Open User Community Meeting Minutes

Publications Office – ESPD EDM

Meeting Date/Time:	2021-06-30 15:30 – 17:00

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Meeting Agenda
- Summary of last meeting on 31st March 2021   - Reorganisation of GitHub   - Revision of issues   - Data model   - AOB   - Next meetings

Meeting Minutes

Summary of last meeting on 31st March 2021

- A brief explanation of the previous Open User Community meeting and the link to the meeting minutes is provided.

Reorganisation of GitHub

- Eugeniu Costetchi explains the current status of GitHub and the changes proposed, which are oriented to a reorganisation of content so information can be provided in a more logical way than it is nowadays.
- The current organisation is based on branches, while the future approach will have a master branch and feature branches for the evolution of specific aspects/implementation and will use tags.
- In a first stage, only the set-up will be reorganised. The actual content will be reviewed in further stages.
- The reorganisation of GitHub will not affect the functioning, it will only affect where information can be found.
- OP comments that the new organisation of the GitHub should be available in a month or month and a half.
- Open User Community members are encouraged to share any doubt or suggestions regarding the reorganisation of GitHub via mailbox or issues.

Revision of issues

- NTT Data provides the list and links to the 16 issues closed with the go-live of ESPD-EDM v3.0.0 release in March.
- NTT Data provides the list and links to the 17 issues related to code lists, closed with the go-live of ESPD-EDM v3.0.0 release, with the exception of issue 307 which has been reopened in order to provide information on conducting validation using the API from ESCO.
- 4 new issues have been received since the last Open User Community meeting in March and proposed solutions are discussed:
    - Issue 313, related to the possibility of grouping lots in the ESPD Response.
      Proposed solution: ESPD v 3.0.0 allows 2 scenarios:
      • If the CA defines a group of lots with the same requirements, there will be one ESPD response catering for this group of lots. In this case, only one signature is necessary.
      • If the CA does not define a group of lots, EOs must provide an individual ESPD Response for each lot. In this case, each ESPD Response has to be signed individually.
      All attendants agree with the proposed solution, and therefore the issue will be closed.
    - Issue 314, related to the order of the criteria in the ESPD Request.
      Proposed solution: The current order comes from the ESPD regulation and is as such as well depicted in the eCertis scenario. It makes sense to have a specific order as this will make it easier for suppliers to fill it out - at least in a country. If all solutions in one country would shuffle them, suppliers would need more time to fill it out manually or even to check.
      However, the more data comes from national databases, it could probably make sense to change the order. To adjust the order, it should always be thought of if this helps the supplier to provide the information.
      All attendants agree with the proposed solution, and therefore the issue will be closed.
    - Issues 311 and 312, related to the use of UUIDs: all attendants agree with the proposed solution to use hash values instead of UUID for elements under a specific criterion. This solution, which is transparent to EOs, will allow easier validation between offers and facilitate reuse.
      Hash values will be built using: a) information from the supplier (company name, ID, country); b) the UUID of the criterion the specific element is under; and c) specific content of the element.

It is necessary to define, for each criterion, the variables that will be used for part c) of hash values. A proposal will be presented in the next Open User Community meeting in September. This solution requires a major change from v3.0.0.

Data model

- A data model will be prepared during summer 2021 to complement the current UBL schema and excel data sheets used for implementation.
- The data model aims at simplifying and facilitating the understanding of the model and its components, as well as its relationship with eForms.

AOB

- Finland and Norway are currently working on the eForms implementation and have doubts related to the information from ESPD to be sent to TED, and consider full ESPD information should be sent to TED whenever possible. OP explains that this topic is currently under discussion internally and the data model that will be prepared in summer should help see the best approach to this. Therefore, this issue will be raised again in the next Open User Community meeting in September.
- Sweden is also working on the eForms implementation and raises a question about communication, which should be answered by PEPPOL group.
- OP comments that codelists are available online and recommends consulting them on https://op.europa.eu/en/web/eu-vocabularies/authority-tables.
  Correspondence of eForms business terms with data type 'Code' to EU Vocabularies is available in CITnet and also in https://simap.ted.europa.eu/web/simap/eforms.
- Natalie Muric explains that from now on Paloma Arillo (also from the OP) will be hosting Open User Community meetings.

Next meetings

- It is agreed that, from September on, meetings will be held on Thursday morning, from 10:00 to 11:30, on the last Thursday of the month.
- Since several Open User Community members will not be available on the last Thursday of August, the following calendar is agreed:
  - September 2nd, 10:00 – 11:30
  - ~~September 30th, 10:00 – 11:30~~ → *After meeting comment: OUC meeting foreseen for September 30th has been changed to October 7th, 10:00 – 11:30*
  - October 28th, 10:00 – 11:30
  - November 25th, 10:00 – 11:30

  Placeholders for these meetings will be sent at the beginning of July.