

# The European Interoperability Framework v2 & Open Standards – A European Perspective

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**“ I know a smart business decision when I see one –  
choosing open standards is a very smart business  
decision indeed”**

*Neelie Kroes*

*European Commissioner for Competitive Advantage*

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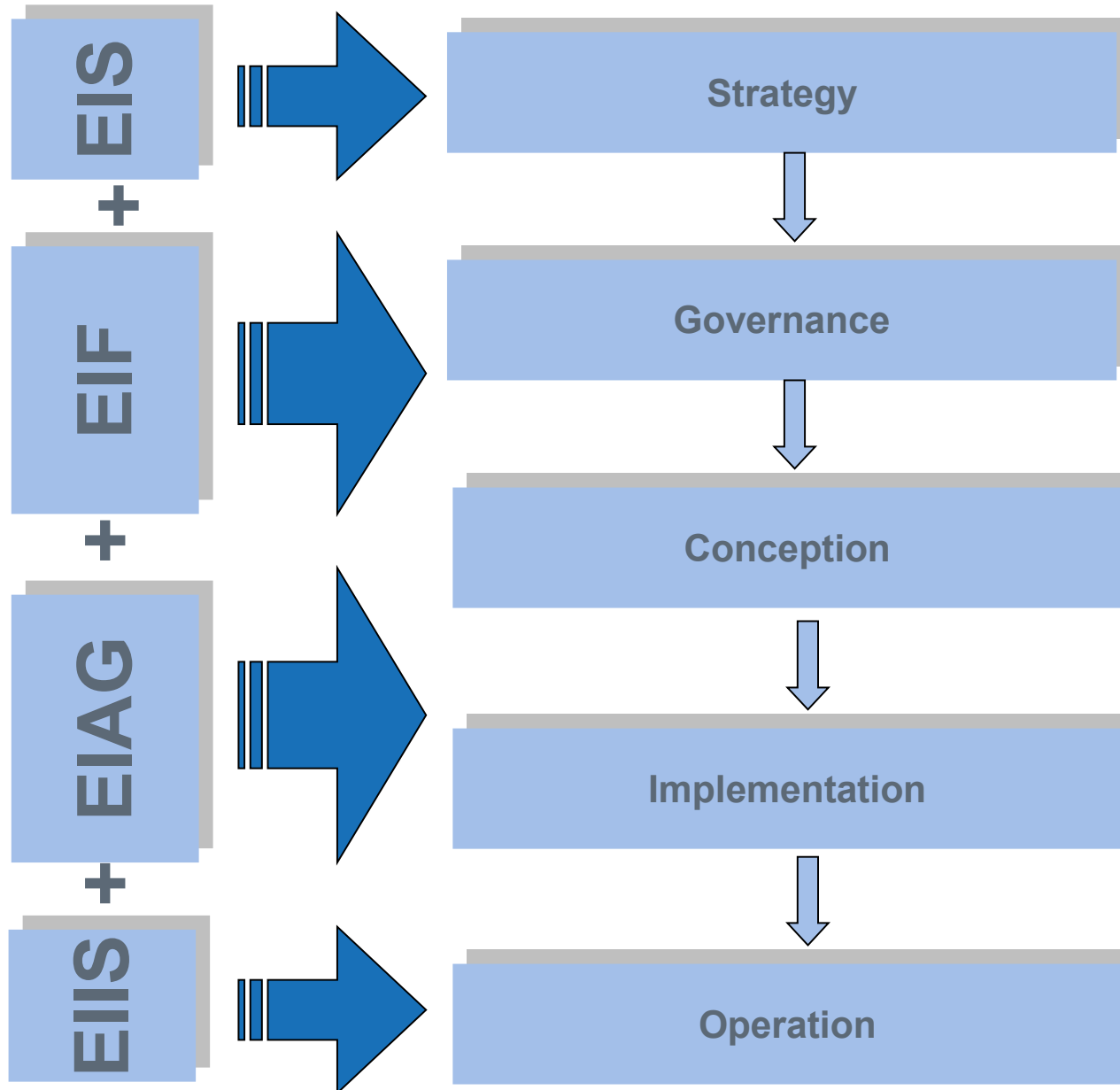
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- OSOR (OSS Observatory and Repository) being launched on 20<sup>th</sup> October
- Open Parliament petition

# IOP Guidance for PEGS



# EIF V2.0 -The Good News

- Inspires National Interoperability Frameworks
- Pragmatic 'Openness continuum'
- Defines Open Standards and specifications
- Maintains integrity of definition inc IPR
- Reinforces role of OSS

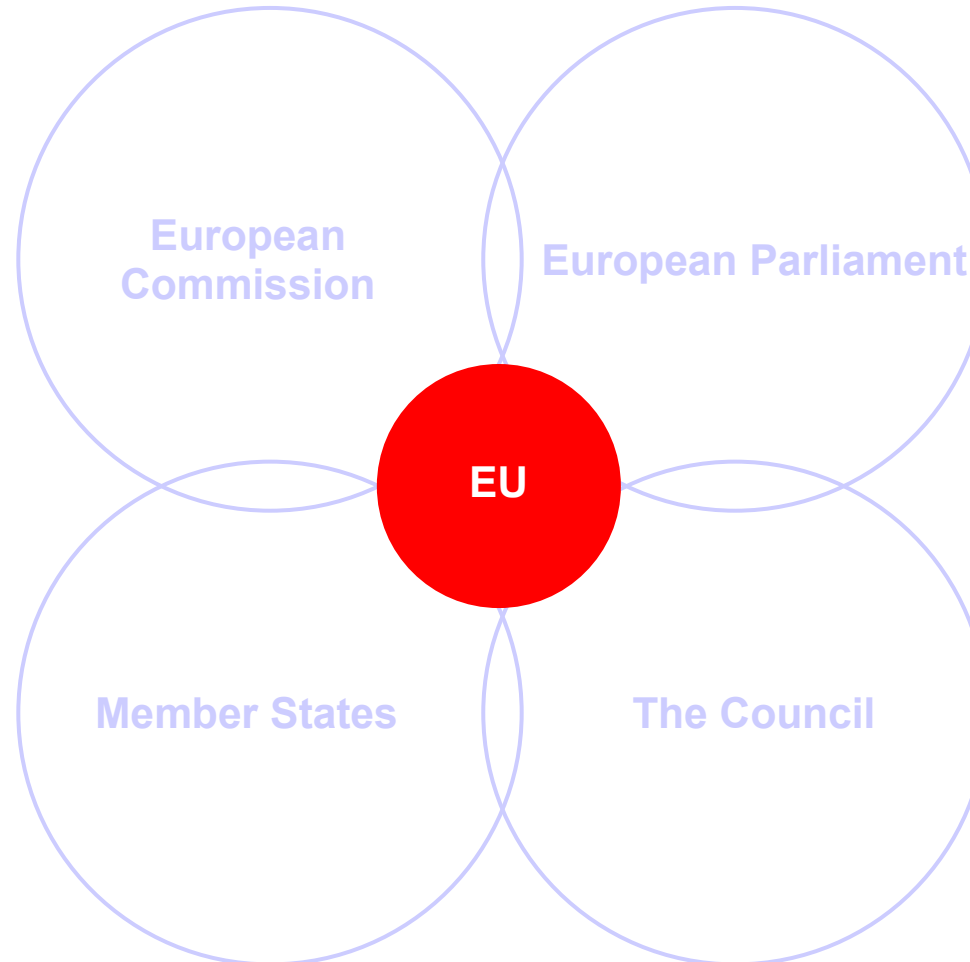
# EIF V2.0 -The Bad News

- Weak compliance tools.
- Specialist terms and overwhelming detail.
- Weak on Interoperability in the Internal Market.
- Overlap with other programmes
- Little sharing of content and best practice.

# The Impact of EIF 2.0

- Benchmarking
- Best practice

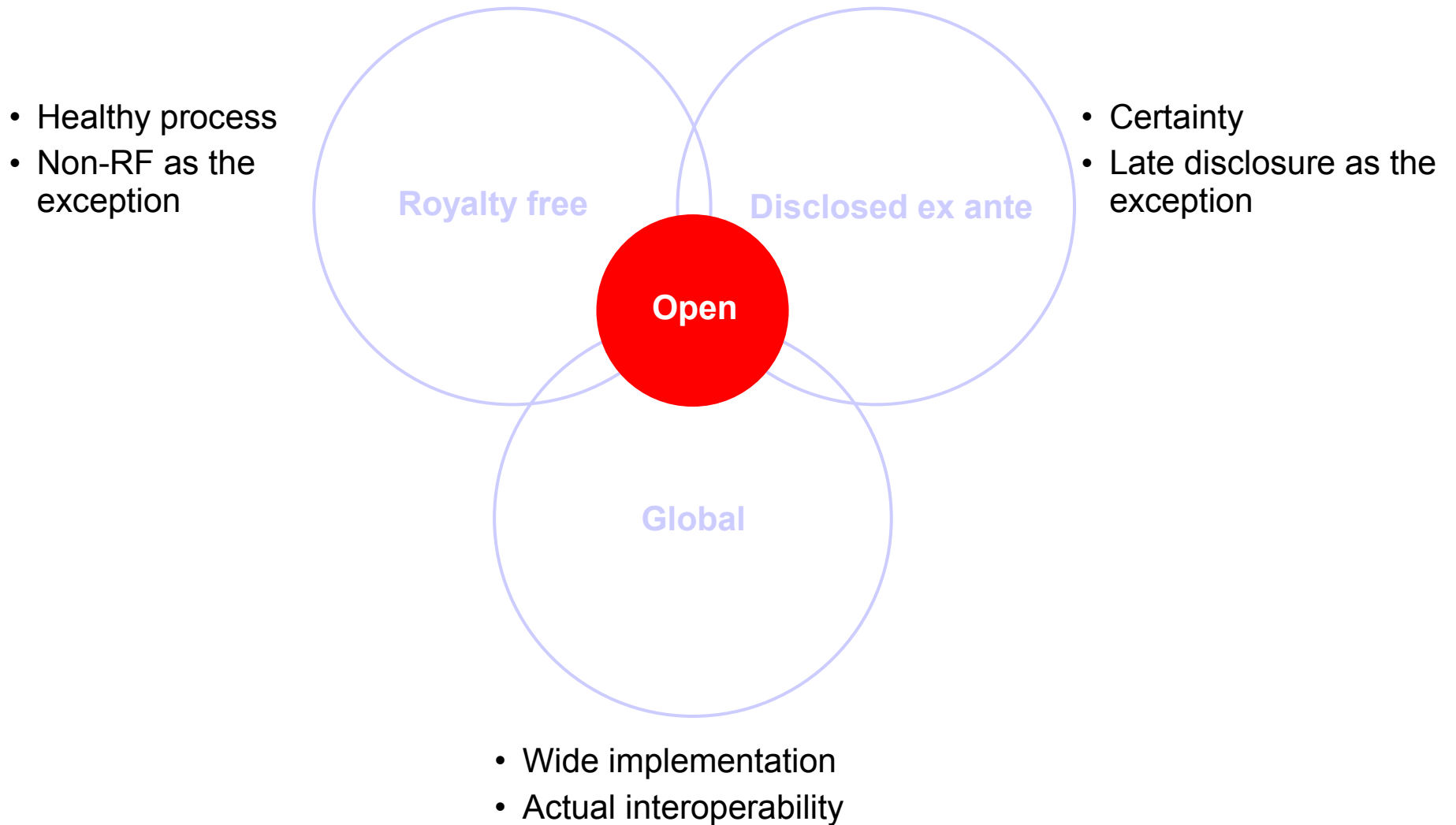
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- The Netherlands & Denmark
- FR, DE, UK
- New Member States
- 27 countries
- Beyond Europe (Asia, South-America)

- Council comments

# The Ideal Software Standards Ecosystem



**“ As purchasers, we need to be smart when we buy technology. We need to be aware of the long term costs of lock-in; you are often locked-in to subsequent generations of that technology. There can also be spill-over effects where you get locked in to other products and services provided by that supplier”**

**“ That is just bad purchasing”**

**“ No citizen or company should be forced or encouraged to choose a closed technology over an open one, through a government having made that choice first”**

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# Open Parliament

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## Open Parliament



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EU Petition Synopsis

**Citizens and stakeholder groups should not have to use the software of a single company in order to communicate with their elected officials or participate in the legislative process.**

**All companies should be given the chance to compete freely for contracts to supply ICT services to the European Parliament.**

**I am a citizen of the EU, and I want the European Parliament to adopt the use of open standards and to promote interoperability in the ICT sector.**

We believe that the current situation, where the European Parliament's ICT runs on proprietary software that is not interoperable with that of other vendors, where therefore citizens and stakeholder groups wishing to participate in the legislative process are forced to use the products of a single company, is in conflict with the first article of Chapter 1 in the Treaty of the European Union. An example of this is the live Web streaming from the European Parliament's plenary sessions – aimed at improving communication with citizens and insight into democratic processes – which will only work with Windows Media Player. [...Read the Full Petition](#)

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# Conclusion

- The EIF 2.0 battle has just begun
- Open standards are still a battleground
- Momentum is building up
- Open Document Exchange Formats are worth fighting for!
- Certified Open® next?

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