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Foreword

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The present document is part 1 of a multi-part deliverable covering the Certificate Profiles, as identified below:

Part 1: "Overview and common data structures";

- Part 2: "Certificate profile for certificates issued to natural persons";
- Part 3: "Certificate profile for certificates issued to legal persons";
- Part 4: "Certificate profile for web site certificates";
- Part 5: "QCStatements".

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Introduction

ITU and ISO issued standards for certification of public keys in Recommendation ITU X.509 | ISO/IEC 9594-8 [i.3] which are used for the security of communications and data for a wide range of electronic applications.

Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.9] of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC defines requirements on specific types of certificates named "qualified certificates". Implementation of Directive 1999/93/EC [i.1], superseded by the Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.9], and deployment of certificate infrastructures throughout Europe as well as in countries outside of Europe, have resulted in a variety of certificate implementations for use in public and closed environments, where some are declared as qualified certificates while others are not.

Applications need support from standardized and interoperable identity certificates profiles, in particular when applications are used for electronic signatures, authentication and secure electronic exchange in open environments and international trust scenarios, but also when certificates are used in local application contexts.

This multi-part deliverable aims to maximize the interoperability of systems issuing and using certificates both in the European context under the Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.9] and in the wider international environment.

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1 Scope

The present document provides an overview of the Recommendation ITU-T X.509 | ISO/IEC 9594-8 [i.3] based certificate profiles and the statements for EU Qualified Certificates specified in other parts of ETSI EN 319 412 [i.4] to [i.7]. It specifies common data structures that are referenced from other parts of ETSI EN 319 412 [i.4] to [i.7].

The profiles specified in this multi-part deliverable aim to support both the Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.9] and use of certificates in a wider international context. Within the European context, it aims to support both EU Qualified Certificates and other forms of certificate.

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- [1] IETF RFC 3739: "Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure: Qualified Certificates Profile".
- [2] ISO 3166: "Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions".

2.2 Informative references

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- [i.1] Directive 1999/93/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 1999 on a Community framework for electronic signatures.
- [i.2] ETSI EN 319 401: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); General Policy Requirements for Trust Service Providers".
- [i.3] Recommendation ITU-T X.509 | ISO/IEC 9594-8: "Information technology - Open Systems Interconnection - The Directory: Public-key and attribute certificate frameworks".
- [i.4] ETSI EN 319 412-2: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Certificate Profiles; Part 2: Certificate Profile for certificates issued to natural persons".
- [i.5] ETSI EN 319 412-3: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Certificate Profiles; Part 3: Certificate Profile for certificates issued to legal persons".
- [i.6] ETSI EN 319 412-4: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Certificate Profiles; Part 4: Certificate Profile for web site certificates".
- [i.7] ETSI EN 319 412-5: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Certificate Profiles; Part 5: QCStatements".