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# Foreword

This European Standard (EN) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI).

The present document is part 1 of a multi-part deliverable covering Procedures for Creation and Validation of AdES Digital Signatures, as identified below:

**ETSI EN 319 102-1: "Creation and Validation";**

ETSI TS 119 102-2: "Signature Validation Report".

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## Introduction

The present document 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.15].

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# 1 Scope

The present document specifies procedures for:

- the creation of AdES digital signatures (specified in ETSI EN 319 122-1 [i.2], ETSI EN 319 132-1 [i.4], ETSI EN 319 142-1 [i.6] respectively);
- establishing whether an AdES digital signature is technically valid;

whenever the AdES digital signature is based on public key cryptography and supported by Public Key Certificates (PKCs). To improve readability of the present document, *AdES digital signatures* are meant when the term *signature* is being used.

NOTE 1: Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.15] defines the terms electronic signature, advanced electronic signature, electronic seals and advanced electronic seal. These signatures and seals are usually created using digital signature technology. The present document aims at supporting the Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.15] for creation and validation of advanced electronic signatures and seals when they are implemented as AdES digital signatures.

The present document introduces general principles, objects and functions relevant when creating or validating signatures based on signature creation and validation constraints and defines general classes of signatures that allow for verifiability over long periods.

The following aspects are considered to be out of scope:

- generation and distribution of Signature Creation Data (keys, etc.), and the selection and use of cryptographic algorithms;
- format, syntax or encoding of data objects involved, specifically format or encoding for documents to be signed or signatures created; and
- the legal interpretation of any signature, especially the legal validity of a signature.

NOTE 2: The signature creation and validation procedures specified in the present document provide several options and possibilities. The selection of these options is driven by a signature creation policy, a signature augmentation policy or a signature validation policy respectively. Note that legal requirements can be provided through specific policies, e.g. in the context of qualified electronic signatures as defined in the Regulation (EU) 910/2014 [i.15].

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- [2] [ISO/IEC 9594-8:2020](#): "Information technology -- Open Systems Interconnection -- Part 8: The Directory: Public-key and attribute certificate frameworks".

- [3] [IETF RFC 3161](#): "Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure; Time Stamp Protocol (TSP)".
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- [i.3] ETSI EN 319 122-2: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); CAAdES digital signatures; Part 2: Extended CAAdES signatures".
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## 3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Terms

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

**attribute authority:** authority which assigns privileges by issuing attribute certificates

**attribute certificate:** data structure, digitally signed by an attribute authority, that binds some attribute values with identification information about its holder

**certificate:** See Public Key Certificate (PKC).

**certificate identifier:** unambiguous identifier of a certificate

**certificate path (chain) validation:** process of verifying and confirming that a certificate path (chain) is valid

**Certificate Revocation List (CRL):** signed list indicating a set of certificates that are no longer considered valid by the certificate issuer

**certificate validation:** process of verifying and confirming that a certificate is valid

**certification authority:** authority trusted by one or more users to create and assign public-key certificates

**chain model:** model for validation of X.509 certificate chains where all CA certificates have to be valid at the time they were used for issuing a certificate and the end-entity certificate was valid when creating the signature

**claimed signing time:** time of signing claimed by the signer which on its own does not provide independent evidence of the actual signing time

**(signature) commitment type:** signer-selected indication of the exact implication of a digital signature

**(signature) creation constraint:** criteria used when creating a digital signature

**cryptographic suite:** combination of a signature scheme with a padding method and a cryptographic hash function

**detached (digital) signature:** digital signature that, with respect to the Signed Data Object, is neither enveloping nor enveloped

**digital signature:** data appended to, or a cryptographic transformation of a data unit that allows a recipient of the data unit to prove the source and integrity of the data unit and protect against forgery, e.g. by the recipient

**digital signature value:** result of the cryptographic transformation of a data unit that allows a recipient of the data unit to prove the source and integrity of the data unit and protect against forgery, e.g. by the recipient

**Driving Application (DA):** application that uses a Signature Creation System (SCS) to create a signature or a Signature Validation Application (SVA) in order to validate digital signatures or a signature augmentation application to augment digital signatures

**electronic document:** any content stored in electronic form, in particular text or sound, visual or audiovisual recording

**enveloped (digital) signature:** digital signature embedded within the Signed Data Object

**enveloping (digital) signature:** digital signature embedding the Signed Data Object

**evidence:** information that can be used to resolve a dispute about various aspects of authenticity of archived data objects

**Evidence Record (ER):** unit of data, which can be used to prove the existence of an archived data object or an archived data object group at a certain time

NOTE: See IETF RFC 4998 [i.9] and IETF RFC 6283 [i.10].

**proof of existence:** evidence that proves that an object existed at a specific date/time

**prospective certificate chain:** sequence of n certificates which satisfies the conditions (a) to (c) in IETF RFC 5280 [1] clause 6.1, and the trust anchor is trusted according to the signature validation policy in use

**Public Key Certificate (PKC):** public key of an entity, together with some other information, rendered unforgeable by digital signature with the private key of the certification authority which issued it

**revocation data:** data issued by a revocation status service, including the signature of the issuing authority, for the purpose of providing revocation status information about one or more certificates

EXAMPLE: Certificate Revocation List, OCSP response.

NOTE: ETSI EN 319 411-1 [i.19] defines the revocation status service as a component service of the certification services.

**shell model:** model for validation of X.509 certificate chains where all certificates have to be valid at a given time

NOTE: The given time is an input parameter to the validation.

**signature acceptance:** technical verification to be performed on the signature itself or on the attributes of the signature (i.e. the "signature elements constraints")

**signature attribute:** signature property

**signature augmentation:** process of incorporating to a digital signature information aiming to maintain the validity of that signature over the near term and/or the long term

NOTE 1: Augmenting signatures is the process by which certain material (e.g. time stamps, validation data and even archival-related material) is incorporated to the signatures for making them more resilient to change or for enlarging their longevity.

NOTE 2: This covers collection of information and creation of new structures that allows performing, on the long term, validations of a signature.

**signature augmentation constraint:** technical criteria used when augmenting a signature to a specific signature class

**signature augmentation policy:** set of signature augmentation constraints

NOTE 1: An augmentation policy can be uniquely identified by an OID/URI.

NOTE 2: The present document does not further specify the content of such a policy.

**signature augmentation report:** information about the augmentation provided by the Signature Augmentation Application to the Driving Application

NOTE: The present document does not further specify the content of such a report.

**signature augmentation result:** either the augmented signature or an error message that augmentation did not succeed, and optionally a **signature augmentation report**

NOTE: ETSI TS 119 442 [i.17] specifies how to convey such signature augmentation result.