Quick Start Guide

This page suggests steps for reviewing your EA practice and continuing to mature it. Adapt these steps to your practice as needed.

1. Review Your EA Practice

See the EA Practice Maturity Reviews page for a template you can use to structure your review, and share it with your peers if desired.

Use the Maturity Model on a Page to get an overview of the maturity model.

Preferably as a group with the whole EA team, if applicable:

First, discuss the mission and scope of your EA practice. What are the overall goals of the practice?

Next, review where you stand today with regard to each attribute:

- The Scope Definition attribute describes how the scope of the EA practice is defined and evolved.
- The Engagement attribute describes how the EA practice engages stakeholders based on its Scope.
- The Impact Assessment attribute describes how the EA practice measures its performance within its Scope.
- The Delivery attribute describes the means by which the EA practice delivers value.
- The Management attribute describes how the EA practice manages itself.

2. Identify Actions

Review the descriptions of the five EA Practice Maturity Attributes. Each includes a table with potential Actions at each maturity level.

- Identify maturity attributes in which you would like to improve your EA practice.
- Within those attributes, identify actions that you would like to pursue.
- Don’t feel constrained to the actions shown -- other actions may be appropriate to your organization.

3. Apply the Guides

Each of the five pages for EA Practice Maturity Attributes includes a Resources section linking you to materials others have tagged as useful for growing maturity in this area.
The Methods for Maturity page lists all the resources in one place.

4. Plan and Execute

This is different for every EA practice, but can include:

- Get stakeholder buy-in and support for your goals for change
- Incorporate goals in your regular planning
- Break goals into parts for execution
- If needed, request funding or a project
- Check in periodically to make sure goals remain feasible
- Assess completion of each goal
- Share your success with stakeholders