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Foreword

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Introduction

The growing integration of ICT technologies (e.g. cloud computing, IoT, big data, mobile networks, artificial intelligence and machine learning) in smart cities will allow for improved data sharing capabilities to achieve better services. But the growing complexity of the ICT infrastructure will also create vulnerabilities at security and privacy level. Security incidents can lead to essential services not operating properly, for instance a massive electricity supply shortage. Likewise, unauthorized access to personal data can lead to major privacy breaches, for instance access to personal health data records.

Ensuring that privacy is properly dealt within smart cities is a challenge. First, a wide variety of public and private stakeholders can be involved such as:

- agencies in charge of managing essential city services for instance administration services;
- business organizations in charge of operating services for instance electricity distribution;
- organizations in supply chains associated with the deployment of related infrastructure for instance transport systems; and
- associations representing the viewpoints of citizens.

Secondly, a wide variety of standards can be used such as:

- privacy standards;
- smart city standards;
- cloud computing standards;
- IoT standards;
- big data standards; and
- IT governance standards.

[Figure 1](#) shows examples of such standards. This document thus focuses on providing guidance on the use of standards, while taking into account the variety of stakeholders in a smart city ecosystem.

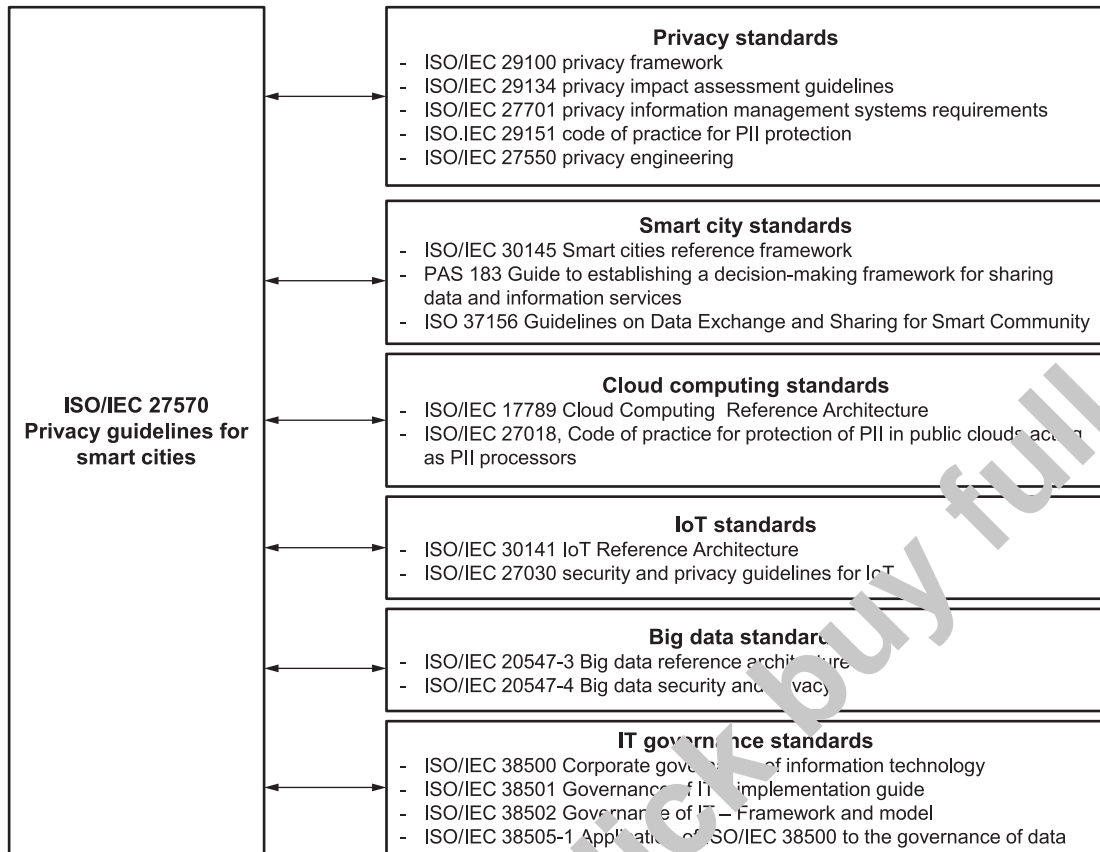


Figure 1 — Examples of standards to reference

Figure 2 summarizes privacy recommendations to smart cities ecosystems in this document, further numbered R6.1, R6.2, R6.3, and R6.4.

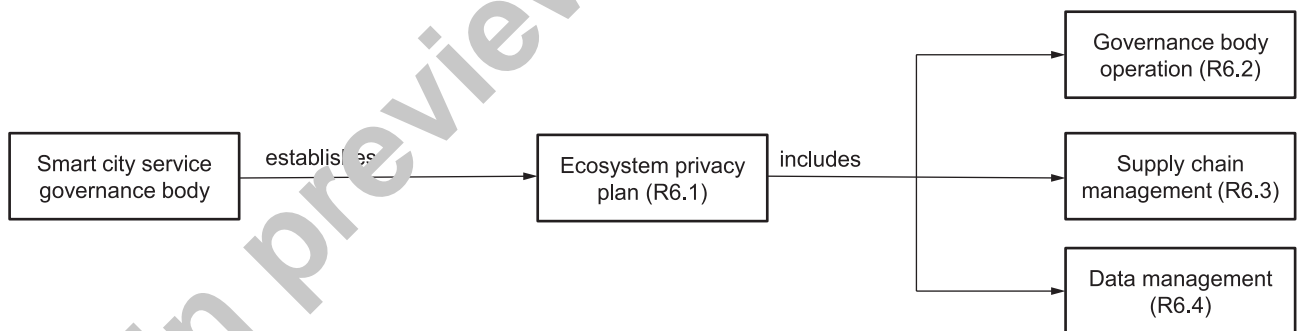


Figure 2 — Ecosystem guidance for privacy

Figure 3 summarizes privacy recommendations to smart cities processes in this document, further numbered R8.2, R8.3, R8.3, R8.4, and R8.5.

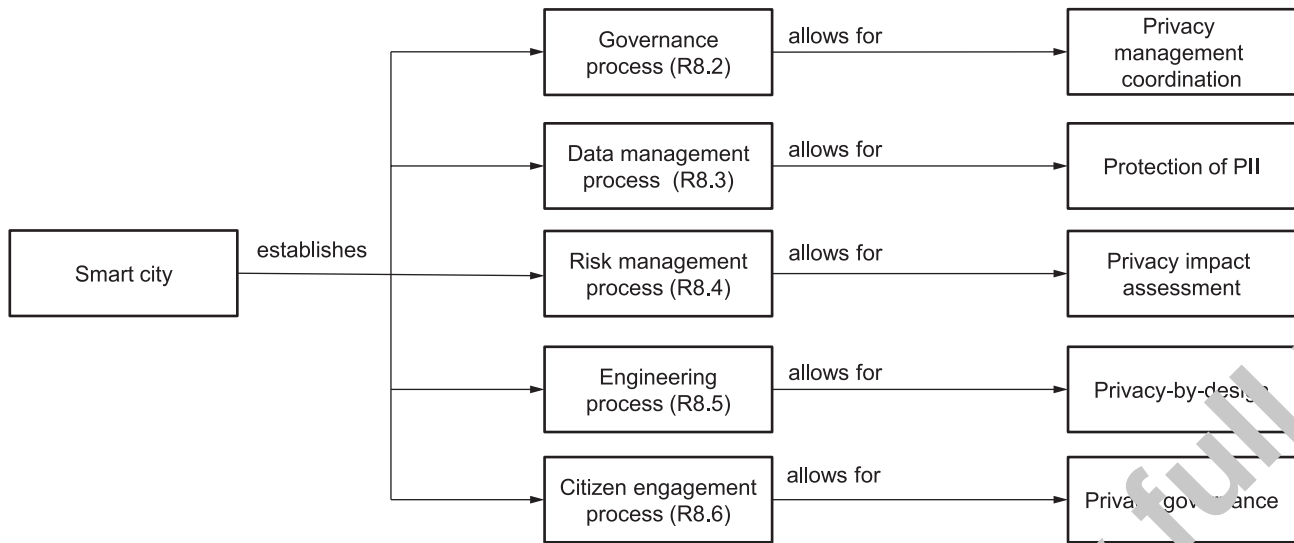


Figure 3 — Process guidance for privacy

It is foreseen that this document will pave the way to future privacy standards for smart cities. [Table 1](#) provides a list of possible future standards.

Table 1 — Examples of possible future standards

Category	Standards
Privacy management to keep track and monitor PII assets that are exploited in smart cities.	Framework for privacy management in smart cities Guidelines for communication between organizations Guidelines for privacy management plans in smart cities Guidelines for privacy policy management in smart cities including data retention Guidelines for privacy impact assessment reports in smart cities Guidelines for consent management in smart cities Guidelines for privacy accountability and transparency management in smart cities Guidelines for privacy breach management in smart cities Guidelines for privacy-by-design of smart city services Guidelines for the integration of privacy concerns in data exchange agreements Smart city services security and privacy assurance
Privacy engineering in smart city ecosystems	Guidelines for privacy engineering ^a in smart cities
Collaboration in smart city ecosystems	Guidelines for citizen engagement Guidelines for communication between organizations (for each type of organization, e.g. administration)
Interoperability to avoid vendor lock-in	Common privacy management information model in smart cities Common privacy impact assessment information in smart cities Common description of privacy capabilities in smart cities Common description of privacy incidents in smart cities
^a Privacy engineering focuses on the integration of privacy concerns in the engineering of a system.	

Privacy protection — Privacy guidelines for smart cities

1 Scope

The document takes a multiple agency as well as a citizen-centric viewpoint.

It provides guidance on:

- smart city ecosystem privacy protection;
- how standards can be used at a global level and at an organizational level for the benefit of citizens; and
- processes for smart city ecosystem privacy protection.

This document is applicable to all types and sizes of organizations, including public and private companies, government entities, and not-for-profit organizations that provide services in smart city environments.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

activity

set of cohesive *tasks* (3.32) of a *process* (3.25)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288:2015, 4.1.3]

3.2

agency

organization (3.13) providing a specific service for a city

3.3

availability

property of being accessible and usable upon demand by an authorized entity

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 27000:2018, 3.7]

3.4

citizen

inhabitant of a city

3.5

citizen engagement

involvement of *citizens* (3.4) in the decision-making of public policies