed. This property may be repeated in case there are different languages. | 0..n |
| source metadata | dct:source | dcat:CatalogRecord | This property refers to the original metadata that was used in creating a catalogue entry. | 0..1 |
| title | dct:title | rdfs:Literal | This property refers to the descriptive title of a Catalogue Record. This property should be repeated in case there are various versions of the text in different languages. | 0..n |

## Checksum

Mandatory properties for Checksum

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| algorithm | spdx:algorithm | spdx:checksumAlgorithm\_sha1 | This property identifies the algorithm used to produce the subject Checksum. Currently, SHA-1 is the only supported algorithm. It is anticipated that other algorithms will be supported at a later time. | 1..1 |
| checksum value | spdx:checksumValue | rdfs:Literal (as xsd:hexBinary) | This property provides a lower case hexadecimal encoded digest value produced using a specific algorithm. | 1..1 |

## Data Service

Data Service is a sub-class of Resource.

Mandatory properties for Data Service

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| endpoint URL | dcat:endpointURL | rdfs:Resource | This property indicates the root location or primary endpoint of a Data Service (an IRI). | 1..n |
| identifier | dct:identifier | rdfs:Literal | This property contains an identifier for the data service. | 1..n[[25]](#footnote-26) |
| title | dct:title | rdfs:Literal | This property refers to the descriptive title of a Data Service. This property should be repeated in case there are various versions of the text in different languages. | 1..n |

Recommended properties for Data Service

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| contact point | dcat:contactPoint | vcard:Kind | This property includes contact information to provide feedback on a Data Service. | 0..n |
| endpoint description | dcat:endpointDescription | rdfs:Resource | This property describes the services available via end-points, including their operations, parameters etc. | 0..n |
| keyword | dcat:keyword | rdfs:Literal | This property contains a free-text keyword that describes a Data Service. This property may be repeated in case there are several tags associated. | 0..n |
| publisher | dct:publisher | foaf:Agent | This property refers to an entity, usually a Public Organisation, which makes the Data Service available. | 0..1 |
| serves dataset | dcat:servesDataset | dcat:Dataset | This property refers to the data that a data service can distribute. | 0..n |
| theme | dcat:theme | skos:Concept | This property indicates a category of a Data Service. Multiple themes may be associated. | 0..n |

Optional properties for Data Service

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| access rights | dct:accessRights | dct:RightsStatement | This property indicates the level of openness of the data service (i.e., if it has access restrictions or it is public). Values of this property must belong to a controlled vocabulary representing the values: non public, public, and restricted. | 0..1 |
| conforms to | dct:conformsTo | dct:Standard | This property indicates a compliance rule or standard that inspires the management of a Data Service. | 0..n |
| description | dct:description | rdfs:Literal | This property contains descriptive textual information about the Data Service. This property should be repeated in case there are various versions of the text in different languages. | 0..n |
| follows | cpsv:follows | cpsv:Rule | This property links a Data Service to the Rule that defines its legal basis. | 0..n |
| landing page | dcat:landingPage | foaf:Document | This property refers to a web page that provides access to the Data Service, its Distributions and/or additional information. It is intended to point to a landing page at the original data  provider, not to a page on a site of a third party, such as an aggregator. | 0..n |
| licence | dct:license | dct:LicenseDocument | This property contains the licence under which the Data Service is made available. | 0..1 |
| page (documentation) | foaf:page | foaf:Document | This property links to a document with information about a Data Service. | 0..n |
| type | dct:type | skos:Concept | This property refers to the type of the Data Service. It must use a controlled vocabulary that offers the type of *master data* to represent specific data of Base Repositories. This taxonomy of terms has not been defined yet. | 0..1 |

## Dataset

Dataset is a sub-class of Resource.

Mandatory properties for Dataset

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| description | dct:description | rdfs:Literal | This property contains descriptive textual information about the Dataset. This property should be repeated in case there are various versions of the text in different languages. | 1..n |
| identifier | dct:identifier | rdfs:Literal | This property contains an identifier for the dataset. | 1..n[[26]](#footnote-27) |
| title | dct:title | rdfs:Literal | This property refers to the descriptive title or name of a Dataset. This property should be repeated in case there are various versions of the text in different languages. | 1..n |

Recommended properties for Dataset

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| contact point | dcat:contactPoint | vcard:Kind | This property includes contact information to provide feedback on a Dataset. | 0..n |
| dataset distribution | dcat:distribution | dcat:Distribution | This property refers to a Distribution of a Dataset. | 0..n |
| keyword | dcat:keyword | rdfs:Literal | This property contains a free-text keyword that describes a Dataset. This property may be repeated in case there are several tags associated. | 0..n |
| publisher | dct:publisher | foaf:Agent | This property refers to an entity, usually a Public Organisation, which makes the Dataset available. | 0..1 |
| spatial coverage | dct:spatial | dct:Location | This property indicates an administrative or geographic area that is covered by the Dataset. | 0..n |
| temporal coverage | dct:temporal | dct:PeriodOfTime | This property indicates a temporal period that is covered by a Dataset (e.g., in temporal series data). | 0..n |
| theme | dcat:theme | skos:Concept | This property indicates a category of a Dataset. Multiple themes may be associated. | 0..n |

Optional properties for Dataset

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| access rights | dct:accessRights | dct:RightsStatement | This property indicates the level of openness of the data (i.e., if it has access restrictions or it is public). Values of this property must belong to a controlled vocabulary representing the values: non-public, public, and restricted. | 0..1 |
| accrual periodicity | dct:accrualPeriodicity | dct:Frequency | This property refers to the frequency at which a Dataset is updated. | 0..1 |
| conforms to | dct:conformsTo | dct:Standard | This property indicates a compliance rule or standard that inspires the management of a Dataset. | 0..n |
| creator | dct:creator | foaf:Agent | This property contains the entity responsible for producing the Dataset. | 0..1 |
| follows | cpsv:follows | cpsv:Rule | This property links a Dataset to the Rule that defines its legal basis. | 0..n |
| has part | dct:hasPart | dcat:Dataset | This property indicates a related Dataset that is part of it. This property is the inverse of dct:isPartOf. | 0..n |
| has quality annotation | dqv:hasQualityAnnotation | dqv:QualityAnnotation | This property represents a quality annotation associated to a dataset. | 0..n |
| has quality measurement | dqv:hasQualityMeasurement | dqv:QualityMeasurement | This property represents a quality measurement associated to a dataset. | 0..n |
| has version | dct:hasVersion | dcat:Dataset | This property refers to a Dataset that is a version of the described Dataset. | 0..n |
| is part of | dct:isPartOf | dcat:Dataset | This property indicates a related Dataset in which is included. This property is the inverse of dct:hasPart. | 0..n |
| is referenced by | dct:isReferencedBy | rdfs:Resource | This property provides a link to a description of a relationship with another resource. This property is the inverse of dct:references. | 0..n |
| is replaced by | dct:isReplacedBy | dcat:Dataset | This property indicates a related Dataset that replaces the Dataset. | 0..n |
| is required by | dct:isRequiredBy | dcat:Dataset | This property indicates a related Dataset that requires the Dataset. | 0..n |
| is version of | dct:isVersionOf | dcat:Dataset | This property refers to a Dataset of which the described Dataset is a version. | 0..n |
| landing page | dcat:landingPage | foaf:Document | This property refers to a web page that provides access to the Dataset, its Distributions and/or additional information. It is intended to point to a landing page at the original data  provider, not to a page on a site of a third party, such as an aggregator. | 0..n |
| issued (release date) | dct:issued | rdfs:Literal | This property indicates the issuance date of the Dataset. It should be typed as xsd:date or xsd:dateTime. | 0..1 |
| language | dct:language | dct:LinguisticSystem | This property indicates the language in which the Dataset is expressed. This property may be repeated in case there are different languages. | 0..n |
| modified (last update) | dct:modified | rdfs:Literal | This property contains the latest modification date of a Dataset. This property should be typed as xsd:date or xsd:dateTime. | 0..1 |
| other identifier | adms:identifier | adms:Identifier | This property contains an identifier for the Dataset. There may be several identifiers, such as MAST/ADS[[27]](#footnote-28), DataCite, DOI[[28]](#footnote-29), EZID[[29]](#footnote-30) or W3ID[[30]](#footnote-31). | 0..n |
| page (documentation) | foaf:page | foaf:Document | This property links to a document with information about a Dataset. | 0..n |
| provenance | dct:provenance | dct:ProvenanceStatement | This property specifies information about the origin of a Dataset. | 0..n |
| qualified  attribution | prov:qualifiedAttribution | prov:Attribution | This property refers to a link to an Agent having some form of responsibility for the resource. | 0..n |
| qualified relation | dcat:qualifiedRelation | dcat:Relationship | This property is about a related resource, such as a publication, that references, cites, or otherwise points to the dataset. | 0..n |
| references | dct:references | rdfs:Resource | This property provides a link to a description of a relationship with another resource that is referenced by the Dataset. This property is the inverse of dct:isReferencedBy. | 0..n |
| related resource | dct:relation | rdfs:Resource | This property refers to a related resource. | 0..n |
| replaces | dct:replaces | dcat:Dataset | This property indicates another Dataset that is replaced by the Dataset. | 0..n |
| requires | dct:requires | dcat:Dataset | This property indicates another Dataset that is required by the Dataset. | 0..n |
| sample | adms:sample | dcat:Distribution | This property refers to a sample distribution of the dataset. | 0..n |
| source | dct:source | dcat:Dataset | This property refers to a related Dataset from which the described Dataset is derived. | 0..n |
| spatial resolution | dcat:spatialResolutionInMeters | xsd:decimal | This property refers to the minimum spatial separation resolvable in a dataset, measured in meters. | 0..n |
| temporal resolution | dcat:temporalResolution | xsd:duration | This property refers to the minimum time period resolvable in the dataset. | 0..n |
| type | dct:type | skos:Concept | This property refers to the type of the Dataset. It must use a controlled vocabulary that offers the type of *master data* to represent specific data of Base Repositories. This taxonomy of terms has not been defined yet. | 0..1 |
| version | owl:versionInfo | rdfs:Literal | This property contains a version number or other information about the version of the Dataset. | 0..1 |
| version notes | adms:versionNotes | rdfs:Literal | This property refers to a textual description on the specific features of a version of the Dataset. This property should be repeated in case there are texts in different languages. | 0..n |
| was generated by | prov:wasGeneratedBy | prov:Activity | This property refers to an activity that generated, or provides the business context for, the creation of the dataset. | 0..n |

## Distribution

Mandatory properties for Distribution

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| access URL | dcat:accessURL | rdfs:Resource | This property refers to a URL that enables the access to a Dataset Distribution. The access URL may contain information to access/fetch the data. | 1..n |

Recommended properties for Distribution

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| availability | dcatap:availability | skos:Concept | This property indicates how long it is planned to keep the Distribution of the Dataset available. It MUST take one of the values: temporary, experimental, available, stable. | 0..1 |
| description | dct:description | rdfs:Literal | This property specifies a descriptive text informing about the Distribution. This property should be repeated in case there are various versions of the text in different languages. | 0..n |
| format | dct:format | dct:MediaTypeOrExtent | This property refers to the format of the Distribution data. | 0..1 |
| licence | dct:license | dct:LicenseDocument | This property refers to a licence under which the Distribution is made available. It may include the access and reuse rights associated. | 0..1 |

Optional properties for Distribution

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| access service | dcat:accessService | dcat:DataService | This property refers to a data service that gives access to the distribution of the dataset. | 0..n |
| byte size | dcat:byteSize | rdfs:Literal | This property indicates the size of a Distribution in bytes. It must be typed as xsd:decimal. | 0..1 |
| checksum | spdx:checksum | spdx:Checksum | This property provides a mechanism to verify the integrity of the Distribution content. | 0..1 |
| compression format | dcat:compressFormat | dct:MediaType | This property refers to the format of the file in which the data is contained in a compressed form, e.g. to reduce the size of the downloadable file. | 0..1 |
| download URL | dcat:downloadURL | rdfs:Resource | This property contains a URL that is a direct link to a downloadable file. | 0..n |
| has policy | odrl:hasPolicy | odrl:Policy | This property refers to the policy expressing the rights associated with the distribution if using the ODRL vocabulary. | 0..1 |
| issued | dct:issued | rdfs:Literal | This property indicates the date when the Distribution was the first time issued. | 0..1 |
| language | dct:language | dct:LinguisticSystem | This property refers to a language used in the Distribution. This property should be repeated in case there are various versions of the text in different languages. | 0..n |
| linked schemas | dct:conformsTo | dct:Standard | This property refers to an established schema to which the described Distribution conforms. | 0..n |
| media type | dcat:mediaType | dct:MediaType | This property indicates the media type of the Distribution as defined in the IANA controlled vocabulary. | 0..1 |
| modified (last update) | dct:modified | rdfs:Literal | This property contains the most recent date on which the Distribution was changed or modified. | 0..1 |
| packaging format | dcat:packageFormat | dct:MediaType | This property refers to the format of the file in which one or more data files are grouped together, e.g. to enable a set of related files to be downloaded together. It SHOULD be expressed using a media type as defined in the official register of media types managed by IANA. | 0..1 |
| page (documentation) | foaf:page | foaf:Document | This property links a document with information about a Distribution. | 0..n |
| rights | dct:rights | dct:RightsStatement | This property refers to an informative statement that set out the access and management rights of the Distribution. | 0..1 |
| spatial resolution | dcat:spatialResolutionInMeters | xsd:decimal | This property refers to the minimum spatial separation resolvable in a dataset distribution, measured in meters. | 0..n |
| status | adms:status | skos:Concept | This property indicates the maturity level of the Distribution. | 0..1 |
| temporal resolution | dcat:temporalResolution | xsd:duration | This property refers to the minimum time period resolvable in the dataset. | 0..n |
| title | dct:title | rdfs:Literal | This property contains a descriptive title of the Distribution. This property should be repeated in case there are various versions of the text in different languages. | 0..n |

## Identifier

Mandatory properties for Identifier

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| notation | skos:notation | rdfs:Literal typed with the URI of one of the members of the DataCite Resource Identifier Scheme[[31]](#footnote-32). | This property contains a string that is an identifier in the context of the identifier scheme referenced by its datatype. | 1..1 |

## Legal Resource

Mandatory properties for Legal Resource

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| type | dct:type | eli:ResourceType | This property refers to the type of a legal resource (e.g. "Directive", "Règlement grand ducal", "law", "Règlement ministériel", "draft proposition", "Parliamentary act", etc.). Member states are encouraged to make their own list of values in the corresponding concept scheme. EU Publications Office provides a list of values for EU resource types[[32]](#footnote-33). | 1..n |

Recommended properties for Legal Resource

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| description | dct:description | rdfs:Literal | This property contains descriptive textual information about the Legal Resource. This property should be repeated in case there are various versions of the text in different languages. | 0..n |
| identifier | dct:identifier | rdfs:Literal | This property contains an identifier for the rule. | 0..n |

Optional properties for Legal Resource

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| reference | rdfs:seeAlso | rdfs:Resource | This property represents a resource that is related to a particular Legal Resource being described. | 0..n |
| related | dct:relation | eli:LegalResource | This property represents another instance of the Legal Resource class that is related to a particular Legal Resource being described. | 0..n |

## Licence Document

Recommended properties for Licence Document

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| licence type | dct:type | skos:Concept | This property refers to a type of licence, e.g. indicating ‘public domain’ or ‘royalties required’. | 0..n |

## Location

Recommended properties for Location

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| bounding box[[33]](#footnote-34) | dcat:bbox | rdfs:Literal | This property refers to the geographic bounding box of a resource. | 0..1 |
| centroid | dcat:centroid | rdfs:Literal | This property refers to the geographic center (centroid) of a resource. | 0..1 |

Optional properties for Location

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| geometry | locn:geometry | rdfs:Literal | This property associates any resource with the corresponding geometry. | 0..1 |

## Period of Time

Recommended properties for Period of Time

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| end date[[34]](#footnote-35) | dcat:endDate | rdfs:Literal as xsd:date or xsd:dateTime | This property contains the end of the period. | 0..1 |
| start date | dcat:startDate | rdfs:Literal as xsd:date or xsd:dateTime | This property contains the start of the period. | 0..1 |

Optional properties for Period of Time

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| beginning | time:hasBeginning | time:Instant | This property contains the beginning of a period or interval. | 0..1 |
| end | time:hasEnd | time:Instant | This property contains the end of a period or interval. | 0..1 |

## Public Organisation

Mandatory properties for Public Organisation

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| identifier | dct:identifier | rdfs:Literal | This property represents an Identifier for an Agent. | 1..1[[35]](#footnote-36) |
| name | dct:title | rdfs:Literal | This property represents the name of the public organization. | 1..1[[36]](#footnote-37) |
| preferred label | skos:prefLabel | rdfs:Literal | This property is used to name the organisation, using the preferred denomination. This property should be repeated in case there are various versions of the text in different languages | 1..n |
| spatial coverage | dct:spatial | dct:Location | This property contains the geographic or administrative region covered by a Public Organisation. The value of this property should be a URI from the Administrative Territorial Units Named Authority List[[37]](#footnote-38) maintained by the Publications Office's Metadata Registry. | 1..n |

Recommended properties for Public Organisation

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| address | locn:address | locn:Address | This property represents the address as conceptually defined by the INSPIRE Address Representation data type[[38]](#footnote-39). | 0..n |
| classification | org:classification | skos:Concept | This property Indicates a classification for a Public Organisation within some classification scheme. | 0..n |
| homepage | foaf:homepage | foaf:Document | This property refers to the homepage of a Public Organisation. | 0..1 |

## Public Registry Service

Mandatory properties for Public Registry Service

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| description | dct:description | rdfs:Literal | This property is used to describe a Registry Service using natural text. This property may be repeated in case of having descriptions in multiple languages. | 1..n |
| has competent authority | cv:hasCompetentAuthority | cv:PublicOrganisation | This property indicates a body in charge of running the Registry Service.[[39]](#footnote-40) | 1..n |
| identifier | dct:identifier | rdfs:Literal | This property contains a formal identification of a Registry Service. | 1..1 |
| title | dct:title | rdfs:Literal | This property represents the official name of a Registry Service. This property may be repeated in case of having descriptions in multiple languages. | 1..\* |

Recommended properties for Public Registry Service

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| has part | dct:hasPart | cpsv:PublicService | This property indicates a related Registry Service that is included either physically or logically in the described resource. This relation is used to describe Registries of Base Registries | 0..n |
| homepage | foaf:homepage | foaf:Document | This property refers to the homepage of a Registry Service. | 0..1 |
| is part of | dct:isPartOf | cpsv:PublicService | This property indicates a related Registry Service in which is included. This property is the inverse of dct:hasPart. | 0..n |
| produces (data resource) | cpsv:produces | cv:Output | This property defines the output of the service as a data resource available and managed by a Base Registry Service. **The output must be also described as a dcat:Catalog**, a **dcat:Dataset or a dcat:DataService**. | 0..n |
| spatial coverage | dct:spatial | dct:Location | This property contains the geographic or administrative region covered by a Registry Service. | 0..n |
| status | adms:status | skos:Concept | This property specifies the status of the Registry Service (i.e., active, inactive, under development etc.) according to a predefined vocabulary. | 0..1 |
| thematic area | cv:thematicArea | skos:Concept | This property represents the primary topic(s) of a Registry, according to a defined classification schema. | 0..n |
| type | dct:type | skos:Concept | This property indicates the type of a Registry Service, as described in a controlled set of concepts (e.g., Base Registry and Registry of Base Registries). | 0..n |

Optional properties for Public Registry Service

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| follows | cpsv:follows | cpsv:Rule | This property links a Registry Service to the Rule(s) under which it operates. | 0..n |
| has contact point | cv:hasContactPoint | schema:ContactPoint | This property refers to the point of contact in a Registry Service. This contact information should be relevant to the Registry Service that may not be the same as contact information for the Competent Authority. | 0..n |
| has legal resource | cv:hasLegalResouce | eli:LegalResource | This property links a Public Service to a Legal Resource. It indicates the Legal Resource (e.g. legislation) to which the Public Service relates, operates or has its legal basis. | 0..n |

## Registry Catalogue

Registry Catalogue is described[[40]](#footnote-41) as a *dcat:Catalog*, a sub-class of *dcat:Dataset*.

Mandatory properties for Registry Catalogue

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| description | dct:description | rdfs:Literal | This property contains a textual description of a Registry Catalogue. This property should be repeated in case there are various versions of the text in different languages. | 1..n |
| identifier | dct:identifier | rdfs:Literal | This property contains an identifier for the catalogue. [[41]](#footnote-42) | 1..1 |
| publisher | dct:publisher | foaf:Agent | This property refers to an agent (organisation or person) that makes the Catalogue available and accessible. | 1..1 |
| title | dct:title | rdfs:Literal | This property contains a descriptive name of the Registry Catalogue. This property should be repeated in case there are various versions of the text in different languages. | 1..n |

Recommended properties for Registry Catalogue

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| accrual periodicity | dct:accrualPeriodicity | dct:Frequency | This property indicates the frequency at which a Registry Catalogue is updated with new/edited Datasets. | 0..1 |
| dataset | dcat:dataset | dcat:Dataset | This property links a Dataset with the Registry Catalogue that is part of. | 0..n |
| homepage | foaf:homepage | foaf:Document | This property refers to a main page as entry point for a Registry Catalogue. | 0..1 |
| issued (release date) | dct:issued | rdfs:Literal | This property contains the date of first publication of a Registry Catalogue. This property should be typed as xsd:date or xsd:dateTime. | 0..1 |
| language | dct:language | dct:LinguisticSystem | This property specifies the language used in a catalogue to describe textual metadata of the Datasets in a Registry Catalogue. This property should be repeated in case there are various versions of the text in different languages. | 0..n |
| licence | dct:license | dct:LicenseDocument | This property refers to the licence under which the catalogue can be used or reused. | 0..1 |
| modified (last update) | dct:modified | rdfs:Literal | This property contains the most recent date on which the Registry Catalogue was modified. This property should be typed as xsd:date or xsd:dateTime. | 0..1 |
| provenance (authenticity) | dct:provenance | dct:ProvenanceStatement | This property indicates a statement of the authenticity and the integrity of the Datasets contained a Registry Catalogue. | 0..n |
| spatial coverage | dct:spatial | dct:Location | This property indicates a geographical/administrative area that is covered by a Registry Catalogue. This property may be repeated in case there are several resources involved. | 0..n |
| theme taxonomy | dcat:themeTaxonomy | skos:ConceptScheme | This property refers to a knowledge organisation system (i.e., thesaurus, taxonomy) used to classify Datasets in a Registry Catalogue. | 0..n |

Optional properties for Registry Catalogue

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| catalogue | dcat:catalog | dcat:Catalog | This property links a catalogue that is listed in the described catalogue. | 0..n |
| creator | dct:creator | foaf:Agent | This property contains the entity responsible for producing the catalogue. | 0..1 |
| has part | dct:hasPart | dcat:Catalog | This property refers to a related Catalogue that is part of the described Catalogue. | 0..n |
| is part of | dct:isPartOf | dcat:Catalog | This property refers to a related Catalogue in which the described Catalogue is physically or logically included. | 0..1 |
| record | dcat:record | dcat:CatalogRecord | This property refers to a Catalogue Record that is part of the Catalogue. | 0..n |
| rights (use terms) | dct:rights | dct:RightsStatement | This property includes a statement that specifies usage rights of the Registry Catalogue. | 0..1 |
| service | dcat:service | dcat:DataService | This property links a Data Service with the Registry Catalogue that is part of. | 0..n |

## Relationship

Mandatory properties for Relationship

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| had role | dcat:hadRole | dcat:Role | This property refers to the function of an entity or agent with respect to another entity or resource. | 1..n |
| relation | dct:relation | rdfs:Resource | This property refers to the resource related to the source resource. | 1..n |

## Rule

Mandatory properties for Rule

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| description | dct:description | rdfs:Literal | This property contains descriptive textual information about the Rule. This property should be repeated in case there are various versions of the text in different languages. | 1..n |
| identifier | dct:identifier | rdfs:Literal | This property contains an identifier for the rule. | 1..1 |
| title | dct:title | rdfs:Literal | This property refers to the descriptive title or name of a Resource. This property should be repeated in case there are various versions of the text in different languages. | 1..n |

Recommended properties for Rule

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| implements | cpsv:implements | eli:LegalResource | This property links a Rule to relevant legislation or policy documents, such as the Legal Resource under which the Rules are defined. | 0..n |
| language | dct:language | dct:LinguisticSystem | This property represents the language(s) in which the Rule is available. This could be one or multiple languages, for instance in countries with more than one official language. | 0..n |

Optional properties for Rule

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| type | dct:type | skos:Concept | This property refers to the type of a Rule. It must use a controlled vocabulary. | 0..n |

## Thematic scheme

Mandatory properties for Thematic scheme

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| title | dct:title | rdfs:Literal | This property contains a name of the thematic scheme. May be repeated for different versions of the name. | 1..n |

## Theme

Mandatory properties for Theme

| Property | URI | Range | Usage note | Cardinality |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| preferred label | skos:prefLabel | rdfs:Literal | This property contains a preferred label of the theme. This property can be repeated for parallel language versions of the label. | 1..n |

# Controlled Vocabularies

Description of services, their related legislation and content of registries rely on specific controlled vocabularies for specific properties, such as service status, theme of data, type of organization, etc.

## Requirements for controlled vocabularies

The following is a list of requirements that were identified for the controlled vocabularies to be recommended in the Application Profile.

Controlled vocabularies should:

* Be public and published under an open licence.
* Be maintained by an institution of the European Union, by a recognised standards organisation or another trusted organisation.
* Be properly documented.
* Have labels in multiple languages, ideally in all official languages of the European Union.
* Have terms that are identified by URIs with each URI resolving to documentation about the term.
* Have associated persistence and versioning policies.

## Controlled vocabularies to be used

The use of the following controlled vocabularies for the properties listed in the specification is mandatory. This will guarantee a minimum level of interoperability.

| Property URI | Used in Class | Vocabulary name | Vocabulary URI | Usage note |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| dct:accessRights | Dataset;  Registry Catalogue;  Distribution | Access Rights NAL | <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/authority/access-right> | Datasets, and Data Services must include the level of access rights according to the list of values (i.e., Public, non-public, and restricted). |
| dct:accrualPeriodicity | Dataset;  Registry Catalogue | Frequency NAL | <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/authority/frequency> | Datasets and catalogues must specify the frequency of update using the EU Publications Office File Frequency NAL (e.g., continuous, daily, hourly, etc.). |
| dct:creator | Dataset;  Registry Catalogue | Corporate Bodies NAL | <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/dataset/corporate-body> | The Corporate bodies NAL includes all the European institutions and a reduced set of international organisations. National and regional organisations must use local controlled vocabularies, if available. |
| dct:format | Distribution | File Type NAL | <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/authority/file-type> | The media type of distributions must be represented using the concrete list of document file types of the EU Publications Office File Type NAL. |
| dct:language | Dataset;  Distribution;  Registry Catalogue;  Rule | Languages NAL | <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/authority/language> | Descriptions of Datasets, Data Service, Catalogues, Rules, and Distributions must include the languages using the EU Publications Office NAL. |
| dct:license | Distribution | Licences NAL | <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/dataset/licence> | This vocabulary must be used in case the licence of a distribution, dataset or catalogue is internationally recognised and included in the EU Publications Office NAL. |
| dcat:mediaType | Distribution | IANA Media Types[[42]](#footnote-43) | <https://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/media-types.xhtml> | Distributions must represent the format of the document using the IANA Media Types list (e.g., application/mp4, application/pdf, etc.) |
| dct:publisher | Dataset;  Registry Catalogue; | Corporate Bodies NAL | <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/dataset/corporate-body> | The Corporate bodies NAL includes all the European institutions and a reduced set of international organisations. National and regional organisations must use local controlled vocabularies, if available. |
| dct:spatial | Dataset;  Public Organisation;  Registry Catalogue;  Registry Service; | Continents NAL, Countries NAL, Places NAL | <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/dataset/continent>  <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/dataset/country>  <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/dataset/place> | Spatial coverage must be represented using the NAL according to the scope of the description (i.e., continent, country or region). |
| adms:status | Distribution | ADMS Status vocabulary | <http://purl.org/adms/status/> | Data Distributions must indicate the status of the resource according to the ADMS Status vocabulary (i.e., Completed, Deprecated, Under Development, Withdrawn). |
| cv:thematicArea | Public Registry Service | EuroVoc | <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/dataset/eurovoc> | EuroVoc will be used at any hierarchical level, in a flexible way, to describe the thematic area of a service. |
| dcat:theme | Dataset | EuroVoc  Data Theme Taxonomy NAL | <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/dataset/eurovoc>  <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/authority/data-theme> | EuroVoc will be used at any hierarchical level, in a flexible way, to describe the theme of a resource, dataset or data service. The EU Publications Office Data Theme NAL is used to describe catalogues and datasets in open data portals. |
| dcat:themeTaxonomy | Registry Catalogue | EuroVoc  Data Theme Taxonomy NAL | <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/dataset/eurovoc>  <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/authority/data-theme> | The Registry Catalogue must specify the URI to the thesaurus that defines the potential themes of its resources, as well as the taxonomy of the Data Theme NAL. |
| dct:type | Legal Resource | Resource Type NAL | <http://publications.europa.eu/resource/authority/resource-type> | Legal Resource must indicate the type of the document represented (e.g., Amended proposal, Agreement, etc.). |
| dct:type | Agent | ADMS publisher type vocabulary | http://purl.org/adms/publishertype/ | The list of terms in the ADMS publisher type vocabulary is included in the ADMS specification.[[43]](#footnote-44) |
| dcatap:availability | Distribution | Distribution availability vocabulary | http://data.europa.eu/r5r/availability/ | The list of terms for the availability levels of a dataset distribution, according to the DCAT-AP specification. |

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33. Please note that the order of usage is as follows : use the most specific geospatial relationship by preference. E.g. if the spatial description is a bbox, use dcat:bbox, otherwise use locn:geometry. [↑](#footnote-ref-34)
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