

Hi ucisa Enterprise Architecture Community of Practice members!

This is the first of what we hope will be a regular series of newsletters outlining some of the activity that the Community of Practice has been engaged with and any upcoming activity or events.

Changes to the EA CoP Committee membership

Firstly, some changes to announce to the committee membership.

Abdel Benssassi and Omar Radwan both stood down from the committee earlier in the year. We would like to thank them both for the contribution, support, and time that they have given over the last few years, which is greatly appreciated.

Following a call out for new members to support the CoP we are very pleased to welcome Rosie Coffey from the University of Limerick and Gazelleh Moradi from Coventry University to the committee.

Lex Wilkinson and Stéphane Pajon are also now joint chairs of the Community of Practice (formally chair and vice-chair).

CAUDIT and ucisa Joint Statement

Over the last year, Lex and Stéphane have had regular meetings with colleagues from the CAUDIT Enterprise Architecture Community of Practice. As a result of these, we were able to host two webinars providing CAUDIT colleagues with the opportunity to present and discuss the latest versions of their Business and Data reference models.

As well as this we have been discussing how our two Communities of Practice can collaborate and work together around capability and data reference models, in particular exploring how we might harmonize the Business Reference and Capability models.

In April a [joint statement](#) was published by ucisa and CAUDIT. We are very pleased that this collaborative approach has been endorsed and supported by both ucisa and CAUDIT leadership, and that we have the mandate to continue and expand this work.

Ucisa Capability and Data Models Working Group

Following the publication of the joint statement a call out was made to the ucisa EA Community of Practice members to form a new working group. The high level aims of the working group are to:

- Collaborate and work together with CAUDIT and other global EA Communities of Practice
- Explore how we might harmonise the Business Reference and Capability models
- Understand how our members can use the Capability and Data Reference models
- Provide input and feedback to future iterations of the models

After an initial kick-off meeting in May two sub-groups have been formed, a Data Model sub-group led by Karl Walker, and a Capability Model sub-group led by Rosie and Gazelleh. Both sub-groups have now had a kick-off

meeting and work will be co-ordinated through the EA CoP committee. We hope to provide more details in future newsletters as work progresses.

Building up high and down under: inter-continental collaboration on enterprise architecture

The ucisa and CAUDIT Enterprise Architecture Communities of Practice were pleased to be invited to participate in the EUNIS Enterprise Architecture pre-congress conference which was held virtually on 2nd June 2021. Together we delivered a session exploring the origins of the CAUDIT and ucisa Capability and Data models, providing case studies of how the models have been used in the Higher Education sector, and discussing how the respective groups will continue to collaborate moving forwards.

A recording of the event is available from the [EUNIS website](#).

Ucisa EA Community of Practice Survey Results

Analysis and results from the 2020 ucisa Enterprise Architecture community of Practice survey was published to the ucisa EA community in June, via the mail group and MS Teams Site. The results, and last year's analysis can also be found on the [ucisa EA CoP website](#).

Thirty-seven institutions completed the survey, which gives a very insightful picture of the maturity and footprint of EA in the UK HE sector. We hope you find the results and analysis interesting and both welcome and encourage feedback, comments, and observations on the results. Please do this either by responding to the mail group email thread or via the ucisa EA CoP MS Teams site.

Upcoming

Ucisa are holding a Strategic Planning event at the end of July with Trustees and the Leadership Council. Following this event, the ucisa Special Interest Groups and Communities of Practice will be meeting with their committees to discuss and agree annual plans for the coming year. We will share our plans with the EA community following this.

Call out for webinars and topics for open-mic sessions

And lastly. We are always happy to facilitate and organise webinars for colleagues to share examples of interesting work and good practice with the ucisa EA community. If you've been working on something that you think would make for an interesting webinar then please get in touch!

We'd also like to host more open-mic sessions, please let us know if there are any specific topics you'd like to discuss with fellow community of practice colleagues.

Best wishes

The ucisa EA CoP Committee

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