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Architecture Decision Record is a great format to document decisions. But they should be organized separately from this document und just be included (use asciidoc also for the records and everything will be hassle free). The benefits are, that you can publish they separately and they are easier to find outside this document.

Don't forget to add a section "Compliance", so that one can understand how it is checked that the decision will be complied (code snippet to ArchUnit Tests, four-eyes principle threw pull requests, and so on).

It can also be useful to list options that were considered in the decision-making process and why one option was chosen. However, care should be taken that the decision record is not overly inflated (possibly moved to a supplementary document)

For further Information see Architecture Decisions in the arc42 documentation.

There you will find links and examples about ADR.