



# Identification and Evaluation of Use Cases for inter-organizational Business Capability Modeling

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## **Motivation**



**Collaboration** becomes increasingly important for companies – inter-organizational collaboration instead of competition (Diirr et al., 2018)



Importance of inter-organizational collaboration in Enterprise Architecture Management (EAM)

#### **Different directions of collaboration**

In this thesis focus on horizontal collaboration:

Use Cases

Collaboration partners are competitors from the same industry sectors with the same/similar capabilities

Challenges

Success Factors

Creation of a common Business Capability Map as collaborative visualization tool

The task of Business Capability Modelling in horizontal inter-organizational collaboration?

**Thesis Goal:** 

## Motivation – Introduction Business Capability Modeling (BCM)

A **business capability** defines the organization's capacity to successfully perform a unique business activity.

 describes what an enterprise does and not how  abstracts and encapsulates the people, process/procedures, technology, and information

#### Typical modeling result is a **Business Capability Map**:

A visual representation of a nested hierarchy of the main functions in the enterprise which are necessary to support the company's business model and which reflects the company's strategic direction.

Usage context described within **one** organization and not in the context of EAM collaboration



Example of a BCM (Bondel et al., 2018)

#### Source: Beimborn et al., 2005

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#### **Partner Overview**



#### Study Design

Research follows a Design Science Approach (Hevner et al., 2013; Peffers et al., 2007) - **Use Cases as Artefacts** 



#### Case study design according to Yin (2014)

- Multi-case study
- Survey followed by semi-structured interviews

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## **Current State - Explanatory construct**



Impact of factors influencing the usage of BCM in inter-organizational collaboration



## Current State – Identified Challenges within the Collaboration

#References	Collaboration Challenges
	Information/Knowledge sharing issues including inadequate
23	governance structure
15	Trust and commitment
11	Cooperation/Coordination/Control
9	Cultural diversity and conformity
8	Risk identification and management
7	Communication issues
6	Standardization
6	Ontology differences
5	Partner/s identification and selection
4	Inadequate/Fuzzy collaboration agreement
4	Intellectual property rights
4	Decision rights apportionment
4	Legal issues
4	Decision making process (slowness)
4	Personal relations
4	Communication between geographically separated teams
3	Specification of rules
3	Top management support/commitment
3	Process Modularization
3	Entering and exiting the network
3	Heterogeneity of partner
3	Achievement of operational alignment
2	Cost
2	Management of shared control
2	Selection of investment type

Sorted by number of references & cut of after "Selection of investment type" (Only most relevant challenges included – whole list includes 57 challenges )

- Prioritization & evaluation for BCM use cases
- Deduction of area of interest for the interviews -> identification of success factors and use cases

## Current State – First Results RQ1 Sample of Use Cases for BCM

Context	Use Cases	References
Intra-organizational	Application Lifecycle + extended support, Cloud Candidate, Capability Dependency, Harmonization, Investment Decisions, Infrastructure Components + extended support, Agile Team Staffing, IT Cost, Strategic Business and IT alignment,	(Khosroshahi et al., 2018; Bondel et al, 2018; Beimborn et al., 2015; , Kurnia, 2020; Aldea et al.,2015)
Inter-organizational	Business Capabilities Augmenting, Clarification of responsibilities	(Bakhtiyari et al., 2015; Tepandi et al., 2019)

#### Similar use cases found in inter/intra context with different characterizations

Context	Use Cases	Characteristics	References		
Intra-organizational	Outsourcing/Sourcing Decisions	Assessment of possible for in/-out sourcing of capabilities	(Keller, 2009; Beimborn et al., 2015; Wißotzki et al, 2013)		
Inter-organizational					
		Assessment for outsourcing & co-/in-sourcing of capabilities within the network/ sharing capabilities / creating new ones	(Bakhtiyari et al., 2015; Bakhtiyari et al., 2016)		
Intra-organizational	Compliance Issues	Assessment of possible compliance issues for each capability	(Khosroshahi et al., 2018)		
Inter-organizational		Integration of capabilities provided by government agencies for a network	(Bakhtiyari et al., 2016)		
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Focus at modeling part & collaboration form are business networks 🔶 horizontal collaboration

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# QUESTIONS?

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