Enterprise Architecture Blueprint Recommendations

Based on your requirements for building an enterprise blueprint using a DSL approach rather than visual tooling, I can offer several recommendations that align well with your document on C4 diagramming with Structurizr.

Recommended DSL-Based Tools

1. **Structurizr DSL** - This aligns perfectly with your existing plan and offers a powerful model-first approach to architecture documentation using a simple text-based DSL. It supports the complete C4 model hierarchy.
2. **Arc42 with AsciiDoc/Markdown** - Combine Arc42 templates with AsciiDoc or Markdown to create comprehensive architecture documentation with embedded diagrams.
3. **PlantUML** - Text-based UML diagram creation with extensive support for various diagram types. Can be integrated with documentation systems.
4. **Diagrams as Code (Python)** - Python library for creating cloud architecture diagrams programmatically.
5. **Terraform/Pulumi** - If your blueprint includes infrastructure definitions, these infrastructure-as-code tools provide DSLs that can define and document your environment.

Implementation Approach

Based on your document, I recommend expanding on your Structurizr approach with these specific suggestions:

1. Establish a Layered DSL Structure

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```
enterprise-blueprint/
├── foundation/
│   ├── principles.dsl          # Architectural principles
│   ├── standards.dsl           # Technology standards
│   ├── shared-services.dsl     # Enterprise shared services
├── business-domains/           # Organized by business domains
│   ├── domain-a/
│   │   ├── capabilities.dsl    # Business capabilities
│   │   ├── services.dsl        # Domain services
│   │   ├── data-entities.dsl   # Core data entities
│   │   └── integration.dsl     # Integration points
│   └── ...
├── technology/
│   ├── platforms.dsl           # Platform definitions
│   ├── patterns.dsl            # Reusable patterns
│   └── deployments.dsl         # Deployment models
└── workspace.dsl               # Main workspace file
```

2. Implement Version Control and Automation

- Use Git for version control with a branching strategy that mirrors your release cycles
- Implement CI/CD pipelines to automatically validate DSL syntax and generate diagrams
- Consider using Git hooks to enforce consistent formatting and naming conventions

3. Define Clear DSL Patterns

Create standardized DSL patterns for common architectural elements:

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```
// Example domain service definition pattern
domain "CustomerManagement" {
  capability "CustomerOnboarding" {
    service "CustomerRegistrationService" {
      description "Handles the registration of new customers"
      exposes "REST API" {
        endpoint "/customers"
        operations ["GET", "POST", "PUT"]
      }
      consumes "CustomerDataStore"
      emits "CustomerCreatedEvent"
    }
  }
}
```

Practical Advice

1. **Start small and iterate** - Begin with a single domain and expand, rather than trying to model everything at once.
2. **Establish clear ownership** - Assign ownership of different DSL modules to appropriate teams or individuals.
3. **Create templates and generators** - Develop templates and potentially code generators to streamline creation of new DSL files.
4. **Focus on relationships** - The greatest value in architecture documentation comes from clearly defining relationships between components.
5. **Automate validation** - Implement automated validation of your DSL files to ensure adherence to naming conventions and structural rules.
6. **Maintain living documentation** - Establish processes to keep the DSL files updated as your architecture evolves.
7. **Use reference implementations** - Create reference implementations for each type of architectural component to serve as examples.

Getting Started Steps

1. Set up your DSL environment with Structurizr DSL and versioning
2. Create your initial folder structure and base templates
3. Document one business domain completely as a reference
4. Establish the governance process for maintaining the blueprint
5. Create automation for continuous validation and diagram generation

Example Structurizr DSL Implementation

Below is a simplified example of how you might implement a portion of your enterprise blueprint using Structurizr DSL:

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```
workspace {
    model {
        enterprise "Example Organization" {
            // Define business domains
            customerDomain = group "Customer Domain" {
                customerSystem = softwareSystem "Customer Management System" {
                    description "Manages all customer-related operations"

                    // Define containers
                    customerAPI = container "Customer API" {
                        description "Provides customer management capabilities via REST
                        technology "Spring Boot"

                        // Define components
                        registrationController = component "Registration Controller" {
                            description "Handles customer registration requests"
                            technology "Spring MVC"
                        }

                        customerService = component "Customer Service" {
                            description "Implements customer management business logic"
                            technology "Spring Service"
                        }
                    }

                    customerDB = container "Customer Database" {
                        description "Stores customer data"
                        technology "PostgreSQL"
                    }
                }
            }

            // Define relationships
            customerAPI.registrationController -> customerAPI.customerService "Uses"
            customerAPI.customerService -> customerDB "Reads from and writes to"
        }

        // External actors
        customer = person "Customer" {
            description "A customer of the organization"
        }

        // External relationships
        customer -> customerSystem "Registers and manages profile"
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    }

    views {
        systemContext customerSystem "CustomerSystemContext" {
            include *
            autoLayout
        }

        container customerSystem "CustomerSystemContainers" {
            include *
            autoLayout
        }

        component customerAPI "CustomerAPIComponents" {
            include *
            autoLayout
        }

        theme default
    }
}
```

Governance and Maintenance

Document Ownership Matrix

DSL Category	Owner	Review Cycle	Update Triggers
Foundation	Architecture Team	Quarterly	Strategic changes
Business Domains	Domain Teams	Monthly	Feature additions
Technology	Platform Team	Bi-monthly	Platform updates
Integration	Integration Team	Monthly	Interface changes

Quality Assurance Process

1. Automated validation of DSL syntax via CI/CD
2. Peer review of changes through pull requests
3. Quarterly architecture review meetings
4. Consistency checks across domains
5. Stakeholder feedback sessions with generated diagrams

With this structured approach, your enterprise blueprint will evolve as a living, accurate representation of your architecture that provides value to all stakeholders while remaining maintainable through its DSL foundation.