

THE INTEGRATION ARCHITECT

EUROPEAN WEEKLY OBSERVATIONS ON INTERFACES, INTEROPERABILITY AND DECOUPLING

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CENTRAL OBSERVATION European control is increasingly expressed as versioned interfaces, validation rules and stop conditions.

WEEKLY SELECTION · FIVE SIGNALS FROM A WIDER SCAN OF POLICY, LAW, THREATS, STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY

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MiCA needs enforceable service boundaries
ESMA · 8 OCT 2026 · SOURCE 1

FACT ESMA told MiCA authorised providers to stop EU services involving non-compliant stablecoins and remediate existing exposure within three months.

IMPACT Providers must prevent acquisition or increased exposure while enabling controlled exit.

TENSION One token may cross trading, custody, advice and transfer interfaces.

DECISION Centralise status policy and test stop, withdrawal and reconciliation events.
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EBA 4.4 is an integration contract
EBA · 12 OCT 2026 · SOURCE 2

FACT EBA released framework 4.4 Phase 1 with a Data Point Model, validation rules and XBRL taxonomies for IFRS 18, ESG and amended disclosures.

IMPACT DPM, XBRL and validation rules define machine-readable exchange.

TENSION Conformance to syntax does not resolve different source semantics.

DECISION Version mappings, validation services, corrections and acknowledgements.
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GitLab sits inside the delivery chain
CERT-EU · 12 OCT 2026 · SOURCE 3

FACT CERT-EU reported a CVSS 10.0 flaw in self-managed GitLab that can allow unauthenticated code execution through CI/CD configuration.

IMPACT CI/CD configuration can trigger code execution and expose protected variables.

TENSION Isolation protects the platform and can halt every automated release path.

DECISION Map integrations, rotate tokens and verify queues and artefacts after recovery.
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Smart glasses add edge interfaces
EDPB · 13 OCT 2026 · SOURCE 4

FACT EDPB issued preliminary guidance on smart glasses, shared controller duties and reliable signals that make recording visible to bystanders.

IMPACT Devices connect sensors, apps, identity, cloud storage and notification cues.

TENSION A reliable recording signal can fail independently of the data flow.

DECISION Treat notice state, capture state and upload state as testable events.
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AI tools multiply hidden interfaces
EUROPEAN COMMISSION · 14 OCT 2026 · SOURCE 5

FACT An EU survey found 42% of SMEs and mid-caps use AI or algorithmic management; 21% plan to, while legal uncertainty is a leading barrier.

IMPACT Experimental AI often enters customer service, monitoring and scheduling.

TENSION Fast adoption creates undocumented data flows and provider dependencies.

DECISION Register endpoints, context sent, error behaviour, fallback and deletion.

SECTOR IMPACT
Material implications in this edition

 **PUBLIC SECTOR** **DIRECT**
Wearables and AI add interfaces.
Register data flow, notice and fallback.



FINANCIAL SERVICES **DIRECT**
MiCA and XBRL require versioned controls. Test rejection and correction.



HEALTHCARE **DIRECT**
Device cues and uploads must agree.
Test offline, consent and deletion.



ENERGY **CONDITIONAL**
AI and CI/CD affect operations. Isolate interfaces from control networks.



LOGISTICS **DIRECT**
Scheduling links multiply. Test stale data, override and replay.



INDUSTRY + MFG. **DIRECT**
Delivery chains use shared tokens.
Rotate and validate downstream state.



SERVICES **DIRECT**
AI endpoints enter channels. Document errors, fallback and provider exit.

DECISION AGENDA

ACT NOW	ASSESS	WATCH	TRIGGER
Integration owners inventory GitLab tokens and AI endpoints, including owner and kill switch.	Test MiCA stop events, XBRL rejection and wearable offline states; retain evidence.	Follow EBA Phase 2 and device signalling standards for stable interface contracts.	Reopen architecture when a mandatory control cannot propagate, reconcile or fail safely.

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