Nordic experience of Archiving by Design

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Nordic approach on Archiving by Design - AbD



Use the concept and method as a way of maturing during a digital transformation - AbD understood as an analyzing tool promoting better quality in digital information management and archiving



Case studies performed in order to familierize the archival sector in our countries with the EU initative on AbD and to collect feedback



AbD works for any kind of organisation — regardless of legal framework — keeps us together, promotes cooperation, increases value of information and securing quality in digital archiving and information governance



Each national archive has it own set of rules and regulations, and AbD is a supporting tool, not in conflict

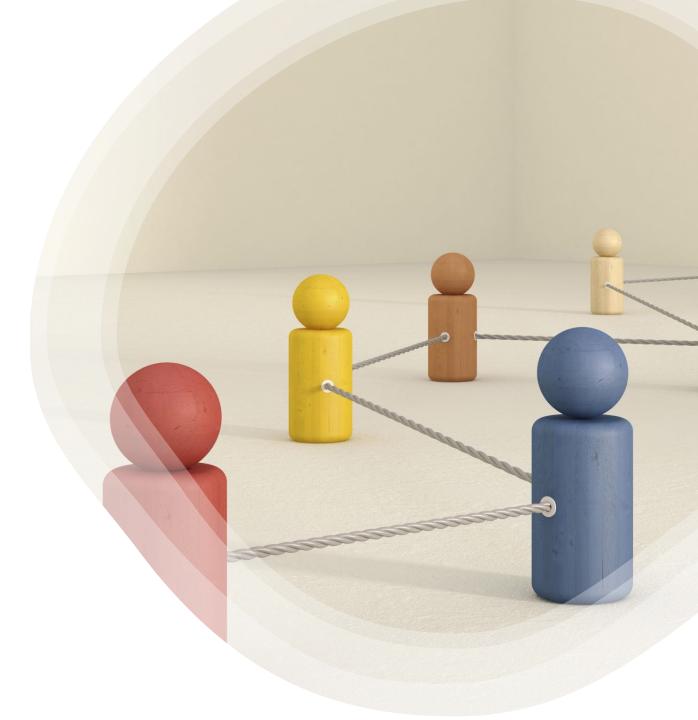


Archiving by Design - Nordic expert seminar - who we are and what we do

- Representatives from all the Nordic National Archives
- Ongoing since 2022 following the work in the European working group and actions taken in our countries with variations on experience
- Request for feedback on guidelines from the EAG subgroup on AbD – and a joint Nordic feedback

An overall positive experience and joint feedback

- requirements in the Guidelines very useful in fact being the most benefical part of the concept, together with an enhanced user perspective
- Openess for a broader field of use - Can be used in more areas of information management and archiving than when setting up new systems





Sweden finding our approach

- Non-normative approach –
 promoting better quality in
 digital archives throughout
 the archival sector both
 national agencies,
 municipalities and private
 archives
- Translation of the Guidelines of the AbD-scan process, but mainly used as an illustration or a narrative, not necessarily a fixed way of doing AbD when setting up new systems



Emphasis on Sustainability

- Not only the sustainability of the information itself
- Or even only the sustainablity of the access to information
- But also a sustainable information governance
- Where our profession can contribute to a climate goals and a green transition
- Therefore adding **Sufficiency** to the aspects of Sustainabilty:
- Enough information should be captured, according to user needs, but systems should not produce more information than necessary, in order to ensure a responsible use of resources and reuse of information.

Finland - Finding our approach



Improving quality for digital Information governance

Maturity assessment

: Step by step for excellence

Archiving by Design

: Principles and requirements for each step



Testing AbD in our own operative information governance

Re-building own information management



Towards #DigitalEurope – building common quality principles as guidelines

Proactive compliance



Building better information governance in Finland

- AbD provides "easy to understand and accept" common principles
 - National Innovation > adaptation of better practices
- Maturity model with AbD as self evaluation tool to support development.
 - Not only tech. issues. Digitalization transformation in progress.
 - Principles -> requirements
- Provides common understanding as foundation for requirements

Back to the joint feedback - suggestions on the

- Scope 1: separating Grequic General Information SAbD scan procedure
- scope 2: focus on the unique parts of AbD





Our thoughts going forward

- Keeping the Nordic Expert Seminar going
- Focusing on a broader use of the 10 AbD requirements in different fields of work in the National Archives of the Nordic
- Addressing the need of "getting all stakeholders in information governance to the table" when dealing with digital transformation
- Archiving by Design as a concept and a method can contribute to that need

Thank you - contact

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