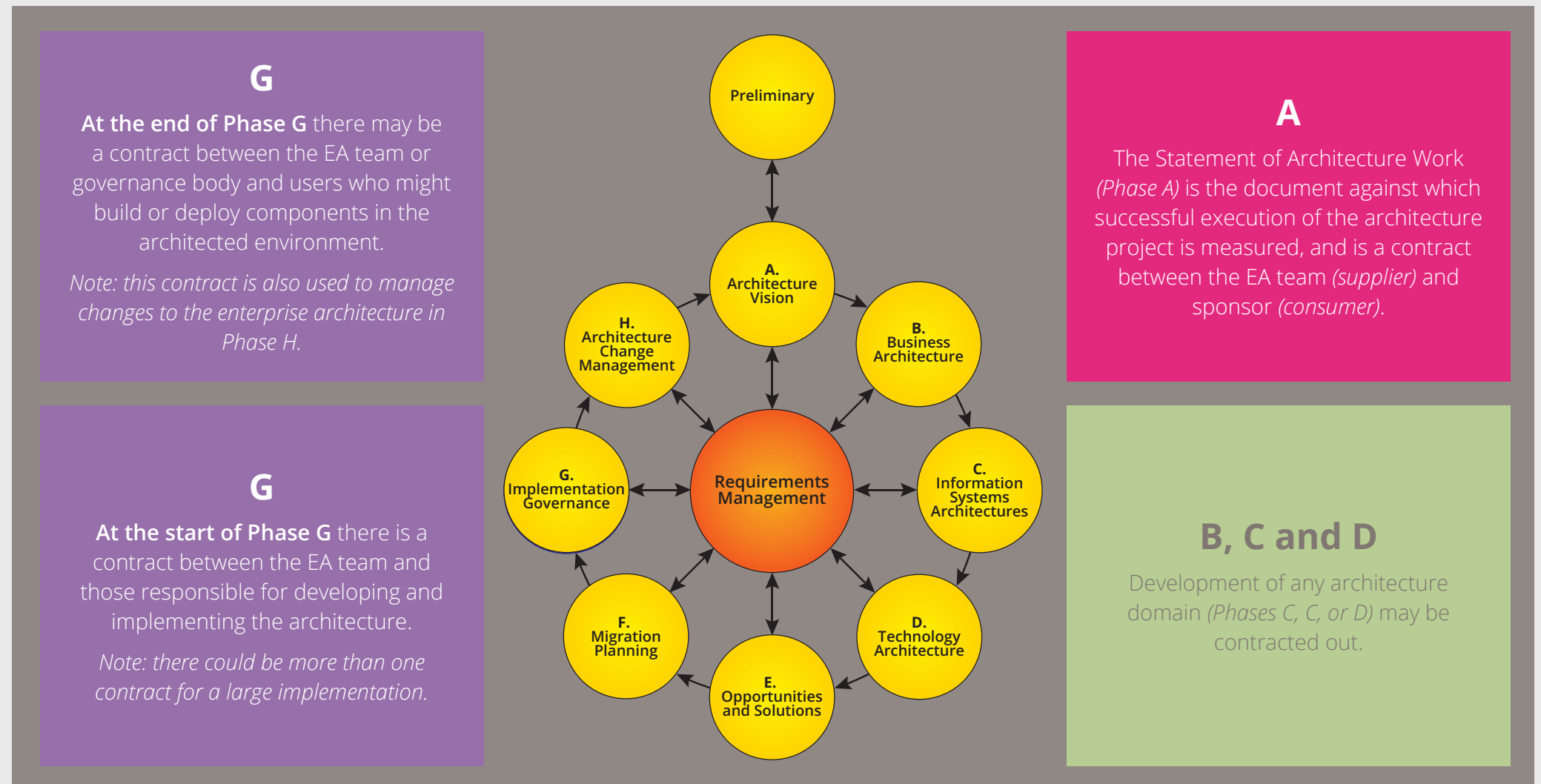


# TOGAF® Poster Series #37

## Architecture Contracts

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Architecture Contracts are agreements between developers and sponsors on the deliverables, quality, and fitness-for-purpose of an architecture. This poster examines the role of Architecture Contracts in TOGAF.



The content of the different types of Architecture Contract is described in section 49.2 of TOGAF

The governance use of the Architecture Contract document produced in the ADM Phase G is explained in Part VII, 50. Architecture Governance.

The Architecture Requirements Specification provides quantitative statements that outline what an implementation project must do to comply with the architecture, and is typically a major part of an implementation contract, or a contract for more detailed Architecture Definition. See TOGAF 36.2.6

### Successful use of Architecture Contracts depends on effective Architecture Governance

#### Architecture Contracts

Architecture Contracts are a key tool that allows the **flexible evolution of a dynamic enterprise architecture** in response to changing technology and business drivers – without unnecessary constraints.

**Deliverables** are typically the contractual or formal work products of an architecture project (see TOGAF Chapter 36. Architecture Deliverables).

Phase G establishes **the connection between architecture and implementation organizations** through the Architecture Contract.

Even when EA teams don't draw up a formal Architecture Contracts, it is still **implied!**

#### Architecture Governance Ensures we:

Continuously **monitor and audit** the integrity, changes, and decision-making of architecture-related activities within an enterprise.

Adhere to the **principles, standards, and requirements** of existing or developing architectures.

Identify **risks** in developing or implementing architectures.

Follow processes and practices for effective development and use of architectural artifacts.

Have a formal understanding of **the governance organization** responsible for each contract, including their level of authority and scope of the architecture being governed.

