



Open Rights Data Framework

– A European Digital Infrastructure Consortium –

Status Quo on 18 May 2023

The **copyright infrastructure** is the set* of rules, technologies and institutions that frame data management practices in the **creative industries** to improve authoritative and updated information on rightsholders, terms and conditions, and licensing opportunities.

An intellectual property action plan to support the EU's recovery and resilience, COM(2020) 760

*: for the sake of clarity, this set includes neither data nor systems.

The multi-country project **Open Rights Data Framework** proposes to establish the **Copyright Infrastructure EDIC** to support three areas of activity of the **Digital Decade Policy Programme**:

- a) European common data infrastructure and services, in relation with
- g) Connected public administration, and
- h) European blockchain services infrastructure.

Objectives of the Digital Decade Policy Programme

- Inclusive, transparent, and open digital environment

- Interoperable digital technologies and services

- Secure and accessible digital and data infrastructures

- Digital regulatory environment

- Sustainable, resilient, and efficient digital infrastructures

- Coherent coordination of policies and programmes

Copyright Infrastructure EDIC



OPEN RIGHTS DATA EXCHANGES (ORDEs)

technical layer providing mechanisms for trust and interoperation of identification and rights metadata



OPEN RIGHTS DATA FRAMEWORK (ORDF)

semantic layer addressing the challenges of declaration, discovery and conflict; the layer where the meaning of identification and rights metadata is made clear and consistent



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foundational legal layer; the layer defining authors' rights by conventions, treaties, directives, acts and regulations

Set of rules

The semantic layer brings data together. Its building blocks are **identifiers** and **schemas** (the formats in which metadata is captured). There are many types of these in use, standard and proprietary.

The ORDF will be designed to combine any and all of them. Based on some of the best work done in metadata standards in the last 25 years, the ORDF will have an **innovative data architecture able to integrate rights and content data of any kind or complexity.**

Set of technologies

The Copyright Infrastructure EDIC will promote the advances of technology programmes supporting the **interoperability**, **searchability**, and **trustworthiness** of rights management information.

These cutting-edge technologies are the base of the Digital Decade comprehensive framework: **digital twins**, **high-performance computing**, **digital wallet**, **blockchain**, and **5G**.

Set of institutions

Building a pervasive and inclusive ORDF at European and then global level requires **cooperation** and **coordination** between standards organisations, existing repositories, rightsholders and rights users.

The CI EDIC does not publish standards itself but coordinate **requirements** and **resources** to foster the creation and evolution of standards within standards organisations. It assures the **governance** of the ORDF and liaise with the **European Data Innovation Board**.

A **European Digital Infrastructure Consortium (EDIC)** is a **legal entity** set up by a decision of the European Commission. It has legal personality and full legal capacity recognised in all EU Member States. The basic internal structure of an EDIC is flexible and **defined in the statutes by its members**.

Members:

- Member States represented by one or more public entities, including private entities with a public service mission, contributing financially and/or in-kind,
- Private entities without a public service mission.

Observers:

- The European Commission, with a veto right about the specific use of its funds,
- Non-contributing Member States.

Governance:

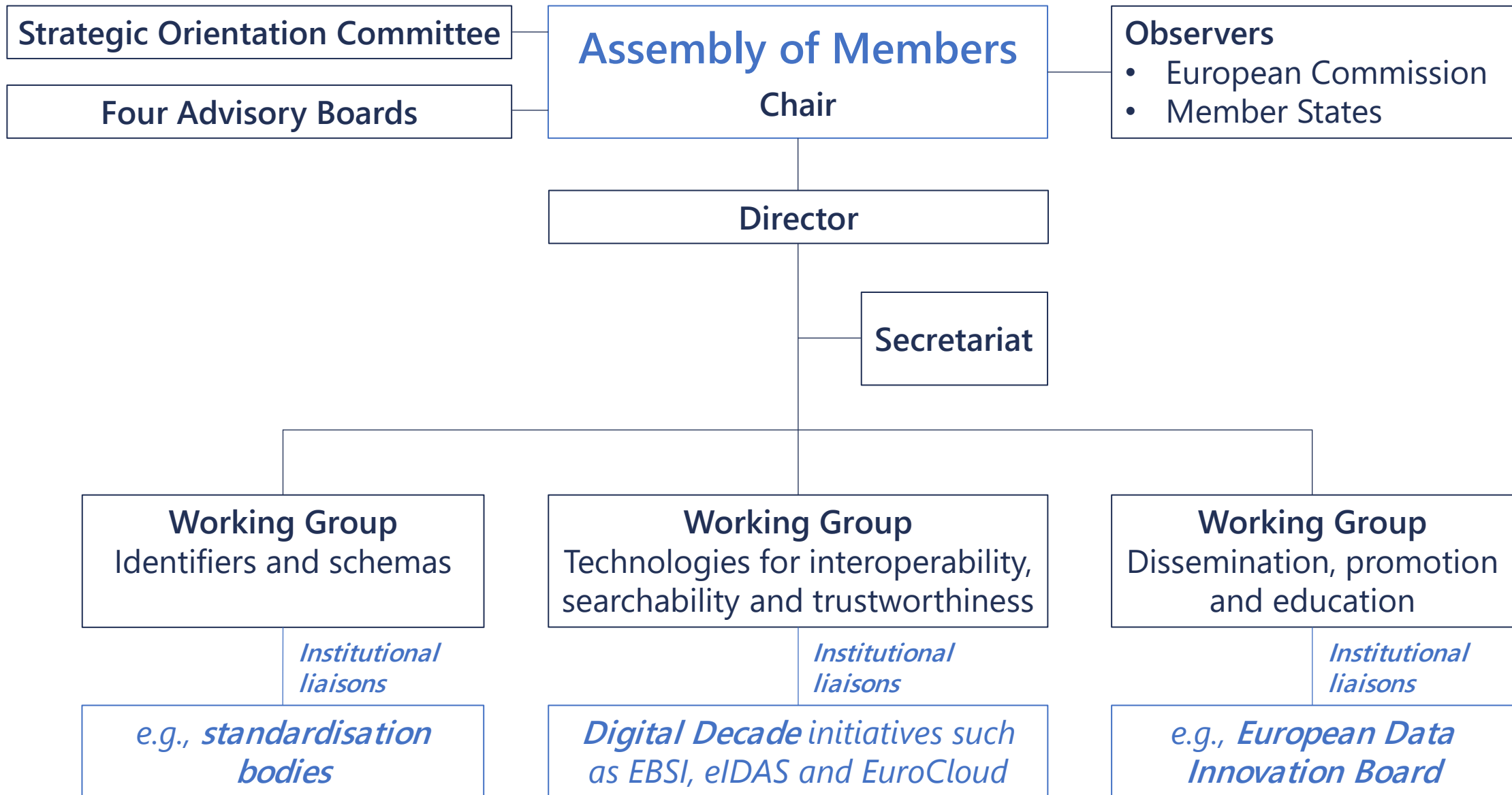
- Union Law, in particular **Decision on the Path to the Digital Decade**,
- The law of the Member State where the EDIC has its **statutory seat**,
- EDIC **statutes** and their **implementing rules**, whereby Member States hold jointly the **majority of voting rights** in the Assembly of Members.

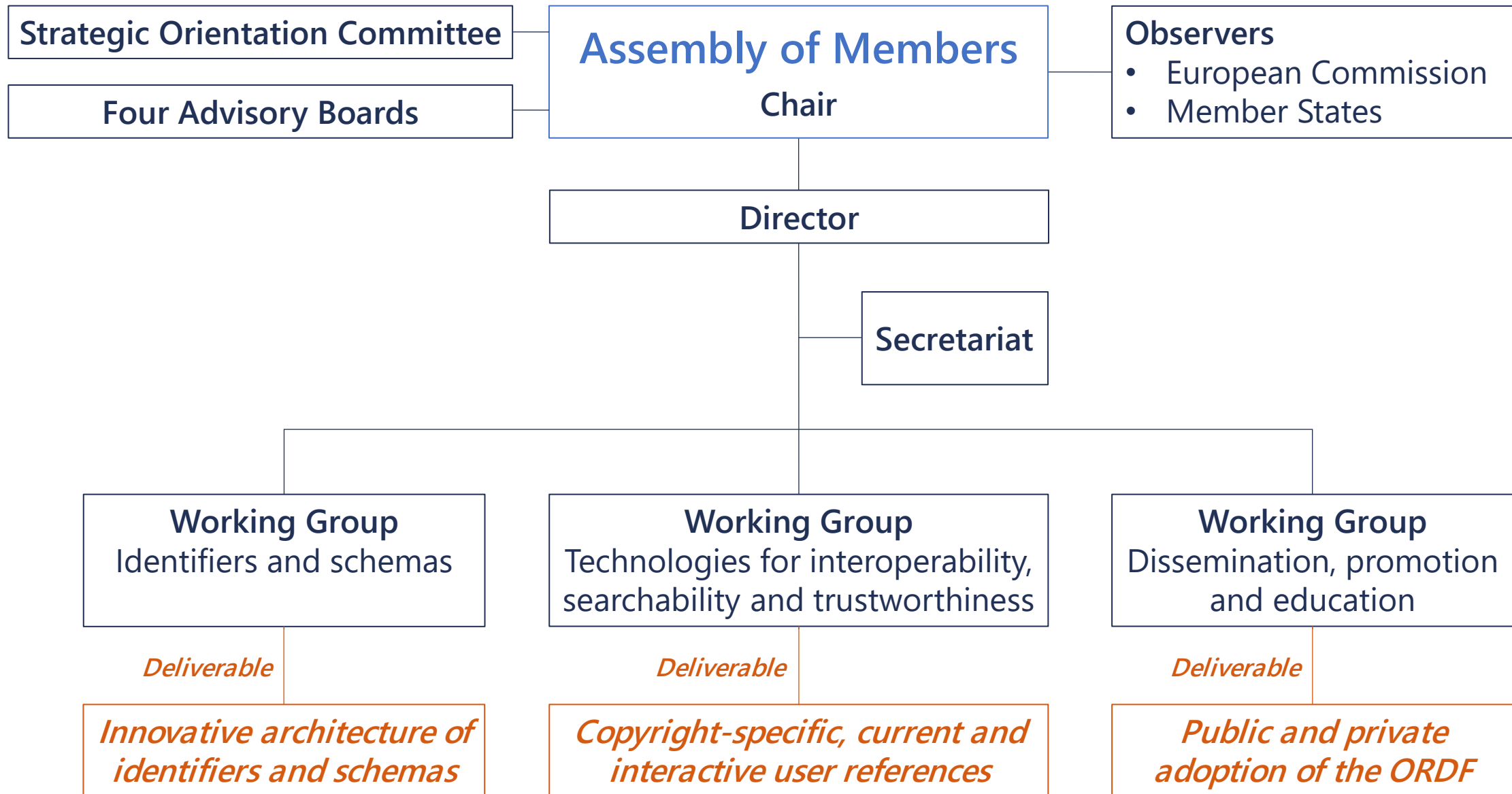
International Organisation:

- Requires a declaration by the Member State hosting the EDIC based on a parliamentary decision on tax exemptions,
- Not applicable in cases of private entity membership.

State Aid Rule:

- Applies.





Members –

- a) **appoint** a representing entity (entities),
- b) **participate** actively in the working groups of CI EDIC,
- c) **support** and **promote** the adoption of relevant standards,
- d) **promote** uptake of CI EDIC work and resources among relevant users and **gather** users' feedback,
- e) **facilitate** the integration of CI EDIC services and resources,
- f) **provide** the annual financial and in-kind contributions.

EE/FI Task Force

European Commission

- Reports to Secretaries of State
- Meetings with Secretaries of State
- Pre-notification: **31 May 2023**
 - Request to the Commission*
 - Proposed statutes*
 - Technical description*
- Application: **October 2023**

- **Support** of the prospective EDICs
- Call for **expressions of interest**
- **Decision** on the *Path to the Digital Decade*
- **Publication** of the decision
- Call for **pre-notifications**
- Call for **applications**

- Iterative **assessment** of the application
- **Decision** through comitology procedure
- **Publication** in the official journal of the EU
- **Launch** of the Copyright Infrastructure EDIC: **January 2024**

*: draft available upon request

The Copyright Infrastructure EDIC is a **not-for-profit organisation**; the application of **State Aid Rule** should be straightforward.

The CI EDIC is an **international organisation**, not based on an international agreement but on a decision by the Commission.

Member States participate on a **level playing field**; their **contributions** are focused on their country.

Digiciti Networks OÜ, the **private entity** co-initiating the Multi-Country Project, operates the secretariat of the CI EDIC.

The CI EDIC **welcomes** all other Member States ready to join; by 2029, the EDIC is a cornerstone of the **Digital Single Market**.



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We are preparing the pre-notification and the application.