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Certificate Profiles;
Part 3: Certificate profile for certificates issued to legal persons
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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 3 of multi-part deliverable covering the Certificate Profiles. Full details of the entire series can be found in part 1 [i.4].

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Modal verbs terminology

In the present document "shall", "shall not", "should", "should not", "may", "need not", "will", "will not", "can" and "cannot" are to be interpreted as described in clause 3.2 of the **ETSI Drafting Rules** (Verbal forms for the expression of provisions).

"must" and "must not" are **NOT** allowed in ETSI deliverables except when used in direct citation.
Introduction

ITU and ISO issued standards for certification of public keys in Recommendation ITU-T X.509 | ISO/IEC 9594-8 [i.2] which are used for the security of communications and data for a wide range of electronic applications.

Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.3] of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC [i.1] defines requirements on specific types of certificates named "qualified certificates". Implementation of Directive 1999/93/EC [i.1] and deployment of certificate infrastructures throughout Europe as well as in countries outside of Europe, have resulted in a variety of certificate implementations for use in public and closed environments, where some are declared as qualified certificates while others are not.

Applications need support from standardized and interoperable identity certificate profiles, in particular when applications are used for digital signatures, authentication and secure electronic exchange in open environments and international trust scenarios, but also when certificates are used in local application contexts.

ETSI EN 319 412-2 [2] specifies a profile for certificates issued to natural persons, which provides the basis for this profile for certificates issued to legal persons.

The present document aims to maximize the interoperability of systems issuing and using certificates both in the European context under the Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.3] and in the wider international environment.
1 Scope

The present document specifies a certificate profile for certificates issued to legal persons. The profile defined in the present document builds on requirements defined in ETSI EN 319 412-2 [2].

The present document supports the requirements of EU qualified certificates as specified in the Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.3] as well as other forms of certificate.

2 References

2.1 Normative references

References are either specific (identified by date of publication and/or edition number or version number) or non-specific. For specific references, only the cited version applies. For non-specific references, the latest version of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

Referenced documents which are not found to be publicly available in the expected location might be found at https://docbox.etsi.org/Reference/.

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The following referenced documents are not necessary for the application of the present document but they assist the user with regard to a particular subject area.

[i.4] ETSI EN 319 412-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Certificate Profiles; Part 1: Overview and common data structures".
3 Definition of terms, symbols, abbreviations and notations

3.1 Terms
For the purposes of the present document, the terms given in ETSI EN 319 412-1 [i.4] apply.

3.2 Symbols
Void.

3.3 Abbreviations
For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in ETSI EN 319 412-2 [2] apply.

3.4 Notations
For the purposes of the present document, the notations given in ETSI EN 319 412-1 [i.4] apply.

4 Profile requirements

4.1 Generic requirements

4.2 Basic certificate fields

4.2.1 Subject

LEG-4.2.1-2: The subject field shall include at least the following attributes as specified in Recommendation ITU-T X.520 [1]:

- countryName;
- organizationName;
- organizationIdentifier; and
- commonName.

LEG-4.2.1-3: Only one instance of each of these attributes shall be present. Additional attributes may be present.

LEG-4.2.1-4: The countryName attribute shall specify the country in which the subject (legal person) is established.

LEG-4.2.1-5: The organizationName attribute shall contain the full registered name of the subject (legal person).

LEG-4.2.1-6: The organizationIdentifier attribute shall contain an identification of the subject organization different from the organization name.
4.3 Standard certificate extensions

4.3.1 Key usage

LEG-4.3.1-1: Clause 4.3.2 of ETSI EN 319 412-2 [2] shall not apply, except those parts which are referenced below.

LEG-4.3.1-2: Clause 4.3.2 of ETSI EN 319 412-2 [2] paragraph 1 and subsequent table 1 shall apply.

LEG-4.3.1-3: Certificates used to validate digital signatures over content (e.g. documents, agreements and/or transactions) that provide evidence of origin and integrity of the content shall be limited to type A, B or F.

LEG-4.3.1-4: Of these alternatives, type A should be used (see the security note 2 below).

EXAMPLE: Digital signatures which are aimed to be used as advanced electronic seals as defined in Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.3] are considered to provide evidence of origin and integrity of the content.

NOTE 1: See note 1 in clause 4.3.2 of ETSI EN 319 412-2 [2].

NOTE 2: See note 2 in clause 4.3.2 of ETSI EN 319 412-2 [2].
Annex A (informative):
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|            |         | • on IETF RFC 5280 size limits not applying to naming attributes as in ESI(19)000170r2 |
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