



Directorate General Informatics  
Directorate D – Digital Services  
DIGIT D2 - Interoperability

# The Interoperable Europe Act : Introduction

Visual Storyboard

## Essential course information

| Course information     |  |
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| <b>Course Provider</b> | European Commission  |
| <b>Course Title</b>    | <b>An Introduction to the Interoperable Europe Act</b>   |
| <b>Course Topic</b>    | Introduction, background, and components of the Interoperable Europe Act, as well as the implications for cross-border interoperability and cooperation in the public sector across the EU.  |
| <b>Course Type</b>     | Micro-learning   |
| <b>Course tags</b>     | Interoperable Europe Act, EU digital policy, Interoperable Europe Board, EIF, European Interoperability Framework, digital skills in the public sector, cross-border interoperability, digital public services, public sector innovation.  |
| <b>Course summary</b>  | <p>This short course will provide an introduction to the Interoperable Europe Act for public servants across Europe, including the background and context, why the Act is needed, how it links with other EU digital policies, legislation and the 2030 Digital Decade targets. The course will also provide insight into what is regulated, who is affected and demonstrate the key features of the Act. It will also highlight the involvement for public sector authorities in terms of planning and monitoring.</p> <p>The course will use a character-led approach to de-mystify the Act and introduce aspects such as the cooperation framework for public administrations across the EU to help cross-border exchange of data, and investigate interoperable and re-usable digital solutions, such as open-source software, guidelines, checklists, frameworks, and IT tools. The course will demonstrate how the Act aims to ensure seamless access to cross-border public services for people in the EU, improving the quality of life for those wishing to work, study or retire in another Member State, including the 150 million EU citizens living in a border region, or two million commuters between Member States.</p> |
| <b>Target audience</b> | <p>The primary target audience will be a mixture of those with decision-making responsibilities in the area of interoperability application and implementation, and those with hands-on responsibility for designing implementation scenarios and architectures. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public policy officers</li> </ul>  |

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|                             | <p>Legal advisors<br/>Public service designers<br/>Solution architects<br/>Systems architects<br/>CTOs<br/>CIOs</p>   |
| <b>Language</b>             | English (and others TBC)  |
| <b>Level</b>                | <p>Beginner, intermediate: The course is addressed to roles who are involved in the Digital Public Services design, implementation, delivery, and interoperability, and who have completed the Introductory IOP course and the European Interoperability Framework course.</p> <p>The course is approximate 18 minutes, explaining how the Interoperable Europe Act will move forward cross border interoperability in the public sector across the EU. This course will help to understand the importance of designing and implementing interoperable solutions in various fields.</p> <p>The course will use the principles of instructional design methodologies based on learner-driven, constructivist approaches, focussing on learning as an active, iterative, and problem-based process., with components focussed specifically on developing mastery of identified tasks.</p> |
| <b>Curriculum relevance</b> | IOP003: Interoperability - governance, strategy and policy  |
| <b>Learning Objectives</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the background and context for the introduction of the Interoperable Europe Act</li> <li>• Be able to describe the key features of the Act</li> <li>• Understand the opportunities and implications for public sector authorities and EU entities</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Course format</b>        | <p>Short linear course format with 5 chapters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Background and context of the Interoperable Europe Act. Why the Interoperable Europe Act is needed? How does it link with other EU digital policies, legislation and the 2030 Digital Decade targets? (5 mins)</li> <li>2. Scope: What is regulated? Who is affected? (2 mins)</li> <li>3. Key features of the Act: (7 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interoperability assessments</li> </ul> </li> </ol>  |

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|                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The share and reuse of solutions</li> <li>• European Interoperability Framework development</li> <li>• Interoperable Europe solutions</li> <li>• Interoperable Europe Portal</li> <li>• Innovation and policy support measures (policy implementation support projects, regulatory sandboxes, peer review)</li> <li>• Shared interoperability governance (Interoperable Europe Board, Community, competent authorities, interoperability coordinators) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ involvement for public sector authorities</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>4. Planning and Monitoring (Interoperable Europe agenda) (2 mins)</p> <p>5. Quick quiz (2 mins)</p>   |
| <p><b>References</b></p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Interoperable Europe Act Proposal, <a href="https://commission.europa.eu/publications/interoperable-europe-act-proposal_en">https://commission.europa.eu/publications/interoperable-europe-act-proposal_en</a>,</li> <li>2) The Interoperable Europe Act will improve online public services for people and businesses, <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_23_5730">https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_23_5730</a></li> <li>3) Europe's Digital Decade: digital targets for 2030, <a href="https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/europe-fit-digital-age/europes-digital-decade-digital-targets-2030_en">https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/europe-fit-digital-age/europes-digital-decade-digital-targets-2030_en</a></li> <li>4) European Digital Rights and Principles, <a href="https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/digital-principles">https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/digital-principles</a>,</li> <li>5) Questions and Answers: Interoperable Europe Act, <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/QANDA_22_6908">https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/QANDA_22_6908</a></li> <li>6) Impact Assessment Report - Interoperable Europe Act, <a href="https://commission.europa.eu/system/files/2022-11/swd_2022_721_f1_impact_assesment_en_v3_p1_2253149.pdf">https://commission.europa.eu/system/files/2022-11/swd_2022_721_f1_impact_assesment_en_v3_p1_2253149.pdf</a></li> </ol> |