Open User Community Meeting Minutes

Publications Office – ESPD EDM

Meeting Date/Time:	2021-03-31 14:00 – 15:30

Attendee Name	Organisation / Country
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Meeting Agenda

- Summary of last meeting on 3rd March 2021
- ESPD-EDM v3.0.0 release status
- Release Distribution
- Maven Central Repository
- Interoperability testbed usage for ESPD
- ESPD Future evolution
- Next meetings

Meeting Minutes

Natalie Muric opens the call and asks the participants to provide their name and location on the chat panel.

ESPD-EDM v3.0.0 release status

- Everis explains that the new ESPD version 3.0.0 is fully released and shows the updated status overview table.
- Everis comments that the work done since last meeting consists mainly in the update of the Schematron and Testbed, as well as in cleansing and finishing the online documentation.
- Everis shows the three ESPD-EDM main points of interest in GitHub:
  - CODE tab with the README;
  - Distribution package content;
  - Documentation landing page.
- In response to a question raised, everis confirms that the ESPD/tree GitHub folder is already online.

Release Distribution

- Everis provides the links to the online documentation landing page:
  - Business handbook;
  - Technical handbook;
  - Release package content;
  - Release notes.
- Everis briefly shows the GitHub release branch folders, pointing out the current ESPD Criterion file is the former Criteria Taxonomy and explaining that the change is due to CL update.

Maven Central Repository

- Everis explains that the new version libraries for ESPD Service implementation have been uploaded to Maven Central Repository and how to set up the maven project with the nexus artefact.
- A new artefact exchange-model has been created for this release to allow both versions 2.1 and 3.0 to be configured in the same project.

Interoperability testbed usage for ESPD

- Everis shows how to use the Interoperability testbed with a couple of examples (a valid ESPDRequest and an invalid ESPDRequest with no Lots).
- Marc Christopher explains that with the new release all references to old versions have been removed from Testbed except for the latest version for each major release. Currently the following are available v1.0.2, v2.1.1 and v3.0.0.
- Marc Christopher points out the change regarding Lots in the new version, where Lots are referenced within a single ESPDRequest and multiple ESPDResponses are required, one for each Lot.

ESPD Future evolution

- Everis briefly describes the main changes to be expected in the new release:
  - All "content"code lists will be linked directly to EU Vocabularies, the timeline for this is July 2021. Natalie Muric points out that technical code lists will not be made available on EU Vocabularies.
  - Occupation Code List will be linked to ESCO's.
  - Any related issues that may arise regarding the new release will be solved.
- Also, any suggestions and needs reported by the OUC will be taken into account.
- The working group is invited to make any comments on the new release and any future release in github: https://github.com/ESPD/ESPD-EDM/issues

Questions

- Sweden currently uses ESPD version 1 and asks about the implications of not upgrading to version 3.0. Marc Christopher explains the motivations behind each release version and how eForms alignment in version 3.0 makes implementation easier.
- In response to a question about eForms integration details and, particularly, BG/BT ESPD-eForm overlapping, Marc Christopher comments that work is still in progress and at the time being it is not possible to provide further detail about it, but there should be no overlapping.
- In response to a question regarding the need of an updated ESPD Regulation, Marc Christopher comments that this is currently not foreseen.
- In response to a question about the availability of comments and/or reports on the satisfaction survey conducted some months ago, Marc Christopher explains that results were average. The report is available here https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/0ed8c64a-5137-11ea-aece-01aa75ed71a1/language-en. The main areas of improvement suggested are the integration in existing procurement services and national databases as well as trainings.

Next meetings
- Next meeting was foreseen in April, but Natalie Muric points out that it should be moved from April to May depending of the OUC feedback. If OUC members need more time to review the release and provide comments, the next meeting will be rescheduled and organized in May.