



ECAI Publication and Project Comparison Checklist

*Authors participate in ECAI by submitting compliant metadata to the metadata clearinghouse. This permits users to find spatial data and linked resources, and to display the mappable characteristics of any author's work using the TimeMapView interface. ECAI accepts both **projects** and **publications**. This document is intended to assist affiliates in determining which alternative is appropriate for them. Please see "Publication Design Guide," "Publication Submission Guidelines," and "Publication Process Guide" for more information about the ECAI publication program.*

1. Elements:

Project	Publication
Spatial data	Spatial data: well documented, indicates standard of error, and is rights-cleared
ECAI compliant metadata	ECAI compliant metadata
Project architecture: allows visibility using the TimeMapView interface	Project architecture: allows visibility using the TimeMapView interface, incorporates visually pleasing graphic design decisions, and is easily navigable
Optional additional resources (raster maps, text or image web resources, web applications)	Optional additional resources: well documented, indicate standard of error, and are rights-cleared
	Preface: an authored document introducing the publication and describing its intellectual contribution
	Reviews: internal technical review, internal persistence review, external technical and content reviews

2. Process

Project	Publication
Statement of interest	Statement of interest
	Prospectus submission
Create architecture	Internal review: author(s) and ECAI publication task force or technical associates create architecture and project development plan
	Contract
Complete project Write metadata	Draft submission: in accordance with project development decisions, this includes spatial data, an authored

	document, associated resources, internal reviews, and metadata
	External review
	Revised submission
Mount on server	Implementation and publication: publication is available in a format and on a server that allows long-term access, and components are archived

3. How to choose?

Project	Publication
Simple process	More involved process
Limited assistance from editorial and technical bodies	Extensive assistance from editorial and technical bodies
Not peer reviewed	Peer reviewed
May be passworded	Widely accessible
Datasets or digital museum collections may stand alone (authored text is optional)	Datasets or digital collections are intellectually coherent and accompanied by an authored text
Almost all work is accepted	Prospectus goes through an extensive review procedure before publication is accepted for development