



The Malta Experience

Interoperability at a National Level

Interoperability solutions for European Public Administrations (ISA)

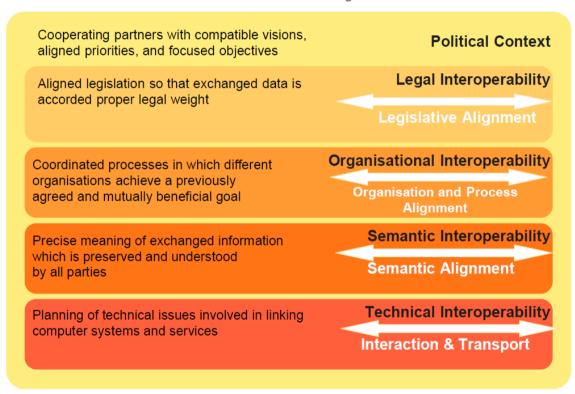
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Interoperability

Is Malta implementing interoperability at a National level Successfully?



European Interoperability Framework for Public Services (EIF) V2.0 dated Nov 2009



Political Context

- Since 1990, ICT has been seen as a key asset to transform public service delivery
- Since 2001, Malta has had a Minister responsible for ICT
- Incumbent Minister is a visionary, an implementer and is a champion for ICT
- Malta has a Vision 2015 with ICT being one of the 7 sectors for development
- Malta has a National ICT Strategy thesmartisland
- In May 2008, Cabinet of Ministers approved statute of the Malta Information Technology Agency (MITA) as Government's institutional response to long-term ICT policy making and programme execution



Legislative Context

- e-Commerce Act establishes a legal framework for e-signatures and certification service providers
- Information Security legislation such as:
 - Data protection provides a minimum level of protection to facilitate the free flow of information
 - Computer misuse provisions in the criminal code create offences applicable in the ICT sector
- Legislation relying on Interoperability:
 - Services (Internal Market) Act impacts the manner in which the Public Sector is to deliver electronic public services
 - Infrastructure for Spatial Information Regulations under the Development Planning Act – implement the INSPIRE Directive



Organisational

- MITA set up in 2009 with the following mandate:
 - Be the Central driver of ICT policy, programmes and initiatives in Malta
 - Deliver and manage the execution of all ICT programmes in Government with the aim of enhancing public service delivery
 - Provide efficient and effective ICT infrastructure services to Government
 - Proliferate the further application and take-up of ICT in society and economy
 - Promote and deliver programmes aimed at enhancing ICT education and the use of ICT as a learning tool
- Ministry Office of ClOs:
 - Authority delegation to empower them to operate within a decentralised ICT management
 - Take responsibility for vertical operational responsibilities whilst widening their strategic oversight



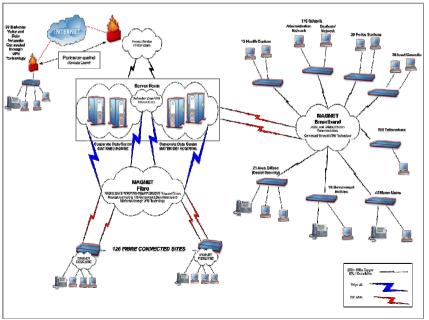
ICT Governance

- MITA Board of Directors responsible for National and Government ICT; MITA CEO is the Government CIO
- MITA is adopting a number of key policies based on best practices and enhanced IS governance:
 - Higher-value programme management instead of systems development
 - Drivers of investment are transformation and cost reduction
 - Accelerated decentralisation and delegation of functions to offices of CIOs and line departments
 - Open standards as a rule in all solutions proprietary solutions an exception
 - Accelerating the adoption of non-disruptive and cost-effective Open Source solutions
 - New long-term financing model for Core Information Systems
 - Outsourcing to private sector and international best-practice players



Shared Infrastructure

- Malta Government-wide Network
- Active-Active Corporate Data Centre Environment
- Consolidated e-Government platform
- Government-wide Internet Service platform
- Government-wide Email Service





Shared Information Systems

- e-Government shared services including:
 - Electronic identity, Payment-gateway and M-gov gateway
 - e-Services that interoperate with private sector providers
- Identity Management:
 - Common database and corporate data repository
 - National Identity Management
- Government corporate information systems (including):
 - Accounting
 - Human Resource Management
- Information Systems at EU level (including):
 - Schengen
 - Customs

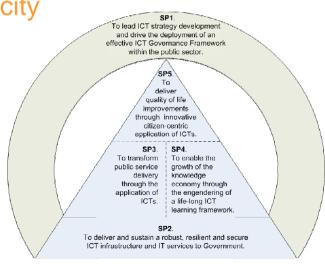


Shared Functions

- National and Government ICT strategy
- Government ICT budgeting, planning and governance
- Enterprise Architecture responsible for ICT policies, standards, compliance
- ICT Call Centre
- Information Security
- Sourcing Services
- Technological Services

A strategic way forward

- Establishment of a National ICT Professional Body
- Establishing a National Skills Alliance and an e-Skills Competence Framework
- Leading the Next Generation Network deployment in Government
- Definition of an Information Systems Master Plan for Government
- Scaling up Government's data centre capacity
- Deploying corporate shared services
- e-Government 2.0
- Smart Learning
- E-Health and the electronic patient record





We consider that we have been successful at implementing interoperability at a National level

We wish to contribute to achieving interoperability between EU public administrations.

Thank you

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