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## Foreword

This final draft European Standard (EN) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI), and is now submitted for the Vote phase of the ETSI standards EN Approval Procedure.

The present document is part 2 of a multi-part deliverable covering XAdES digital signatures. Full details of the entire series can be found in part 1 [1].

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## Introduction

Electronic commerce has emerged as a frequent way of doing business between companies across local, wide area and global networks. Trust in this way of doing business is essential for the success and continued development of electronic commerce. It is therefore important that companies using this electronic means of doing business have suitable security controls and mechanisms in place to protect their transactions and to ensure trust and confidence with their business partners. In this respect digital signatures are an important security component that can be used to protect information and provide trust in electronic business.

The present document is intended to cover digital signatures supported by PKI and public key certificates, and aims to meet the general requirements of the international community to provide trust and confidence in electronic transactions, including, amongst other, applicable requirements from Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.1].

The present document can be used for any transaction between an individual and a company, between two companies, between an individual and a governmental body, etc. The present document is independent of any environment. It can be applied to any environment e.g. smart cards, GSM SIM cards, special programs for electronic signatures, etc.

The present document is part of a rationalized framework of standards (see ETSI TR 119 000 [i.5]). See ETSI TR 119 100 [i.6] for getting guidance on how to use the present document within the aforementioned framework.

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# 1 Scope

The present document specifies XAdES digital signatures. XAdES signatures are built on XML digital signatures [i.4], by incorporation of signed and unsigned qualifying properties, which fulfil certain common requirements (such as the long term validity of digital signatures, for instance) in a number of use cases.

The present document specifies a number of XAdES signature levels, addressing incremental requirements to maintain the validity of the signatures over the long term, in a way that a certain level always addresses all the requirements addressed at levels that are below it. These XAdES extended signatures offer a higher degree of optionality than the XAdES baseline signatures specified ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1].

Procedures for creation, augmentation, and validation of XAdES digital signatures are out of scope and specified in ETSI EN 319 102-1 [i.7]. Guidance on creation, augmentation and validation of XAdES digital signatures is provided including the usage of the different properties is provided in ETSI TR 119 100 [i.6].

The present document aims at supporting electronic signatures in different regulatory frameworks.

NOTE: Specifically but not exclusively, XAdES digital signatures specified in the present document aim at supporting electronic signatures, advanced electronic signatures, qualified electronic signatures, electronic seals, advanced electronic seals, and qualified electronic seals as per Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.1].

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- [1] ETSI EN 319 132-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); XAdES digital signatures; Part 1: Building blocks and XAdES baseline signatures".

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- [i.1] Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC. OJ L 257, 28.08.2014, p. 73-114.
- [i.2] ETSI TR 119 001: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); The framework for standardization of signatures; Definitions and abbreviations".
- [i.3] ETSI TS 101 903: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); XML Advanced Electronic Signatures (XAdES)".

- [i.4] W3C Recommendation: "XML-Signature Syntax and Processing. Version 1.1".
- [i.5] ETSI TR 119 000: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); The framework for standardization of signatures: overview".
- [i.6] ETSI TR 119 100: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Business Driven Guidance for Signature Creation and Validation".
- [i.7] ETSI EN 319 102-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Procedures for Creation and Validation of AdES Digital Signatures; Part 1: Creation and Validation".
- [i.8] ETSI TS 119 312: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Cryptographic Suites".
- [i.9] IETF RFC 6931: "Additional XML Security Uniform Resource Identifiers (URIs)".

## 3 Definitions, abbreviations and terminology

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in ETSI TR 119 001 [i.2] and ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], apply.

### 3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

EU	European Union
GSM	Global System for Mobile communications
OCSP	Online Certificate Status Protocol
PKI	Public Key Infrastructure
SIM	Subscriber Identity Module
SPO	Service Provision Option
TSA	Time-Stamping Authorities
URI	Uniform Resource Identifier
XML	eXtensible Markup Language

### 3.3 Terminology

The present document uses the term "qualifying property" for denoting a XML element that qualifies the signature, the signed data objects, or the signer.

The present document uses the term "element" exclusively for denoting XML elements.

The present document uses the terms "container" or "element" for denoting XML elements that are containers of qualifying properties (for instance `QualifyingProperties`, `SignedProperties`, or `UnsignedProperties`).

The present document uses the term "attribute" exclusively for denoting XML attributes of XML elements. Consequently, a qualifying property, being a XML element, can have (XML) attributes.

The present document uses the term "child element" exclusively in the context of XML content, for denoting an XML element that is a child element of another XML element.

## 4 Additional XAdES levels without references to validation data

### 4.1 Overview

The present document specifies a number of additional levels for XAdES.

Each level is generated by a different combination of the XAdES qualifying properties specified in ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], and incorporated to the XAdES signatures using one of the two mechanisms (direct or indirect incorporation) described in clause 4.4 of ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1].

NOTE 1: ETSI TR 119 100 [i.6] provides a description on the life-cycle of a signature and the rationales on which level is suitable in which situation.

NOTE 2: Clause 4.3 defines four XAdES levels namely the XAdES-E-BES, XAdES-E-EPES, XAdES-E-T, and XAdES-E-A built on XAdES-E-T. Normative Annex A defines levels of XAdES signatures incorporating qualifying properties that encapsulate references to validation data and qualifying properties that encapsulate time-stamp tokens on them.

NOTE 3: Names of XML elements in the namespace whose URI is <http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmlsig#> will be preceded in the present document by prefix `ds`. No other prefixes will be used in the present document for identifying XAdES containers and/or XAdES qualifying properties, as their usage is not required for unambiguously identifying the referenced XAdES container or XAdES qualifying property, regardless of the namespace where they have been defined.

NOTE 4: The requirements on the presence and cardinality of the attributes for each XAdES signature level are expressed in tables whose formats and semantics are as specified in clause 6.2.2 of ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1].

### 4.2 General requirements

XAdES qualifying properties deprecated by ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1] (see Annex D) do not appear in the tables. Their cardinality shall be 0 and consequently, they shall not be incorporated in the signature.

Any XAdES signature of any of the levels specified in the present document shall contain at least one of the following components with the specified contents:

- The `SigningCertificateV2` signed qualifying property.
- The `ds:KeyInfo` element. If the `SigningCertificateV2` qualifying property is incorporated to the signature, no restrictions apply to this element. Otherwise, then the following restrictions apply:
  - the `ds:KeyInfo` element shall include a `ds:X509Data` containing the signing certificate;
  - the `ds:KeyInfo` element may also contain other certificates;
  - the `ds:SignedInfo` element shall contain a `ds:Reference` element that ensures that the signing certificate is actually signed.

NOTE 1: Signing the whole `ds:KeyInfo` locks the element: any addition of a certificate or validation data would make signature validation fail. Applications can, alternatively, use XPath transforms for signing at least the signing certificate, leaving the `ds:KeyInfo` element open for addition of new data after signing.

The algorithms and key lengths used to generate and augment digital signatures should be as specified in ETSI TS 119 312 [i.8].

NOTE 2: Cryptographic suites recommendations defined in ETSI TS 119 312 [i.8] can be superseded by national recommendations.

NOTE 3: IETF RFC 6931 [i.9] defines a set of additional XML security URIs, which complement those ones defined in XMLDSIG [i.4].

### 4.3 XAdES-E-BES, XAdES-E-EPES, XAdES-E-T signatures, and XAdES-E-A signatures built on XAdES-E-T signatures

XAdES-E-BES, XAdES-E-EPES, XAdES-E-T, and XAdES-E-A built on XAdES-E-T signatures shall be XAdES signatures whose qualifying properties satisfy the requirements specified in the present clause.

XAdES-E-EPES signatures are built on XAdES-E-BES signatures by adding one `SignaturePolicyIdentifier` qualifying property.

XAdES-E-T signatures are built on XAdES-E-BES and XAdES-E-EPES signatures by adding one or more `SignatureTimeStamp` qualifying properties.

XAdES-E-A signatures are built on XAdES-E-T, XAdES-E-C, XAdES-E-X (of Type 1 and of Type 2), XAdES-E-X-Long, and XAdES-E-X-L (of Type 1 and of Type 2) signatures.

Annex A specifies XAdES-E-C, XAdES-E-X (of Type 1 and of Type 2), XAdES-E-X-Long, and XAdES-E-X-L (of Type 1 and of Type 2) signatures, and XAdES-E-A signatures built on them.

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Table 1: Requirements for XAdES-E-BES, XAdES-E-EPES, XAdES-E-T, and XAdES-E-A built on XAdES-E-T

Elements/Qualifying properties/Services	Presence in E-BES level	Presence in E-EPES level	Presence in E-T level	Presence in E-A level built on E-T level	Cardinality	Additional notes and requirements	Reference
SigningTime	may be present	may be present	may be present	may be present	0 or 1		ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], clause 5.2.1
SigningCertificateV2	conditioned presence	conditioned presence	conditioned presence	conditioned presence	0 or 1	a, b	ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], clause 5.2.2
CommitmentTypeIndication	may be present	may be present	may be present	may be present	$\geq 0$		ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], clause 5.2.3
DataObjectFormat	may be present	may be present	may be present	may be present	$\geq 0$		ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], clause 5.2.4
SignatureProductionPlaceV2	may be present	may be present	may be present	may be present	0 or 1		ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], clause 5.2.5
SignerRoleV2	may be present	may be present	may be present	may be present	0 or 1		ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], clause 5.2.6
CounterSignature	may be present	may be present	may be present	may be present	$\geq 0$		ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], clause 5.2.7.2
AllDataObjectsTimeStamp	may be present	may be present	may be present	may be present	$\geq 0$	1	ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], clause 5.2.8.1
IndividualDataObjectsTimeStamp	may be present	may be present	may be present	may be present	$\geq 0$	1	ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], clause 5.2.8.2
SignaturePolicyIdentifier	*	shall be present	may be present	may be present	E-EPES: 1 E-BES, E-T, E-A: 0 or 1	2, 3	ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], clause 5.2.9
SignaturePolicyStore	*	conditioned presence	conditioned presence	conditioned presence	0 or 1	c	ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], clause 5.2.10
SignatureTimeStamp	*	*	shall be present	shall be present	E-BES, E-EPES: $\geq 0$ E-T, E-A: $\geq 1$	d, e 1, 4	ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], clause 5.3
CertificateValues	*	*	*	conditioned presence	0 or 1	f, g	ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], clause 5.4.1
AttrAuthoritiesCertValues	*	*	*	conditioned presence	0 or 1	f, h	ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], clause 5.4.3
RevocationValues	*	*	*	conditioned presence	0 or 1	i, j	ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], clause 5.4.2
AttributeRevocationValues	*	*	*	conditioned presence	0 or 1	i, k	ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], clause 5.4.4
Service: incorporation of validation data for electronic time-stamps	*	*	*	shall be provided	-	l, m	ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], clause 5.5.1
SPO: TimeStampValidationData	*	*	*	conditioned presence	$\geq 0$	m	ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], clause 5.5.1
SPO: certificate and revocation values embedded in the electronic time-stamp itself	*	*	*	conditioned presence	$\geq 0$	m	ETSI EN 319 132-1 [1], clause 5.5.1