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# Big and Open data for EU Supreme Audit Institutions

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# *Why are we here today?*

## Reality + Audit + EU

- Reality is rapidly changing and is becoming digital.
- We need to understand reality in order to audit it.
- We are all part of the EU and we try to benefit from this
  - ECA as an EU institution
  - SAIs as public bodies in the EU Member States



# What can we do ?

We can foster cooperation of EU SAIs on *Technology and Innovation for Audit (TINA)*

We can join forces (**Network**) using knowledge, creativity and *technology* ...

... to *innovate* in *auditing* the changing reality...

... leveraging tools and collaboration conditions that are *specific for EU* Member States...

.... within the *specific EU* institutional, policy and regulatory context.

**Remember:** Public administrations of EU Member States can both *use* and *influence* the EU context.

# Common context...

- *GDPR regulation*
- *Public Sector Information directives*
- *Taxation*
- *Common Agricultural policy*
- *Structural Funds*
- *Eurozone*
- *Research funding programmes*
- *Infrastructure development programmes*
- *Talinn declaration on e-government*
- *European Blockchain Partnership*
- *.....*

# ...and EU services and capabilities that we can use

## Digital Service Infrastructures available through the **Connecting Europe Facility**

<https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/CEF+Digital+Home>



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## Connecting Europe

The Connecting Europe Facility building blocks are available to anyone who wants to build great European digital services.

DIGITAL BUILDING BLOCKS

SUCCESS STORIES

- Business registers
- Culture
- Cybersecurity
- Health
- Justice
- Open Data
- Procurement
- Safer Internet
- Social Security
- Smart Cities

## CEF Building Blocks

Digital building blocks to help teams deliver digital public services faster, comply with regulation and make the digital single market a reality.

SUCCESS STORIES

### THE BUILDING BLOCKS

The building blocks are basic capabilities that can be reused in any project to facilitate the delivery of digital public services across borders and sectors.

#### Big Data Test Infrastructure

Helping public administrations experiment with their big data for insights that lead to better decisions and strategic moves.

#### eArchiving

Specifications, software, training and knowledge to tackle the challenge of data management.

#### eID

Extending the use of online services to citizens of other EU Member States.

#### eSignature

Creating and verifying electronic signatures.

#### Once Only Principle

Reduces administrative burden for individuals and businesses.

#### Context Broker

The building block enabling organizations (including public administrations) to share data in real time at the right time.

#### eDelivery

Supporting electronic registered delivery of data and documents.

#### eInvoicing

Helping public entities adopt the European standard on electronic invoicing.

#### eTranslation

Exchanging information across language barriers in the EU Member States.



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An example from CEF  
that you can already use

## Automatic translation

<https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/Get+started+eTranslation>



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The screenshot shows the 'Get started with eTranslation' page. It features a navigation menu with 'Home', 'Get Started', 'Translate', 'Services', 'Documentation', 'Grants', and 'Support'. The main content area is divided into three columns: 'Public Service Providers' (Information system owners), 'Officials' (Employees of public administrations), and 'Contributors' (Language resource holders and collectors). Each column includes a brief description and a 'LEARN MORE' button.

The screenshot shows the document upload interface. It includes a large grey box with the text 'Click here to upload'. Below this, there are fields for 'From', 'To', and 'Domain' (set to 'Cutting edge'). The 'Output format' section has buttons for 'Same as source', 'TMX', and 'XLIFF'. There are checkboxes for 'E-mail me my translation' (checked) and 'Delete after download'. A 'Translate document' button is at the bottom right.



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An example from CEF  
tunder development with Member States

## EBSI (European Blockchain Services Infrastructure)

<https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/ebsi>

### The 2019 EBSI use cases

Four use cases have been selected for 2019. For each use case, a Member State led... established. These user groups aim to deliver a prototype application on the EBSI... will be selected by the EBP Policy Group for 2020.

**Blockchain for Audit  
EU SAIs network, led by ECA**

**Notarisation**

Leveraging the power of blockchain to create trusted digital audit trails, automate compliance checks in time-sensitive processes and prove data integrity.

**Diplomas**

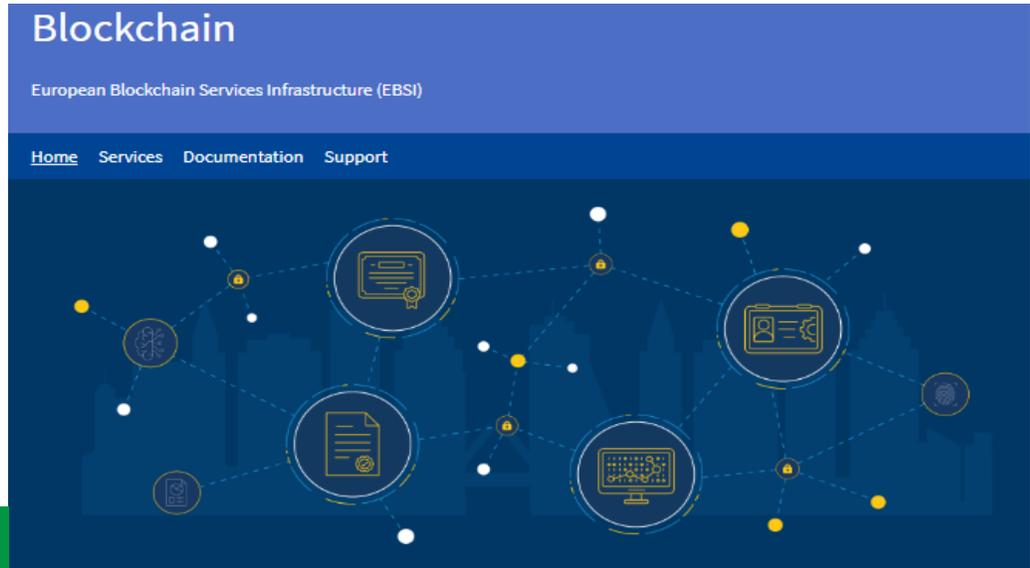
Giving control back to citizens when managing their education credentials; significantly reducing verification costs and improving authenticity trust.

**European Self-Sovereign Identity**

Implementing a generic Self-Sovereign Identity...

**Trusted Data Sharing**

Leveraging blockchain technology to securely share data (e.g. IVOSS/VAT)



### Introducing the European Blockchain Services Infrastructure (EBSI)

Blockchain technology has enormous potential to enhance the way that citizens, governments and businesses interact, by enhancing trust between entities and improving the efficiency of operations.

The European Blockchain Services Infrastructure (EBSI) is a joint initiative from the European Commission and the European Blockchain Partnership (EBP) to deliver EU-wide cross-border public services using blockchain technology. The EBSI will be materialised as a network of distributed nodes across Europe (the blockchain), leveraging an

increasing number of applications focused on specific use cases. In 2020, EBSI will become a CEF Building Block, providing reusable software, specifications and services to support adoption by EU institutions and European public administrations.



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## Interoperability Solutions for public Administrations programme (ISA)

[https://ec.europa.eu/isa2/home\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/isa2/home_en)



European Commission > ISA<sup>2</sup> >

ISA<sup>2</sup> - Interoperability solutions for public administrations, businesses and citizens



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ISA<sup>2</sup> - IT solutions for less bureaucracy  
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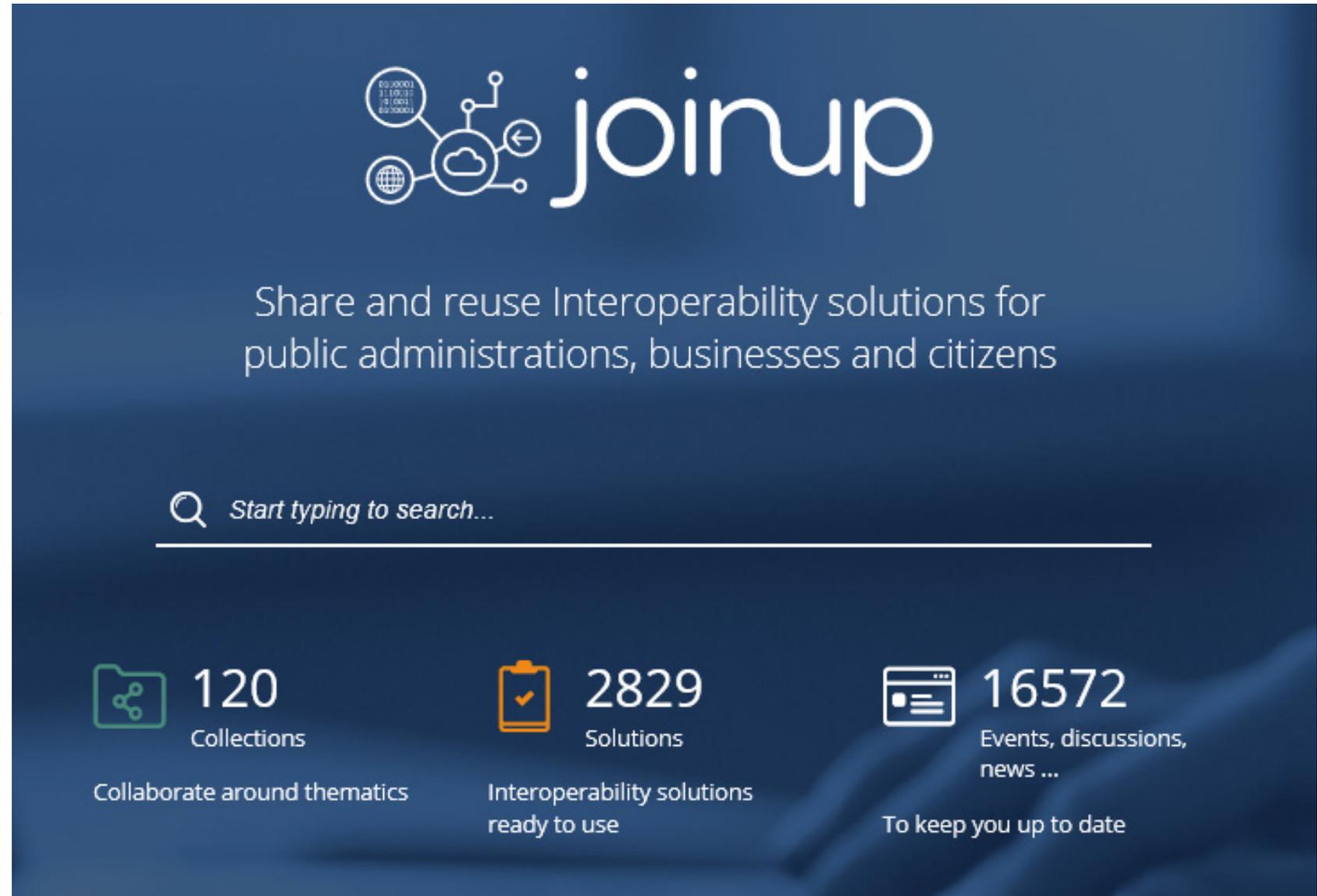
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An example from ISA2

**Joinup** collaborative platform for e-Government professionals

<https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/>



The image shows a screenshot of the Joinup platform interface. At the top, the logo features a network of nodes and icons (cloud, globe, arrow) next to the word "joinup". Below the logo, the text reads: "Share and reuse Interoperability solutions for public administrations, businesses and citizens". A search bar contains the placeholder text "Start typing to search...". Below the search bar, three statistics are displayed: "120 Collections" with a folder icon, "2829 Solutions" with a clipboard icon, and "16572 Events, discussions, news ..." with a document icon. Each statistic has a brief description below it: "Collaborate around thematics", "Interoperability solutions ready to use", and "To keep you up to date".

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## EU Survey

free tool to create and run  
your own survey  
in 23 official languages

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/>



The screenshot shows the EUSurvey website. At the top, there is a dark blue navigation bar with the EUSurvey logo on the left and 'Login | Help | Language' on the right. Below the navigation bar is a large white area with the EUSurvey logo (a stylized star) and the text 'EUSurvey' and 'Create better online surveys and forms'. There are two main buttons: a blue 'Login' button and a white 'Register' button. To the right of the 'Login' button are two links: 'Edit Contribution' and 'Download Contribution'. Below this is a blue banner with a red diagonal stripe on the left that says 'New' and the text 'EUSurvey online training course' with a laptop icon. The main content area has the heading 'Online surveys made easy with EUSurvey!' and three icons: a bar chart in a speech bubble, a magnifying glass over a document, and a globe. Text next to the bar chart icon asks if the user has ever needed to collect stakeholders' views and lists use cases like consulting businesses and conducting satisfaction surveys. Text next to the magnifying glass icon says 'To view your contribution after you have submitted it, click here' and 'To do so, you need advanced user authorisations - these are not granted to all participants in a survey.' Text next to the globe icon says 'EUSurvey is now available in 23 official EU languages.' At the bottom, there is a list of 23 languages: Български, Čeština, Dansk, Deutsch, Eesti keel, Ελληνικά, English, Español, Français, Hrvatski jezik, Italiano, Latviešu valoda, Lietuvių kalba, Magyar, Malti, Nederlands, Polski, Português, Română, Slovenčina, Slovenščina, Suomi, Svenska.

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## European Media Monitor

<https://emm.newsbrief.eu/>



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### Top Stories

UPDATED EVERY 10 MINUTES, 24 HOURS PER DAY.

#### Main Menu

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#### EU Focus

#### EU Policy Areas

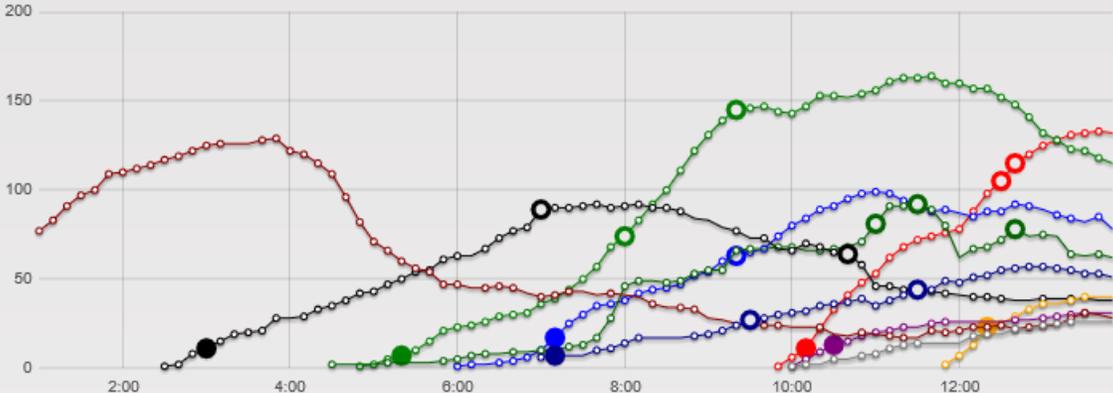
#### Themes

#### The World

#### Offices & Agencies

#### Current top 10 stories

Language: en Period: Nov 26, 2019 1:50 AM - Nov 26, 2019 1:50 PM



#### 13 French soldiers killed in helicopter collision in Mali

Articles : 132 | Last update : Nov 26, 2019 1:38:00 PM | Start : Nov 26, 2019 9:56:00 AM | Sources : 102 | Peak : 1 | Current rank : 1

##### Mali: MINUSMA Chief pays tribute to the memory of fallen French soldiers

reliefWeb Tuesday, November 26, 2019 1:25:00 PM CET | info [other]

Bamako, 26 Novembre 2019 – MINUSMA Chief paid tribute this morning to thirteen French soldiers of Barkhane Force who were victims of an accident between two helicopters during a combat operation against jihadists in Mali. "The French operation, Barkhane, is relentlessly working in the Sahel and Mali....."

[More articles...](#)

#### Albania earthquake kills 14; rescuers hunt for survivors

Articles : 261 | Last update : Nov 26, 2019 1:36:00 PM | Start : Nov 26, 2019 4:55:00 AM | Sources : 118 | Peak : 2 | Current rank : 2

##### 14 dead after powerful earthquake hits Albania

Stuff Tuesday, November 26, 2019 1:36:00 PM CET | info [other]

"It is a dramatic moment where we should preserve calm, stay alongside each other to cope with this shock," Prime Minister Edi Rama said, thanking countries that offered support. The Health Ministry reported about 600 people had been injured, with some in serious condition...."

[More articles...](#)

#### Six dead as strong quake rocks Albania

Articles : 147 | Last update : Nov 26, 2019 1:21:00 PM | Start : Nov 26, 2019 6:00:00 AM | Sources : 93 | Peak : 1 | Current rank : 3

#### Tools

Tuesday, November 26, 2019 2:11:00 PM CET

RSS | KML | MAP

Facebook

subscribe | manage

info

Available on the App Store | ANDROID APP ON Google play

#### Languages

Select top stories in other languages.

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en	es	et	fi	fr	hr
hu	it	lt	lv	mt	nl
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Show additional languages

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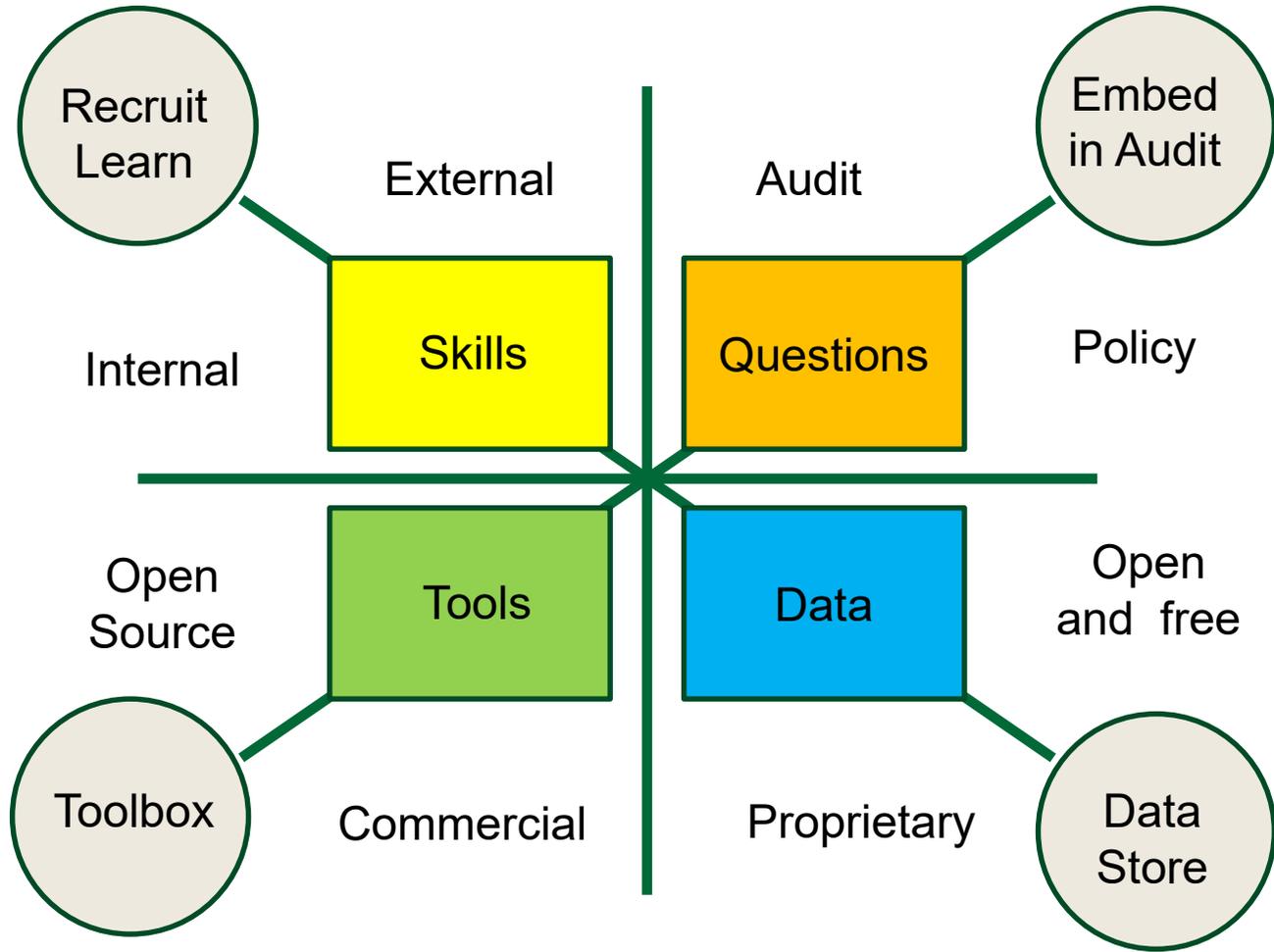
#### Country Watch

The country most in the news at the moment.

 United Kingdom (GB)

[News about United Kingdom](#)

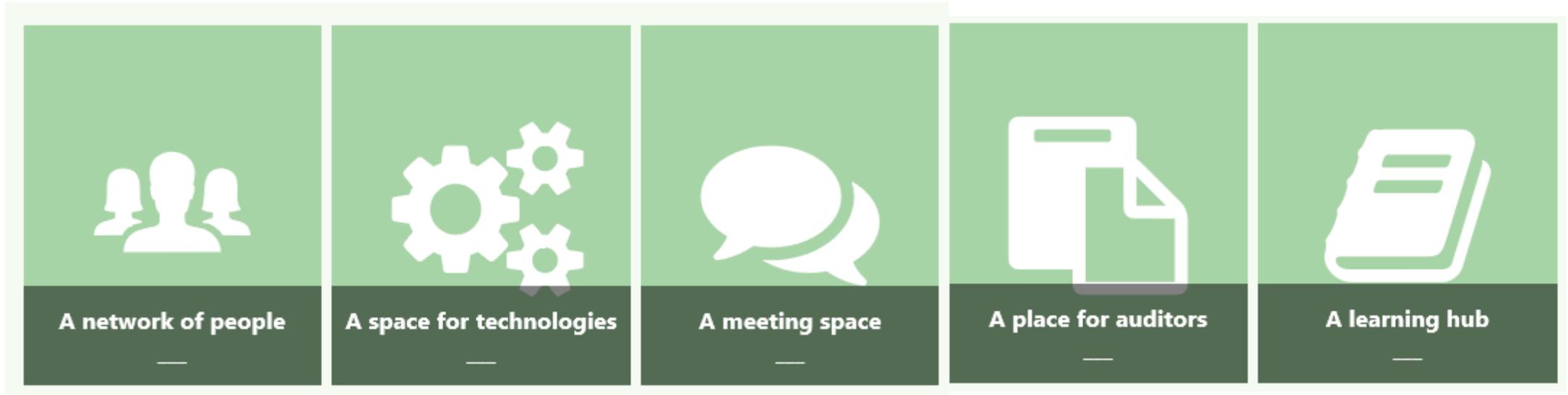
# Reality+Audit = it's all about data...





# The ECALab

Created in 2017 as a step towards establishing data services tailored for audit, the ECALab is:



with different job profiles and having personal interest in big data, data analytics, text mining, visualisation, machine learning, etc.

equipped with "up-cycled" IT equipment such as servers and laptops where tools can be tested in real life conditions

to share knowledge and ideas on technologies for audit

where they can come to ask for advice, share ideas and search for solutions to problems or questions they have

with books and people who are available to explain

**If you want to visit ECALab on Thursday afternoon please let us know**



# The future ...

Impossible to predict impact of emerging technologies

**We need to be prepared**

**Reality + Audit + EU = TINA**



**Policy and practitioners from the European Commission**

**Practitioners from the EU Supreme Audit Institutions**

**Discuss, Share, Network**



# ECA Open data decision: 16 April 2019



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Guardians of the EU finances



> Advanced search



- > European Ombudsman
- > European Code of Good Administrative Behaviour
- > Decision of the European Court of Auditors No 6-2019 on the open data policy and the reuse of documents [PDF]

## Other transparency portals

- > Transparency International
- > High Authority for transparency in public life

## Article 4 - General Principles

The ECA shall ensure that documents are made available for reuse:

- by all;
- without the need for an individual application;
- free of charge;
- for commercial or non-commercial purposes.

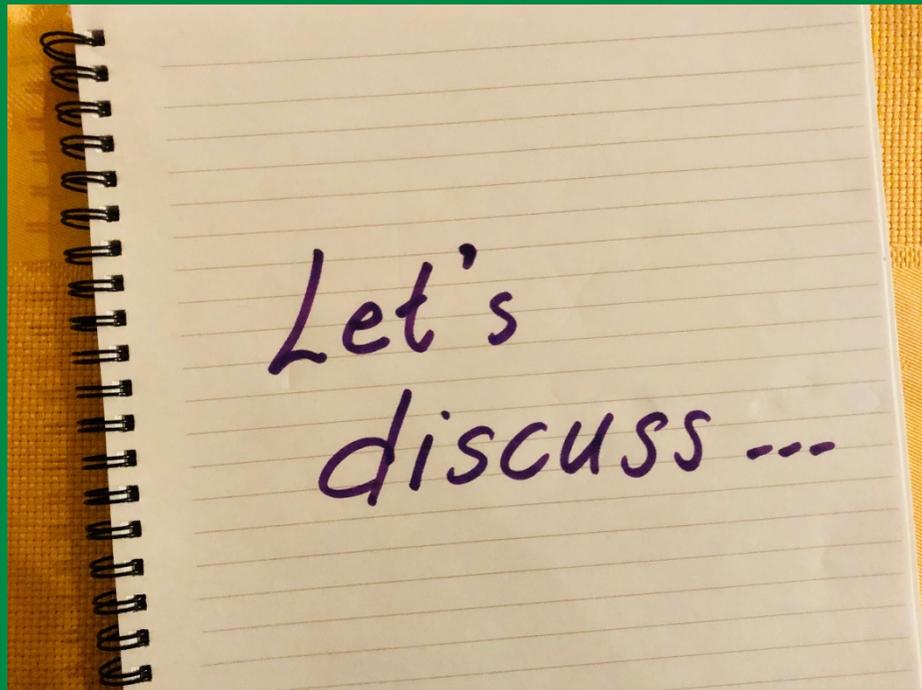


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