

ENVRI Reference Model

This is the home of the ENVRI Reference Model v2.2, published 30th October 2017 and guidelines on how to use it. Click on the navigation links to the left, or search using the search box above.

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Analysis of Common Requirements

The ENVRI Reference Model is originally based on a pre-study of 6 ESFRI Environmental Research Infrastructures (RI), carried out as part of the ENVRI project. It has been updated during the ENVRIplus project from the results of a study of these original 6 and a further 13 RIs. The reports of these studies can be downloaded as follows:

Requirements studies	Notes	Date	Authors	Download
ENVRIplus deliverable D5.1: A consistent characterisation of existing and planned RIs	A version of the study carried out during the ENVRIplus project, with minor editorial corrections beyond the version submitted to the European Commission.	24 May 2016	Malcolm Atkinson (JEDIN) et al.	[.docx] [.pdf]
ENVRI deliverable D3.3: Analysis of Common Requirements For ENVRI Research Infrastructures V1.0 (Final)	A final version report of the study carried out during the ENVRI project, as submitted to the European Commission.	01 May 2013	Yin Chen (CU)	[.doc] [.pdf]

Learning Materials

A new series of courses has been designed to introduce the ENVRI RM. This includes lessons targeted to RI personal, developers and decision makers. These courses are delivered in the ENVRI community [training platform](#) deployed and maintained by LifeWatch Italy / University of Salento on behalf of the ENVRI Community.

Available Courses

Practical Introduction to the ENVRI RM

This course is structured in 9 lessons. The course provides an introduction to the main concepts of the ENVRI Reference Model and its 3 logical viewpoints, Science Viewpoint, Information Viewpoint and Computational Viewpoint. The material is presented in the context of a real life use case. This is an introductory level course for systems engineers. Access the course on the [ENVRI community training platform](#).

Courses Under Development

Practical Introduction to the ENVRI RM - Update

An update of the practical introduction course which will include materials for explaining the use of the Technology and Engineering Viewpoint (4 new lessons)

The Reference Model approach and the value of modelling

This course will contain 10 lessons. The course covers the importance of thinking about becoming involved with the ENVRI RM. This is an introductory level course that would benefit those thinking of becoming familiar with the RM, and those supervising staff in that position.

Previous Training Material

Guideline for Using the Reference Model

Note

The guidelines for using the ENVRI RM are based on version 1.1, some of the information they contain may differ with respect to the current version of the ENVRI RM, however they are still relevant because they present practical examples of using the ENVRI RM for different purposes (they are included in [Appendix D](#)).

Versions	Notes	Date	Authors	Download
Guideline for Using the Reference Model (Final)	A final version submitted to the European Commission. These are the original guidelines, produced during the ENVRI project. They are still relevant but the status of the RIs they describe may have changed.	30/09 /2013	Yin Chen (CU), Barbara Magagna (EAA), Paul Martin (UEDIN), Alex Hardisty(CU), Alun Preece(CU), Herbert Schentz(EAA), Zhiming Zhao(UvA), Robert Huber(UniHB), Ingemar Haggstrom (EISCAT), Ville Savolainen(CSC), Malgozata Krakowian(EGI. eu)	[.doc][.pdf]

Video Tutorials



Note

These tutorials were created for ENVRI RM version 1.1, some of the information they contain may differ with respect to the current version of the ENVRI RM

- ENVRI Reference Model: an Overview. [.pptx]
- Main Processes of the ENVRI Reference Model – Corresponding Viewpoint [.pptx]

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Award

- 1 of 3 [Lightning talks in the EGI Community Forum 2014](#), Helsinki, Finland, 19-23 May 2014. [.pdf](#)

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ENVRI Flyers

Current Flyers

- ENVRI RM Overview [[.pdf](#)]
- OIL-E Overview [[.pdf](#)]

Previous Flyer



Note

The flyer was created for ENVRI RM Version 1.1, some of the information may not be accurate with respect to the current version of the ENVRI RM

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Change Log for ENVRI RM V2.2

Motivation	Change	Pages
Updates to the SV as a Result of discussions about alignment with OIL-E	Added a definition of objects to include the description of artefacts, actors, and resources. This also includes the description of institution as an example of an Actor.	SV Object Classification
	Added a definition of process and step to community behaviours.	SV Community Behaviours
	Added a definition for objectives within the definition of communities.	SV Communities
	Added a definition for Research Infrastructure as an SV Object within the definition of communities and the inclusion of the term in the glossary.	SV Communities, SV Object Classification, Appendix B Terminology and Glossary Research Infrastructure
	Revised and corrected label formats in all SV diagrams.	SV Communities, SV Community Behaviours, SV Community Roles
	Added the definition of Research Infrastructure as a special SV Role.	SV Community Roles Research Infrastructure
Updates to the IV as a Result of discussions about alignment with OIL-E	Changed the diagram to match the one provided by Barbara, corrected label formats.	IV Information Objects
	Added the definition of a new "data" object.	
	Reordered the definitions alphabetically to facilitate inspection.	
	Added the "backed up" state to the set of persistent data states.	
	Changed the name of "data states" to "persistent data states".	
Updates to IV actions derived from alignment with D5.5 (work with Keith)	Added the definition of "semantic annotation" action to distinguish from simple "annotation"	IV Information Action Types
	Modified the definition of "annotate data" and "annotate metadata" actions as specialisations of semantic annotation.	
	Additionally added definition of Free Text Annotation as an information action and as glossary term.	

	Changed the diagrams to correct label formats and added the new semantic annotation action.	
Updates to CV objects derived from alignment with D5.5 (work with Keith)	Changed the definition of the "catalogue service" object interfaces to better reflect the operations provided by the service.	CV Service Objects
	Changed the "data broker" object interface to align with changes to "catalogue service".	
Update Glossary	Revised the definitions of Metadata Harvester, metadata harvesting, data collector and data collection	Appendix B Terminology and Glossary
Updated Glossary (Midterm review request, work with Zhimin, Paul, Markus and Barbara)	Revised and edited definitions included in the RM glossary	Appendix B Terminology and Glossary
Engineering Viewpoint	Proposal for the definition of the Engineering Viewpoint, derived from discussions with architecture team and RI visits	Engineering Viewpoint (Draft)
Technology Viewpoint	Proposal for the definition of the Technology Viewpoint, derived from discussions with architecture team and RI visits	Technology Viewpoint (Draft)

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[Science Demonstrator 8: Dynamic Ecological Information Management System - Site and Dataset Registry \(DEIMS-SDR\)](#)

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[Science Demonstrator 7: gCube-based VRE for Mosquito Diseases Study \(Use Case SC_2\)](#)

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[Science Demonstrator 6: New particle formation event analysis on interoperable infrastructure \(Use Case TC_17\)](#)

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[Science Demonstrator 5: Sensor Registry \(Use Case TC_4\)](#)

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[Science Demonstrator 4: EuroArgo Data Subscription Service \(Use Case TC_2\)](#)

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[Science Demonstrator 3: SOS & SSN Ontology Based Data Acquisition & Near Real Time Quality Control \(Use Case IC_14\)](#)

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