Open User Community Meeting Minutes

Publications Office – ESPD EDM

Meeting Date/Time:	2021-10-28 10:00 – 11:45

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

  https://github.com/OP-TED/ESPD-EDM/blob/wgm-reports/ESPD_Minutes_OUC_Meetings_20211007_v1.0.pdf

Migration - Reorganisation of GitHub

- The ESPD-EDM GitHub has been migrated to an OP-administered repository:

  https://github.com/OP-TED/ESPD-EDM/

- Information has been reorganised. In the new GitHub, previous releases can be accessed through "tags" and "releases", instead of using different branches per release as before.
- Documentation is being separated from the distribution package, which has been located at root level to facilitate access to the different files.
- The documentation related to the current version of the ESPD (**3.0.0**) and the documentation of the last version of each previous release (**2.1.1, 2.0.2, 1.0.2**) are available:

  https://docs.ted.europa.eu/ESPD-EDM/

- Information regarding the versioning methodology for evolving the ESPD is available:

  https://github.com/OP-TED/git-versioning-methodology

- The reorganisation of the GitHub and documentation is still ongoing so some inconveniences may be experienced.
- Any feedback and suggestions for improvements of the GitHub and documentation is more than welcome from all stakeholders.

Issues related to future versions

- UUID (Issue 312):
  - Current situation and description of the problem:
    - UUIDs are used for the identification of QUESTIONS within the Request.
    - A fixed UUID is given for elements with cardinality 0..1. However, for elements with multiple cardinalities (0..N or 1..N), the number of responses cannot be predicted and the UUID is randomly generated on the side of the EO. In this case, traceability between request and response is lost.
    - Codes are generated with the creation of every new Request and cannot be reused from previous procurement procedures.
  - Challenge: To link each response to the request in a non-random way, coherently mapping a request with its responses maximising the reuse of data already provided and respecting the once-only principle.
  - Proposed solution: Replace the randomly created UUID with a hash value to provide reusable identifiers for criteria elements with multiple cardinalities.
  - The part of the originally proposed hash including the EO identifier and the Country code has been removed, because the EO identifier and the Country code are already available through Part II of the ESPD about the EO.
  - Concerns:
    - The replacement of the current UUID by the proposed hash value might break compatibility, if it has not the structure of the UUID.
    - From an implementation perspective, the new solution is more complex and might entail performance risks.
    - Several participants express their doubts on the need to replace the UUID and are not convinced of the benefits of this change.

- Discussion:
  - The issue is available in GitHub with detailed information on the business requirements, examples and the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed solution.
  - Participants are requested to provide their feedback and ideas in the GitHub issue.
  - A feedback on GitHub was provided and will be presented in the next OUC.
- eCertis (Issue 251):
  - The goal: To retrieve information in an ESPD service from eCertis to facilitate information reuse. This will be important, as eCertis will contain not only the classical Directive (2014/24/RU) but also all other Directives. So the information will differ.
  - Scenarios: Scenarios define the ESPD structure concerning exclusion grounds and selection criteria for each Directive. As well, in scenarios Member States can define which criterion is mandatory or if they apply in a national context.
  - Proposed approach:
    - ESPD Services would retrieve information from eCertis;
    - The ESPD-EDM itself does not need to be adjusted. It just provides the data structures to place the data;
    - eCertis would provide the following data:
      o Criteria mandatory/not mandatory
      o Criteria applicable/not applicable
      o UUID for the scenario (identifier of the scenario and the country)
      o Name of the criterion
      o Code of the criteria, from the criterion code list on EU Vocabularies
      o Legislation related to criteria
    - Criteria will be defined and maintained in eCertis. By reusing the data, much fewer elements need to be hardcoded in the ESPD.
    - Communication with eCertis will be essential to ensure that the latest criteria are used.
  - Concerns:
    Although participants agree that a tighter link between eCertis and ESPD will be useful, several participants expressed their concern on the stability of the REST service of eCertis.
  - Discussions:
    - Participants are requested to make proposals in the GitHub issue on how the integration should be done, so a proposal of the interoperability between eCertis and ESPD can be made.
    - In addition, a GitHub issue is to be created to analyse whether the criteria with negative wording should be replaced by neutral criteria and to see whether a change request would be required in eCertis. The criteria concerned are:
      o Breaching of obligations in the field of environmental law
      o Breaching of obligations in the field of social law
      o Breaching of obligations in the fields of labour law
      o Guilty of grave professional misconduct
      o Guilty of misinterpretation, withheld information, unable to provide required documents and obtained confidential information of this procedure

AOB:

- It was noted that, so far, no user has started to implement the latest version of the ESPD (v3.0.0), although Norway is currently working on the specifications and should start implementing soon.

Next meetings
- ESPD Seminar: **December 2nd, 14.00 – 17.00**