



Netherlands Enterprise Agency

# E-CROP

UNCEFACT standards

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*Innovative. International.*



# Content

- UN/CEFACT introduction
- Position CROP
- Concept of e-CROP
- Interaction with other standards
- Developments



# What is UN/CEFACT

- UN/CEFACT = United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business
- Objectives
  - Simple, transparent and effective processes for global business
  - Efficient and automated exchange of information
- Outputs
  - Global Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business Recommendations and Standards
- Means
  - Public Private Sector Partnership – over 300 experts from government and business
  - Meet virtually every week plus two Forums per year



## UN/CEFACT Mission

- UN/CEFACT's mission is to improve the ability of business, trade and administrative organizations, from developed, developing and transitional economies, to exchange products and relevant services effectively.
- Its principal focus is on facilitating national and international transactions, through the simplification and harmonization of processes, procedures and information flows, and so contribute to the growth of global commerce



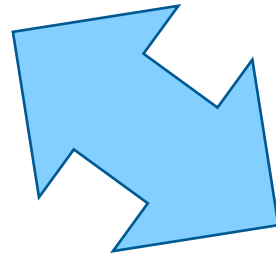
# UN/CEFACT Objective and product

- Facilitate e-commerce and e-trade
- In cooperation with other bodies such as WCO, FAO, IMO , CITES, OASIS, W3C, GS1
- Recommendations
- Semantics (Core Component Library)
- Syntax (UN/EDIFACT and XML schemas)



# Developments in agro food


- Sustainability
- Food safety
- Market access



- Traceability
- Transparency



# Traceability and Transparency

- Party
    - Identification
    - Information
  - Product
    - Identification
    - Description
    - Process
    - Location
    - Date/time
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- Who
  - What
  - Why
  - Where
  - When



# Developments in the agri food framework

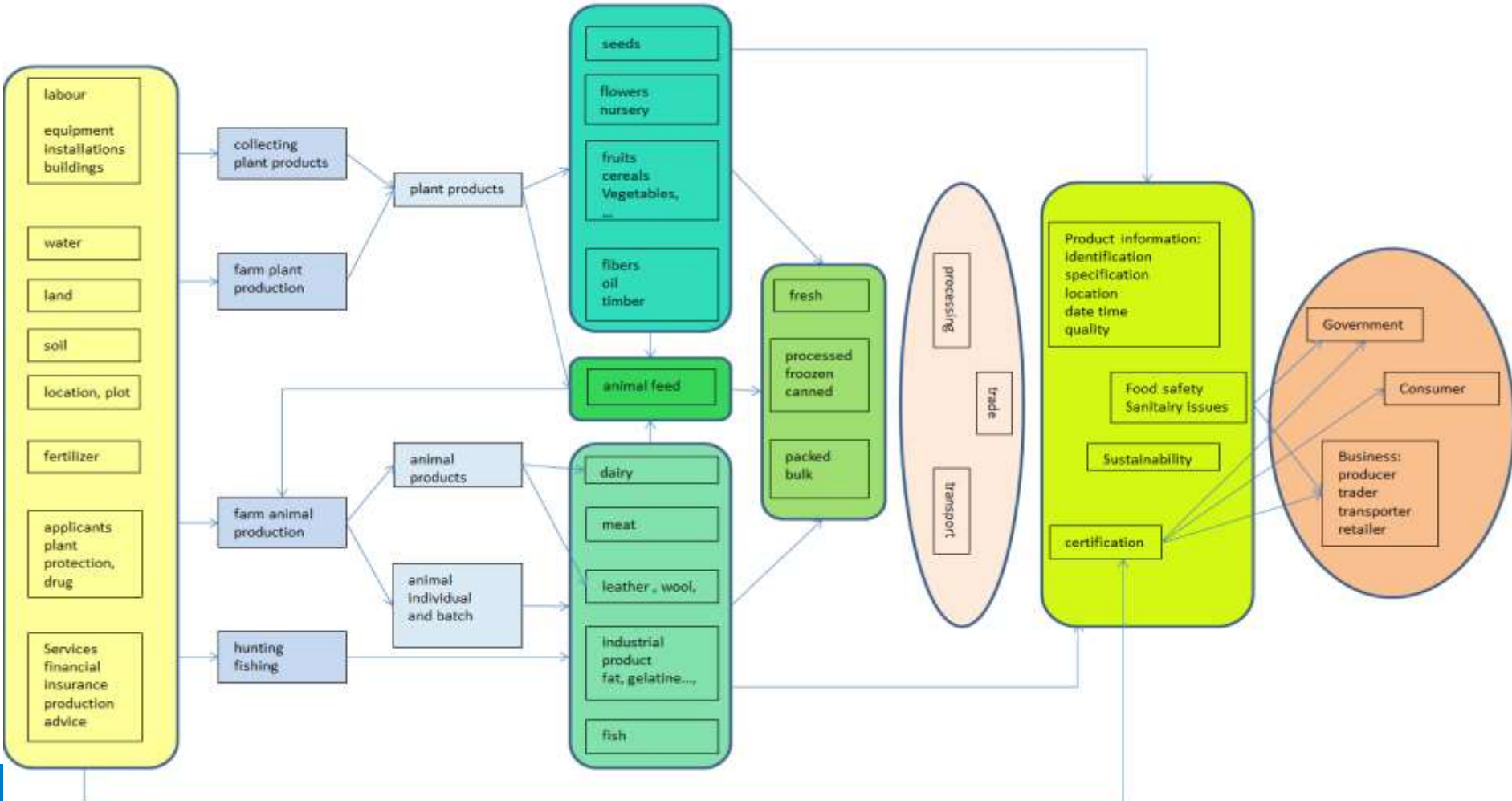
- Standard messages :
  - e-CERT SPS fyto and veterianian sanitairy cetrificate G2G
  - **e-CROP**, agro product information message B2B
  - **e-LAB** laboratory observations report B2B, B2G, G2G
  - FLUX Fishing monitoring and reporting G2G
  - **Track and Trace** Animals (and **Plant** and **Product**) B2B, B2G, G2G
  - Dispatch advice (batch number, identification) B2B
- **Coding**
  - Product (**EPC**, **Codex Alimentarius**)
  - Location and Party identification (**GLN**, ... )
- **Certification**
  - Authority, NGO, Private business (GlobalGap, Organic , Sustainable, CITES, Standard Maps ITC ... )
- **Integration** of domains
  - e-Invoicing (in fish, cutflowers, fresh fruits and vegetables)
  - Transport and location (GN codes – GS1)
  - CITES e-permits
  - WCO datamodel III and IV
  - Production, Trade and Retail





# The agri food domain

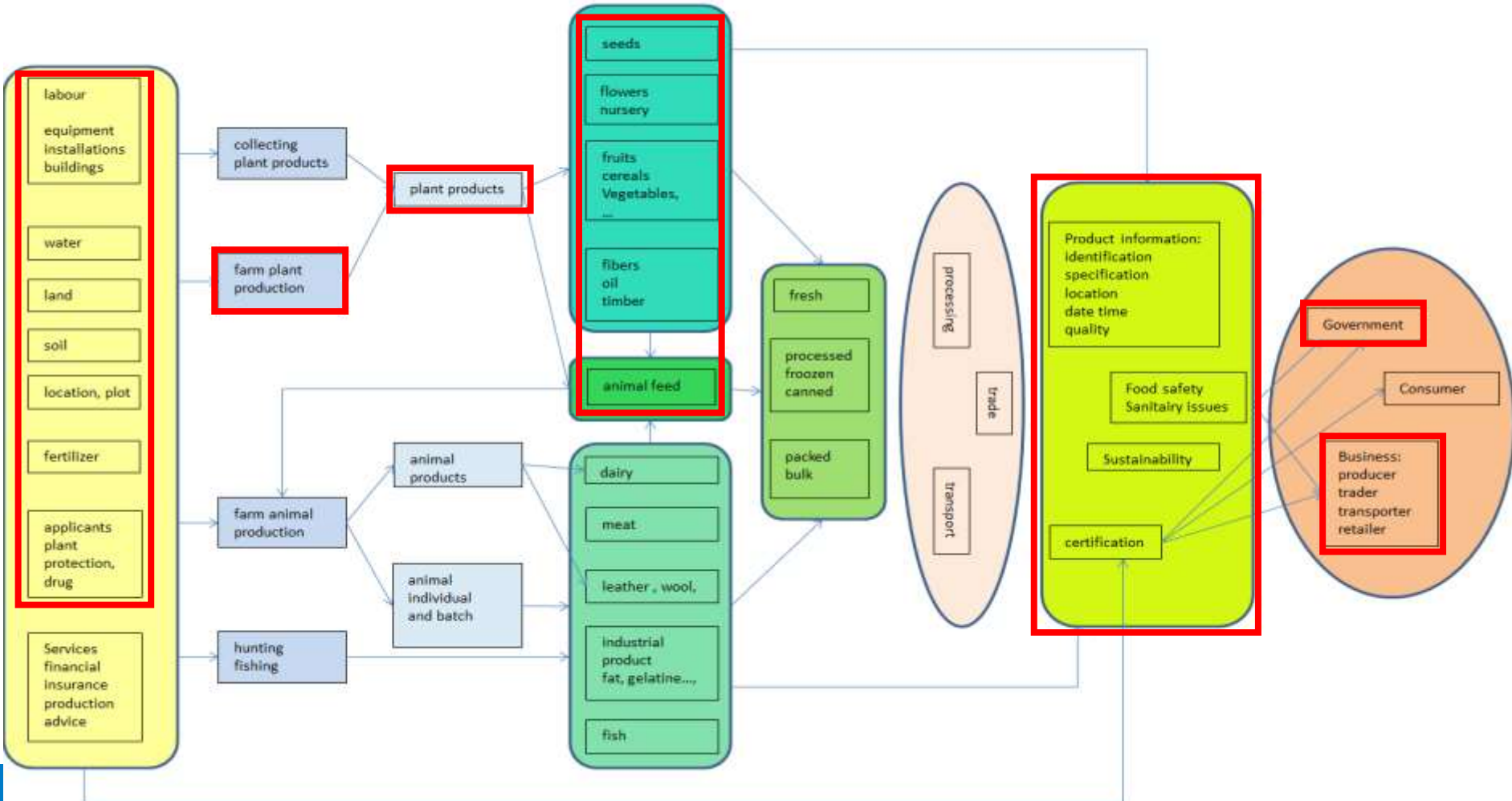
party





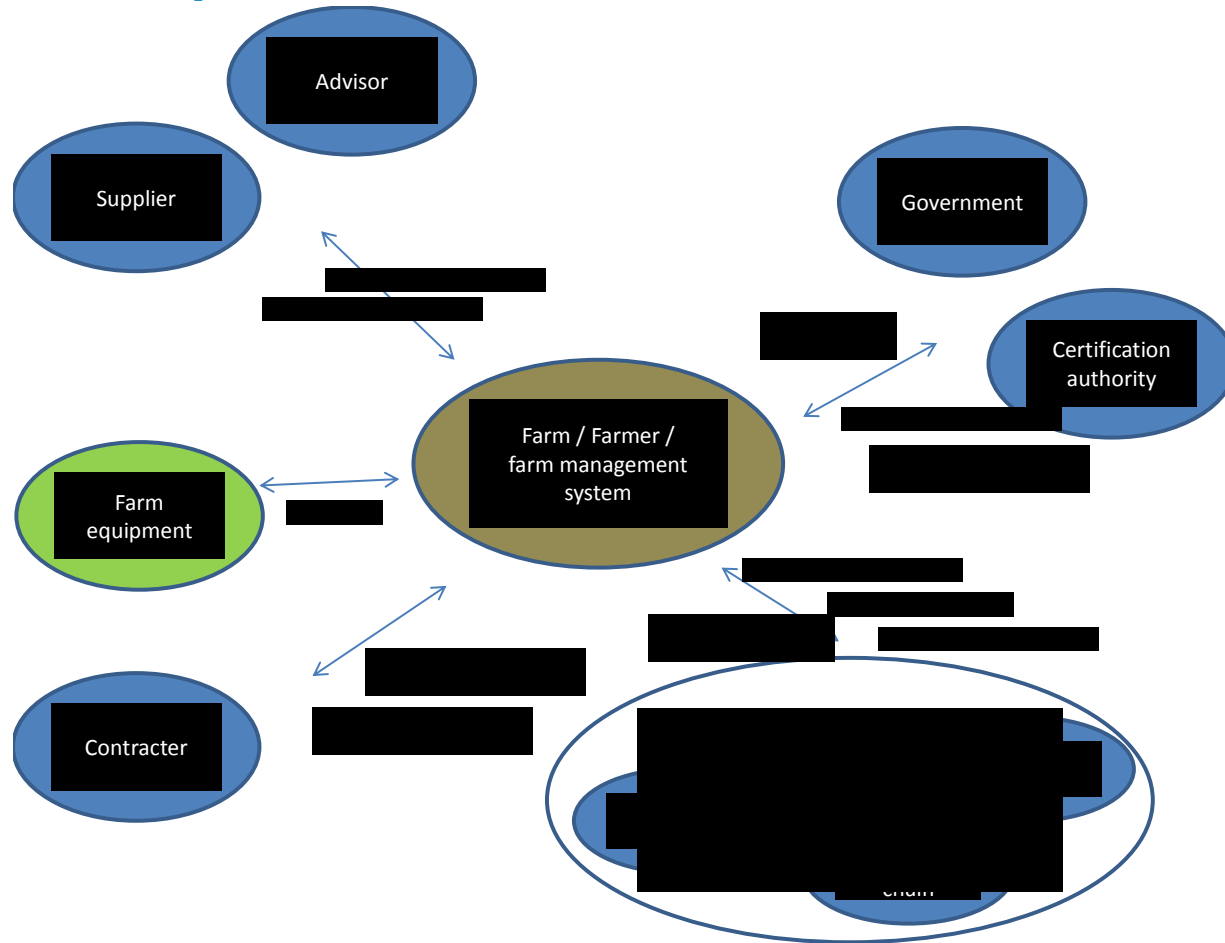
# The e-CROP domain

party





# E-CROP scope





## e Crop → food supply chain

### Parties:

- grower,
- advisor, contractor, supplier
- trader, processor, retailer
- consumer

### Use cases:

- advising
- farm operations:
  - planning and instruction
  - operation
  - monitoring
- product information
- certification



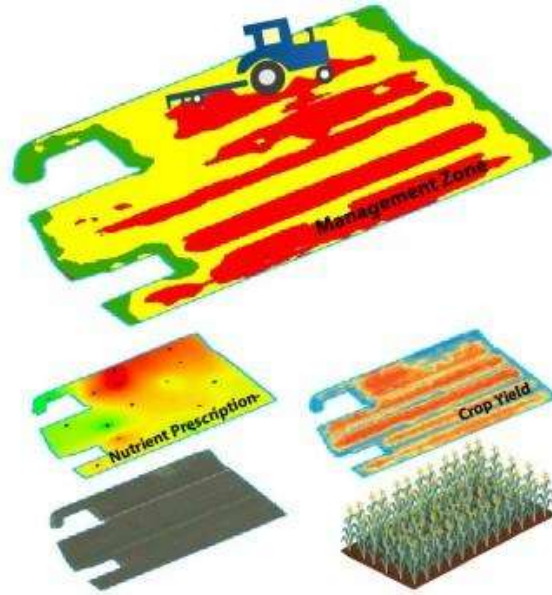
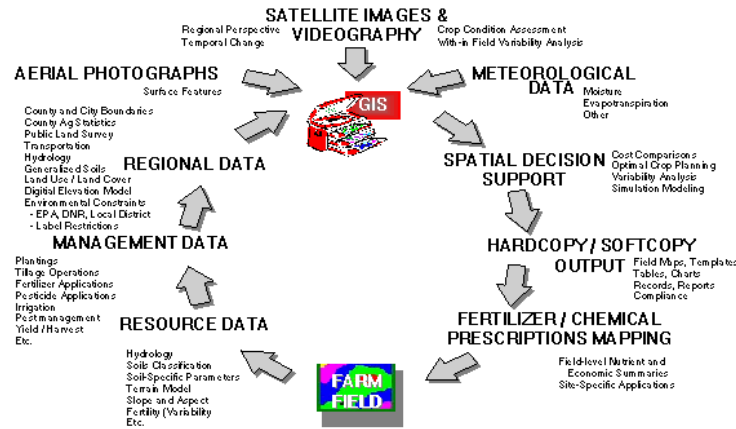
## e-CROP use cases support:

- Compliance
- Supply chain
- Cultivation
- Business to gouvernement



## And support in:

- Planning
- Operations
- Observations
- Report
  
- Regulations





# Example for a field B2B and B2G

Identification

Accuracy







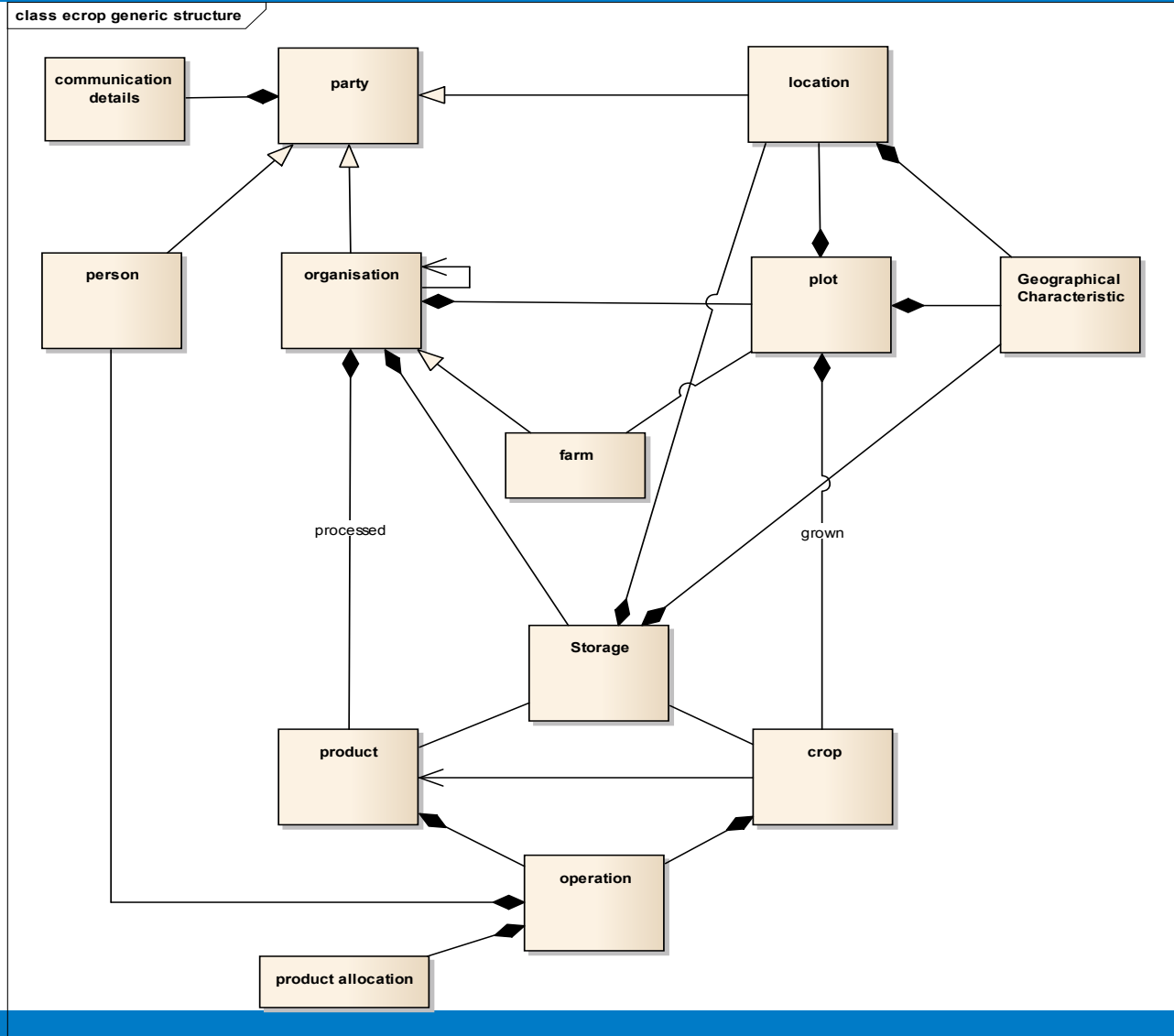
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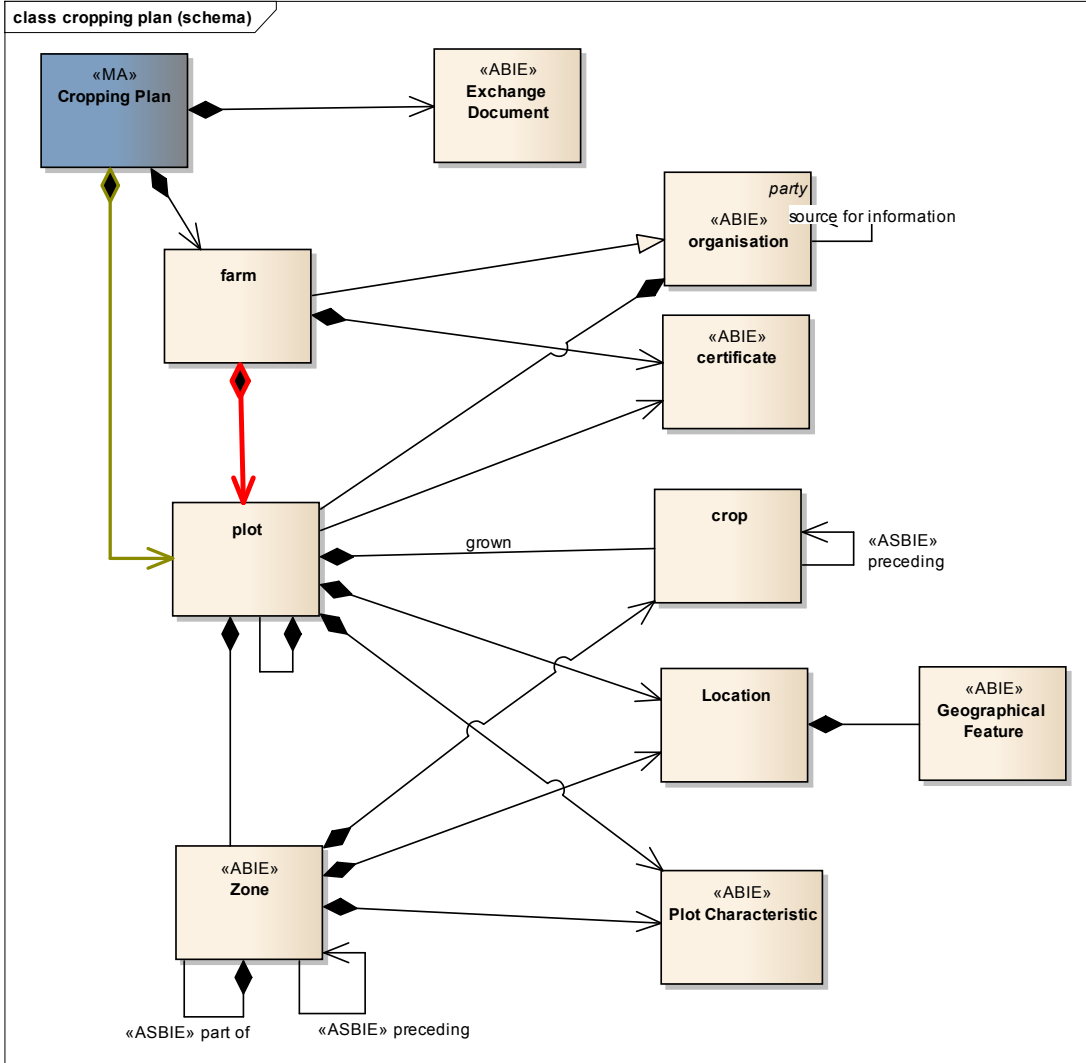
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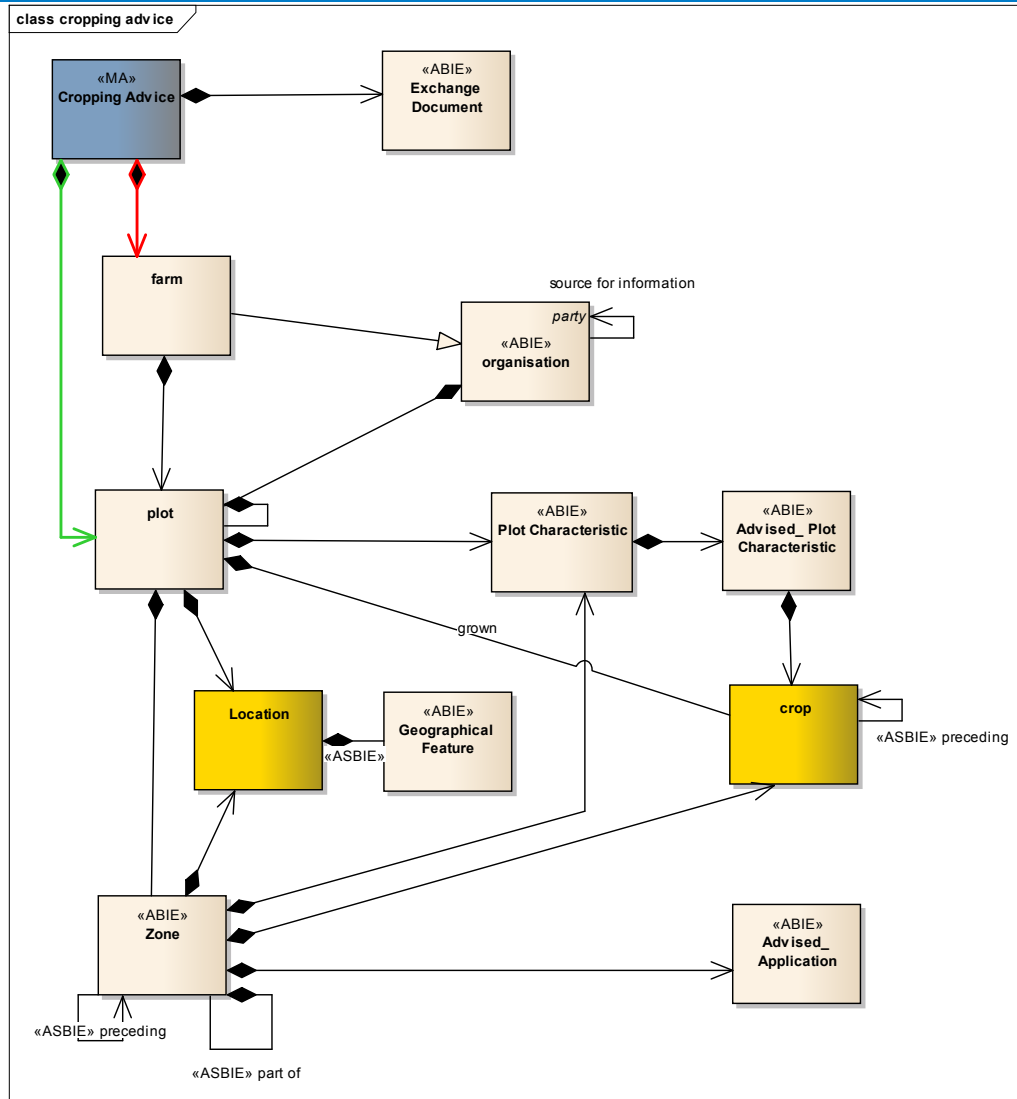
- Data Reference Model CROP
- UN/CEFACT Core Component Library
- Re-use elements of
  - eLAB,
  - Track and Trace,
  - eCERT



# Generic Structure e-CROP



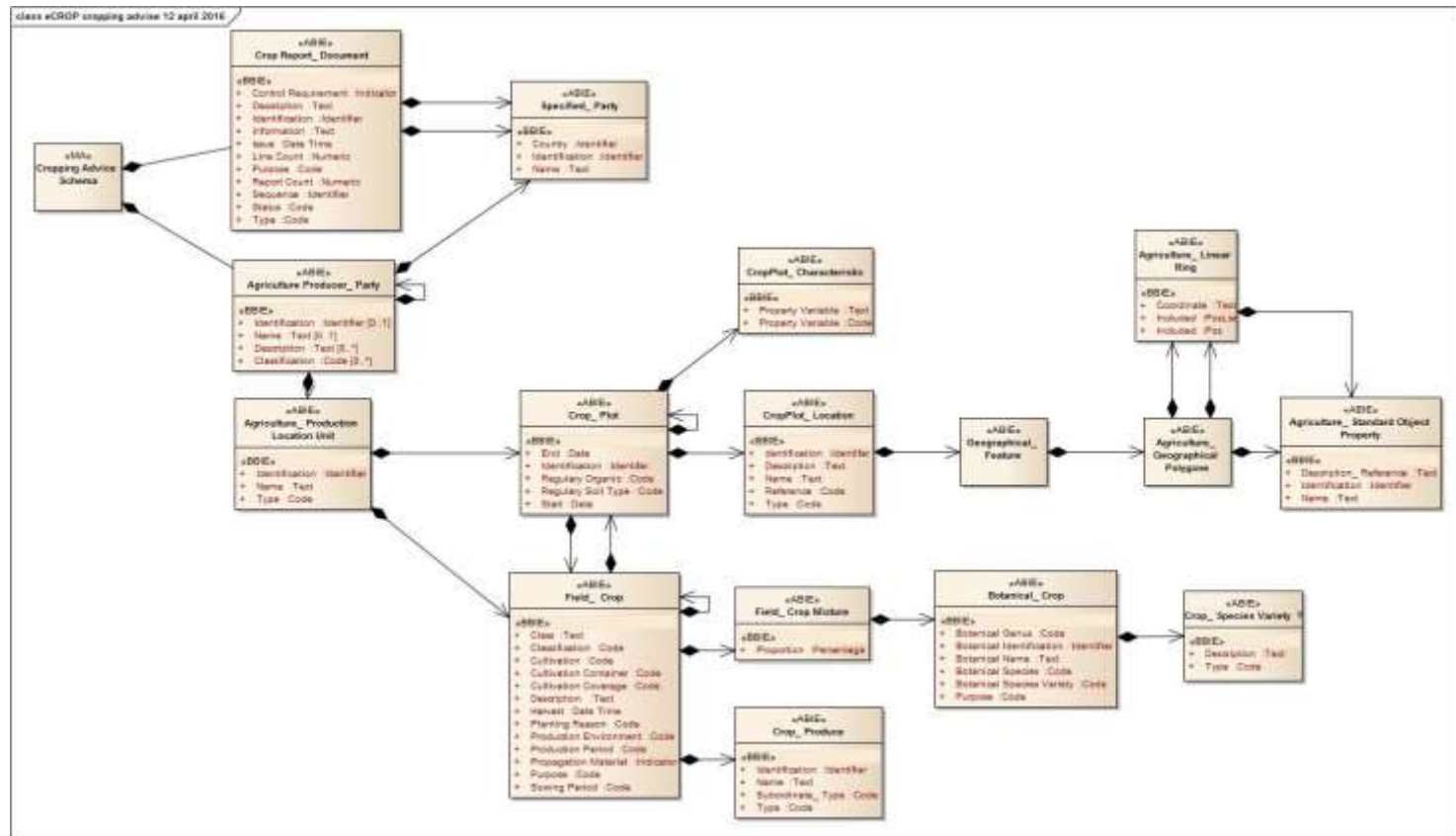






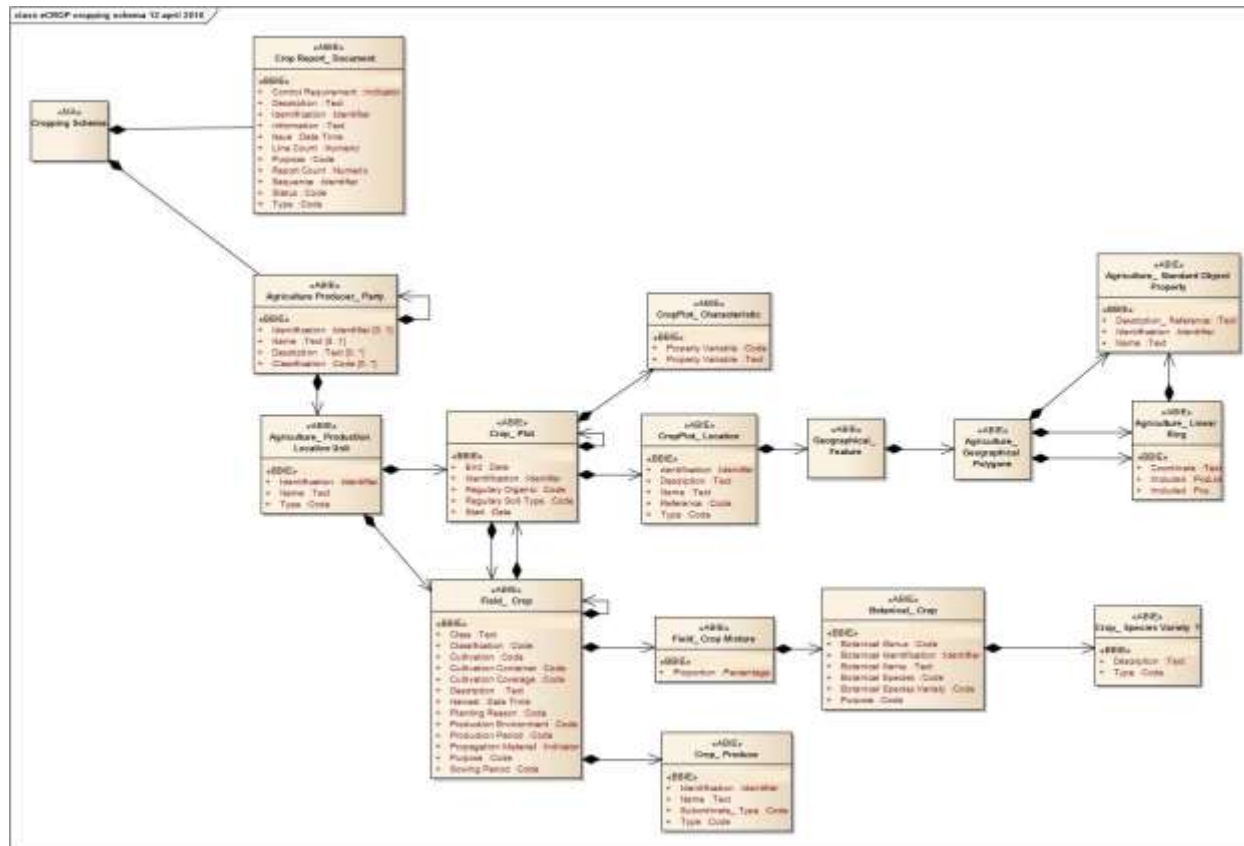


# Crop Advise





# Cropping schema





# Geographical information

- Support for advanced features (multi point, line, arc, multi polygon, surface, 3D, grids)
- Support for field production and greenhouse cultivation
- Harmonised to OGC specifications
- Interoperable with
  - GIS applications
  - ISObus







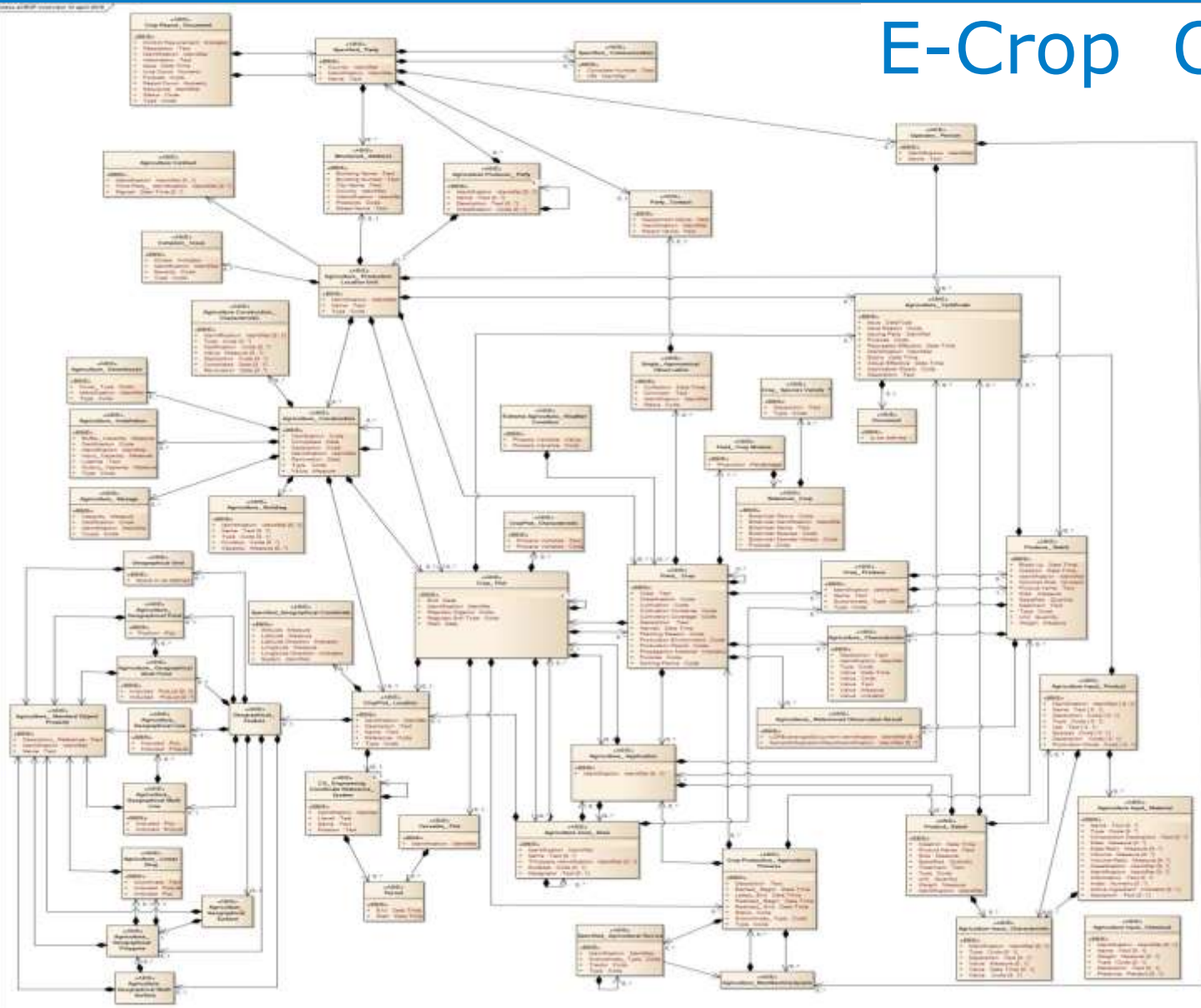
# E-Crop Overview

386 Objects:

47 ABIE

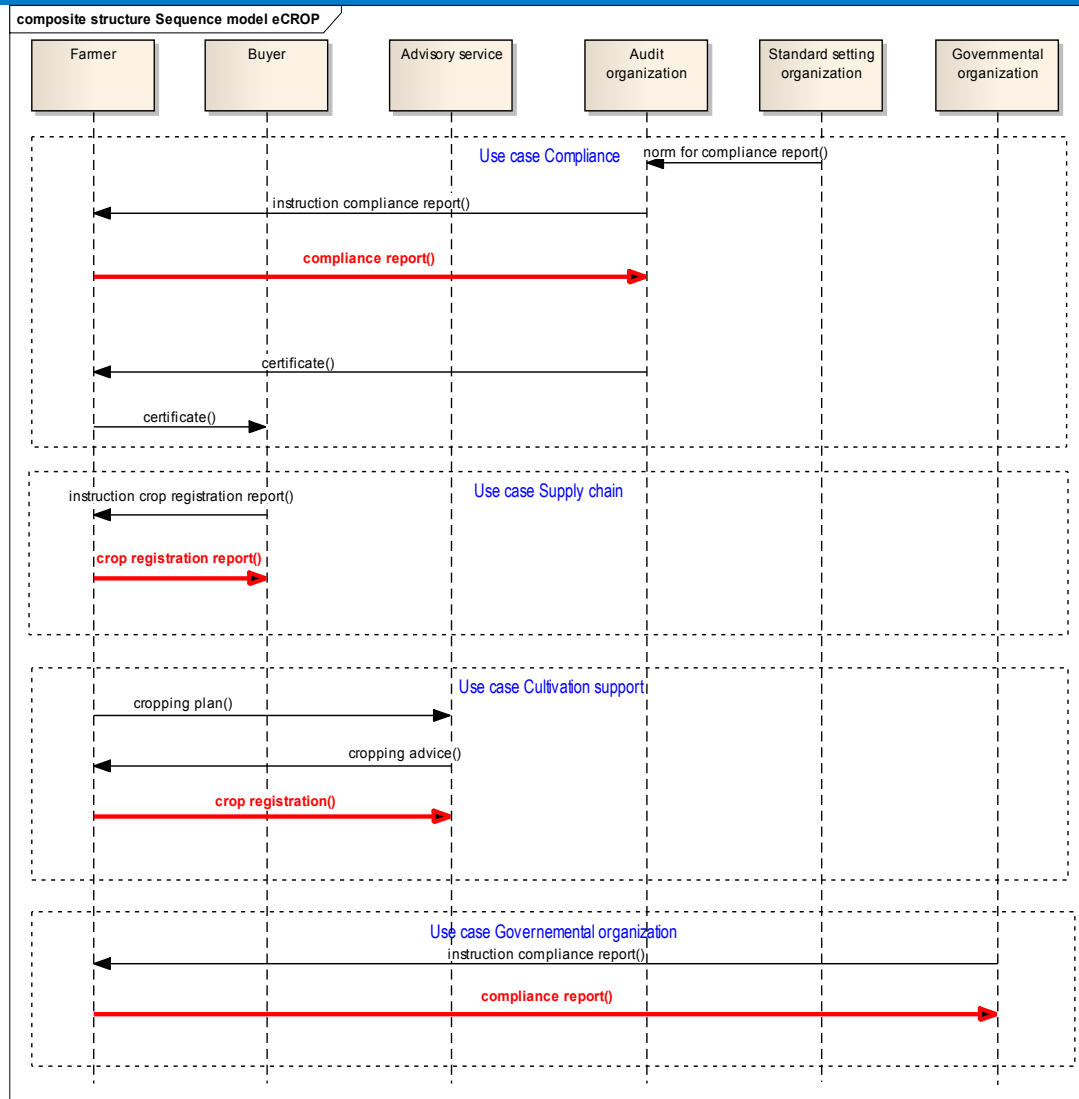
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123 ASBIE





# Message sequence





# e-CROP (fresh) message

- Crop specifications
  - Start date, harvest date, variety, production location
- Data about treatments
  - Fertilizers
  - Pesticides
  - Use of energy and water
- Data about labor
- Certificates (Global GAP, MPS, SPS E-Cert)



# e-CROP (arable) farming message

- Advice support
- Cropping scheme
- Farm operations
- Crop report



# Developments

- code lists
- identifiers (party, location, product)
- geographical information (points, polygons, grids)



# Code lists

- product coding (GPC)
- plant variety
- plant protection chemicals
- applicants
- packaging
- ...



# Identifiers

- Party: farmer, farm, trader, cooperative  
GLN, other
- Location: farmsite, storage, field,  
crop field, treatment zone,  
harvest zone  
GLN, other
- Product: individual, batch, lot,  
stored and or packed product  
aggregation / deaggregation of batches  
GTIN, SGTIN, other





## eCROP planning

- Project initiation 2015
- Draft BRS April 2016
- BRS approved (BRS needs to be updated) Sept 2016
- Harmonisation UNCEFACT CCL Mar 2017
- Publication in CCL 17A XML schemas June 2017



# Documentation

- Business Requirement Specification
- Requirement Specification Mapping



- XML schema
  - eCROP
  - Cropping advise
  - Cropping schema
  - Crop recording
  - Crop reporting
  - ...
- Implementation guideline



- Implementation



# Track and Trace Plant and Plant product

- Event driven
  - Event: modification of location, product, process transport or party
- Recording of events
- Retrieving information about events.
- Based on
  - Who, What, Why, Where, When
  - generic level ISO / IEC 19987 (EPCIS)
  - detailed level for plant and product details



## E-LAB: 3 messages

- Request for laboratory observations
- Report laboratory observations
- Acknowledge message

Practised for

- Residues on fruit and vegetables
- Mineral (fertiliser) management
- Soil sample observation results
- Dairy farming
- Animal health, animal products



# Status UNCEFACT messages schemes

- in production
  - SPS e-CERT
  - e-DAPLOS
  - e-LAB
  - TT events and TT animals
- Under development
  - e-CROP (2017)
  - TT plant, plant product, animal product (2017)



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