eArchiving Initiative

The eArchiving Initiative provides core specifications, software, training and knowledge to help people store information for longer.

What is eArchiving?

Important information should be kept accessible and reusable for years to come, regardless of the system used to store it. eArchiving provides core specifications, software, training and knowledge to help people preserve and reuse information over the long-term.
Interoperability by default
Following international standards and specifications for packaging digital information enables organisations to transmit documents and information across borders. It also supports the storage, access and reuse of information regardless of the platform used.

Openness and transparency
Having a common set of open specifications for packaging and archiving digital information, promotes a high level of transparency and confidence among all participants in the information lifecycle.

Sustainability and legal compliance
With eArchiving, digital archival systems can implement reusable modular components that are compliant with various national legal requirements.

To know more about the Initiative and other advantages before start using it, check the other benefits (https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/repository/document/2023-31/Benefits_of_eArchiving_ndFk9B462nHbRiFWVeYzE1Uss_97915.pdf) eArchiving has to offer.

How to use eArchiving?
What is your digital archiving plan?
Determine your digital archiving plan: what information to keep, for how long (legislation) and who can access it. The answers will translate into your solution's requirements.

Which eArchiving components?
Decide which eArchiving components you want to use to implement the solution.

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The sixth training webinar of the eArchiving Initiative series will examine the access to long-term geospatial records using CITS, Geospatial Guidelines and specifications.

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The fifth training webinar of the eArchiving Initiative series will examine the potential of open-source tools in digital preservation.

EVENT | 22 September 2023
How the eArchiving Initiative can help in the implementation of eIDAS electronic archiving trust services

The event is specifically aimed at Solution/Service Providers who wish to learn more about the effects and means of implementing the eIDAS electronic archiving trust services and contributing to defining future services and policy for the eArchiving Initiative.

EVENT | 23 October 2023 - 25 October 2023
The eArchiving Initiative Summit will be held in Salamanca on Wednesday 25 October 2023

The Summit will be organised by the eArchiving Initiative with the support of DG CNECT and will be preceded by the Triennial DLM Forum Conference (Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 October 2023), organised by the Spanish State Archives.

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eArchiving support desk provides users information on the eArchiving specifications.

The eArchiving initiative counts on organisations and institutions to share knowledge and build the eArchiving community.

The eArchiving Conformance Seal is a sign of quality of digital archiving, long term preservation, and data management following standards and best practices.

We are building on the synergies of relevant projects within the Digital Europe programme.

eArchiving offers training resources to promote understanding of eArchiving services and simplify long-term access to information.

The eArchiving Knowledge Centre aims to provide easy access to information on eArchiving tools.

In order to create and adapt your archive, or develop your own application, you can refer to our technical specifications to ensure it conforms with the eArchiving standards.
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