Successful eArchiving Summit held in Salamanca

The eArchiving Initiative organised a hybrid event covering experiences, work in progress and future plans.

The eArchiving Summit was held in Salamanca (Spain) on Wednesday, 25 October 2023, with over 170 people participating, both onsite and online. The full day event was focused on presenting the implementation experiences, interoperability and the relationship of the eArchiving Initiative with the eIDAS 2 regulation. The future directions of the eArchiving Initiative were also explored and the new eArchiving Academic Curriculum was presented.

The Summit was launched by Ricard Pérez Alcázar, Deputy Director of the Spanish State Archives, who, in his inaugural speech, stressed the importance that archival interoperability plays in the Spanish Digital preservation strategy. This was followed by a presentation of the eArchiving Services by Árpád Welker, EC DG CNECT policy officer, and Janet Anderson, Coordinator of the E-ARK Consortium which runs eArchiving Initiative.

The Summit’s first session centred on the experience of different organisations implementing the eArchiving components in their digital preservation systems. In this session, Jelena Rubic,
representing the Croatian eKultura project, stressed the importance of eArchiving components on the project. Ángeles Gallego García, from Airbus, presented the pilot implementation of the eArchiving specifications in Engineering technical documents and how important this is for a high-tech pan-European company like Airbus. The Spanish service provider Odilo, represented by Claudia Mordt, presented the results of implementing the eArchiving AIP in their digital preservation solution and how it has allowed the development of new digital preservation services. To finish the first session the Austrian Library Services presented the integration of the eArchiving specifications in their Libnova-based tool.

The second session on eArchiving and interoperability started with the presentation of Christian Dubourg, Convenor of the WG1 of the CEN 468-Preservation of digital information committee, who reviewed how the eArchiving Reference Architecture fits within the existing regulations and standards and the current discussion of future European Standards. Tomislav Karlović from Eriksson-Nikola Tesla in Croatia presented the use case of integrating the eArchiving specifications into the Europeana data model. The session ended with Violette Lévy from le Service interministériel des Archives de France (SIAF) presenting the VITAM Project and the Memorandum of Understanding signed with the eArchiving Initiative.

The third session dealt with the eIDAS 2 Electronic Archiving Trust Service’s relationship with the eArchiving Initiative. The session started with the presentations of the legal experts Jennifer Goessens from the Belgium General Directorate of Economic Regulation, Electronic Economy Law Service and Ignacio Alamillo, advisor at Logalty and expert at ETSI, CEN/CLC and ISO. Both experts presented the evolution of the discussions on the eIDAS 2 regulation trialogues (negotiations between Council, Commission and Parliament) and how it will affect digital preservation Services. Jože Škofljanec of the eArchiving Initiative presented the conclusions of the September online event held by the eArchiving Initiative with Solution Providers and how can the eArchiving Initiative help implement the Electronic Archiving Trust Service.

The first afternoon session saw the presentation of the future directions of the eArchiving Initiative by different members of the E-ARK Consortium José Borbinha, Diogo Proença and István Alföldi presented on the harmonisation of model-based approaches of eArchiving. Sven Schlärb presented the eArchiving Conformance Seal. He was followed by István Alföldi and Antal Posthumus, of the National Archives of the Netherlands, who presented on the challenges for aligning the eArchiving Reference Architecture and the Archiving by design approaches. The session ended with Karin Bredenberg presenting on the update and future of the eArchiving CITS.

The final session considered the eArchiving Academic Curriculum. Jaime Kaminski presented the first draft of the Curriculum. Following the presentation, a round table involving universities (the University of Lisbon, Southeastern Finland University of Applied Sciences and the Autonomous University of Barcelona), National Archives (The National Archives, UK), Data Producers (Estonian Ministry of the Economy), Solution Providers (Odilo) and Consultants (Gabinete UMBUS) discussed on the practical application of the eArchiving Curriculum and what are the needs of their respective sectors.

Recordings and slides of the presentations can be found on the Consortium Website (https://www.e-ark-foundation.eu/earchiving-initiative-summit/)

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