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## Foreword

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## 1 Scope

ECC part 3 will provide an Interoperability Model, which will enable an eService compliant with technical requirements, to interoperate with different implementations of the European Citizen Card.

This Interoperability model will be developed as follows:

- starting from the ECC part 2, part 3 of the ECC series will provide additional technical specifications for a middleware architecture based on ISO/IEC 24727. This middleware will provide an API to an eService as per ISO/IEC 24727-3;
- a set of additional API provide the middleware stack with means to facilitate ECC services;
- a standard mechanism for the validation of the e-ID credential stored in the ECC and retrieved by the service.

In order to support the ECC services over an ISO/IEC 24727 middleware configuration, this part of the standard specifies the following:

- a set of mandatory requests to be supported by the middleware implementation based on ISO/IEC 24727;
- data set content for interoperability to be personalized in the ECC;
- two middleware architecture solutions: one based on a stack of combined ISO/IEC 24727 configurations and the other based on Web Service configuration;
- a Global Profile featuring the guidelines for card-applications to fit in ISO/IEC 24727 framework.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 14890-1:2008, *Application Interface for smart cards used as Secure Signature Creation Devices — Part 1: Basic services*

ISO/IEC 7816-3:2008, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 3: Cards with contacts — Electrical interface and transmission protocols*

ISO/IEC 7816-4:2005 *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 4: Organization, security and commands for interchange*

ISO/IEC 7816-8:2004, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 8: Commands for security operations*

ISO/IEC 7816-9, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 9: Commands for card management*

ISO/IEC 7816-15:2004, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards with contacts — Part 15: Cryptographic information application*

ISO/IEC 7816-15:2004/Amd 2:2008, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 15: Cryptographic information application, Error corrections and extensions for multi-application environments*

ISO/IEC 9796-2:2002, *Information technology — Security techniques — Digital signature schemes giving message recovery — Part 2: Integer factorization based mechanisms*

ISO/IEC 24727-1:2007, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit card programming interfaces — Part 1: Architecture*

ISO/IEC 24727-2:2008 *Identification Cards — Integrated circuit card programming interfaces — Part 2: Generic card interface*

ISO/IEC 24727-3:2008 *Identification Cards — Integrated circuit card programming interfaces — Part 3: Application Interface*

ISO/IEC 24727-4:2008, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit card programming interface — Part 4: Application programming interface (API) Administration*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

#### 3.1

##### **descriptive elements**

the Application Capability Descriptor (ACD) and the Card Capability Descriptor (CCD) comprehend information nested in data objects and intended for the discovery mechanism. These descriptive elements are encapsulated along with procedural elements in the ACD and CCD. EF.DIR is part of the descriptive elements

#### 3.2

##### **procedural elements**

translation code to process any request at the Generic Card Interface (GCI) and every relevant card response. The translation has one entry point, theTranslationCode() function as per ISO/IEC 24727-2

#### 3.3

##### **middleware**

set of abstraction layers that serves as the intermediate between a client-application and an application resident in the ECC. The actual pieces of software running behind these abstraction layers are implementation-specific and out of the scope of this document

#### 3.4

##### **service**

an eService is an application based locally on the client PC or based somewhere in the internet (e.g. government eService, eBusiness eService...) which offers in combination with the ECC smart card the execution of a task

### 4 Symbols and abbreviations

#### 4.1 Abbreviations

ADF Application Dedicated File

AID Application Identifier

AJAX Asynchronous JavaScript and XML

AMB Access Mode Byte

AT Authentication Template