



EA AS A SERVICE (EAAAS)

Service Definition Document



Service Overview

Enterprise Architect as a Service (EAaaS) provides flexible, outcome-focused access to experienced Enterprise Architects to support organisations shaping, governing, and delivering complex change.

EAaaS supports clients across early discovery and problem definition, option shaping and architectural design, delivery and implementation oversight, and transition into business-as-usual. Architects work across business, application, data, and technology domains to ensure change is coherent, sustainable, and aligned to organisational strategy, policy, and constraints.

The service focuses on enabling informed decision-making, reducing delivery and operational risk, and improving long-term outcomes, rather than producing architecture for its own sake.

EAaaS vs Permanent Enterprise Architect

EAaaS provides a practical alternative to permanent recruitment, particularly where architectural demand is episodic, programme-driven, or requires specific experience.

Key differences include:

- **Speed:** Architects can be mobilised within days rather than months
- **Flexibility:** Scale architecture support up or down without long-term employment commitment
- **Reduced overhead:** No recruitment, onboarding, or ongoing employment costs
- **Breadth of experience:** Access to architects with experience across multiple sectors, operating models, and technologies
- **Independence:** Objective challenge and assurance, supporting better strategic and investment decisions

EAaaS is well suited to early discovery and problem definition, transformation and

modernisation programmes, and delivery environments where architectural demand fluctuates over time.

Service Description

Under EAaaS, Speculo Consulting provides suitably skilled Enterprise Architects on an on-demand or retained basis. Architects can be mobilised quickly and scaled up or down as priorities change. The service can be used standalone or alongside wider Transformation-as-a-Service offerings.

The service emphasises:

- Clear architectural principles and guardrails
- Alignment between strategy, operating model, and technology
- Proportionate architecture appropriate to the scale and risk of change
- Pragmatic decision support rather than theoretical modelling

In Scope Activities

Typical activities include:

- Architectural discovery and baseline assessment
- Definition of architectural principles, standards, and guardrails
- Target-state and transition architecture definition
- Options appraisal and architectural decision support
- Application, data, integration, and technology architecture design
- Support to procurement, supplier engagement, and assurance
- Architecture oversight during delivery and implementation
- Technical and architectural risk identification and mitigation

Activities are tailored to each engagement and confirmed at onboarding.



Out of Scope

Unless explicitly agreed, the following are out of scope:

- Solution build or software development
- Programme or project management ownership
- Formal audit, accreditation, or regulatory sign-off
- Vendor commercial negotiation or procurement authority

These can be supported through adjacent services if required.

Deliverables

Deliverables are agreed proportionately based on engagement objectives and may include:

- Architecture discovery and assessment summaries
- Architecture principles and standards
- Target and transition architecture views
- Options appraisal and decision papers
- High-level and solution architecture artefacts
- Risk, dependency, and constraint assessments

Client templates are used where provided; otherwise, Speculo Consulting standards are applied.

Service Model

EAaaS can be consumed through the following models:

- **Ad-hoc support:** Short-term or task-based architecture input
- **Retained service:** A fixed allocation of EA days per month
- **Embedded resource:** An Enterprise Architect embedded within a client team or programme

The service can flex between models over time.

Roles and Responsibilities

Speculo Consulting:

- Provide appropriately skilled Enterprise Architects
- Maintain service continuity and architectural quality
- Provide light-touch service oversight and reporting

Client:

- Provide access to stakeholders, information, and systems
- Set priorities and architectural decision-making authority
- Review and approve architectural outputs in a timely manner

Onboarding and Transition

Onboarding typically includes:

- Confirmation of objectives, scope, and architectural focus
- Alignment to governance, assurance, and ways of working
- Access, security, and onboarding arrangements
- Agreement of reporting and engagement cadence

Mobilisation is designed to be rapid, typically within days.

Management and Reporting

Service management is proportionate and aligned to G-Cloud expectations, and may include:

- Regular progress and architecture status updates
- Activity and utilisation reporting
- Risk, issue, and dependency tracking
- Alignment to programme, portfolio, or design authority governance



Key Benefits

- Rapid access to experienced Enterprise Architects
- Flexible consumption aligned to demand
- Reduced recruitment and onboarding overhead
- Coherent, joined-up change across business and technology
- Improved delivery confidence and long-term sustainability

Pricing and Commercial Model

Pricing is based on transparent rate cards and may include:

- Daily rates
- Retained monthly capacity
- Blended role models where appropriate

All pricing is agreed in advance and aligned to G-Cloud principles.

Testimonials

Available on request.

Suitable Clients and Use Cases

EAaaS is well suited to:

- Public sector and arm's-length bodies
- Organisations undertaking large-scale transformation or modernisation
- Programmes requiring architectural coherence across multiple initiatives
- Early-stage discovery, option shaping, and investment planning
- Delivery environments requiring independent architectural oversight