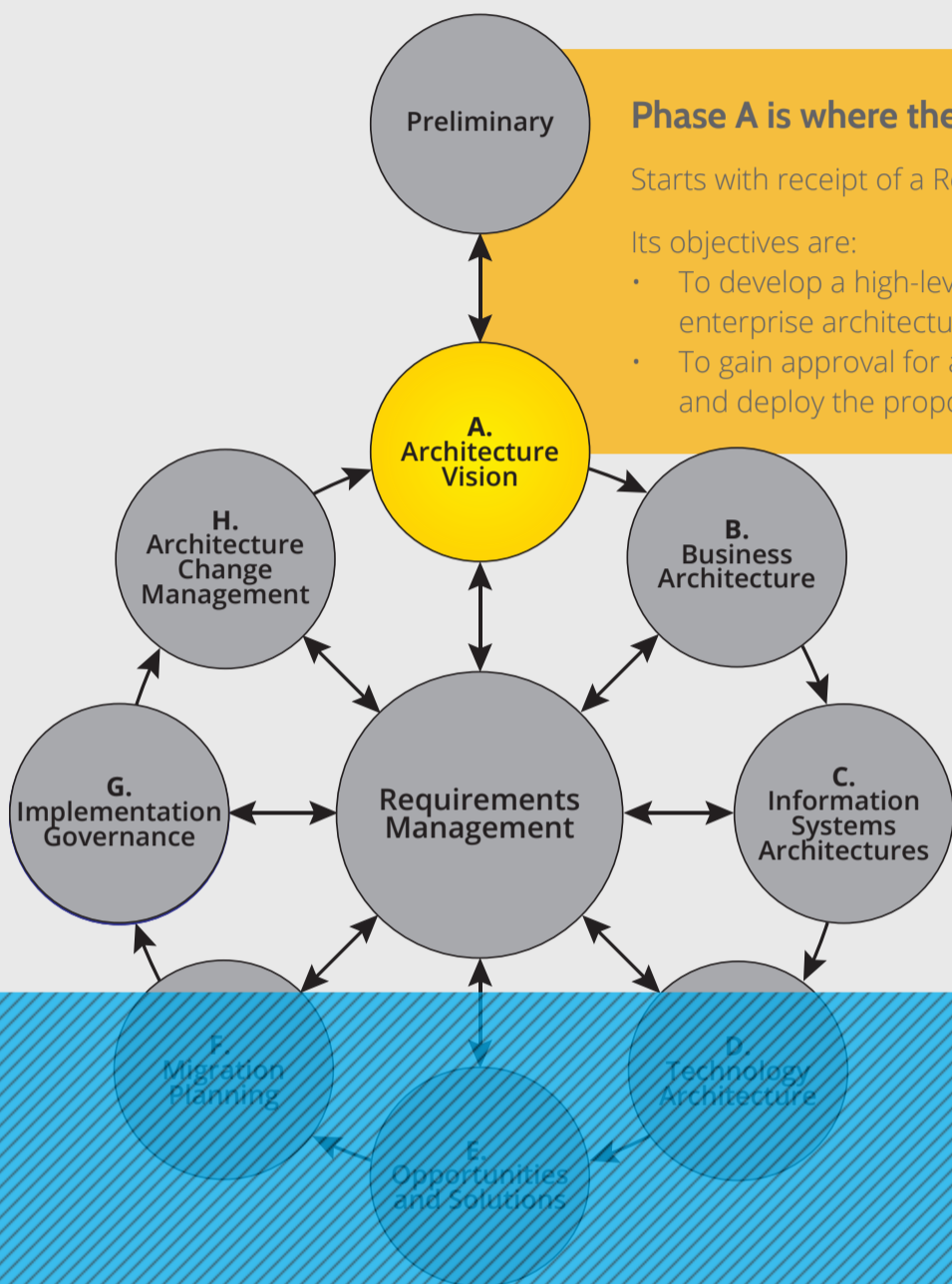


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Phase A - Architecture Vision

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Phase A - the initiating phase of ADM – is about defining the scope, identifying stakeholders, creating the Architecture Vision, and obtaining approvals. In this poster we summarize key points about this Phase.



Phase A is where the following are established:

Starts with receipt of a Request for Architecture Work .

Its objectives are:

- To develop a high-level vision of the capabilities and business value delivered by the proposed enterprise architecture, and
- To gain approval for a Statement of Architecture Work that defines the program of works to develop and deploy the proposed architecture.

Inputs

The key input is the Request for Architecture Work, together with everything necessary to outline an effective vision and proposed future architectures.

Reference Materials

- Any useful architecture reference materials (often from external sources)

Non-Architectural Inputs

- The Request for Architecture Work, plus related business principles, goals and drivers

Architectural Inputs

- The Organizational model for EA, including which organizations are impacted by the changes, maturity analysis, roles and responsibilities, and governance and support strategy
- Tailored Architecture Framework, covering the tailored method, content, principles and tools
- Populated Architecture Repository, including any existing documents

Steps

This Phase is vital for outlining a resolution to a problem, and technical terms – as an aid to communication, and securing stakeholder commitment.

all goals are important, but not all are significant or urgent.

- Establish the Project
- Identify Stakeholders, Concerns and Business Requirements
- Evaluate Business Capabilities
- Assess Readiness for Business Transformation
- Define Scope
- Confirm and Debate Architecture Principles
- Define Enterprise Architecture Value Proposition
- Identify Business Transformation Plans and

This is where we start to get a definition of the future architectures –

later phases will expand these initial outputs to produce the detailed plan for proposed changes.

- Architecture Vision, including a problem description, key
- Draft Architecture Definition Document, including version 0.1 of baseline and target business, data, application and technology architectures
- A Capability Assessment
- A Communication Plan
- Updated principles, goals, drivers, and architecture framework

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