



# STORK Workshop

**Electronic Identity: easy access to public services across the EU**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2008, Madrid, Spain**

**STORK (Secure idenTity acRoss boRders linKed)**, aims at implementing a EU-wide recognition of electronic identity that will enable businesses, citizens and government employees to use their national electronic identities in any Member State. It will simplify administrative formalities by providing secure online access to public services across EU borders.

**STORK** is a Large Scale Pilot (LSP) to ensure cross-border recognition of national electronic identity (eID) systems and enable easy access to public services in 13 Member States. Throughout the EU, some 30 million national eID cards are used by citizens to access a variety of public services such as claiming social security and unemployment benefits or filing tax returns. The project will run for three years and receive €10 million funding from the European Commission and an equal contribution from the participating partners.

It will test some of the most useful eID services by defining a set of common specifications that allow for the secure recognition of different national eIDs between the participants and will be accessible to other countries. Its objectives are the following: to define common rules and specifications to assist mutual recognition of eIDs across national borders, to test in real life environments, secure and easy-to-use eID solutions for citizens and businesses and to interact with other EU initiatives to maximize the usefulness of eID services.

"Electronic Identities do not yet do enough for mobile EU citizens," said Viviane Reding, Commissioner for Information Society and Media. "By taking advantage of the development in national eID systems and promoting mutual recognition of electronic identities between Member States, this project moves us a step closer to seamless movement between EU countries that Europeans expect from a borderless Single European Market."

The implementation of online public services is progressing rapidly throughout the EU. A Belgian taxi driver can prepare and submit tax returns online while eID cards make it possible for an Estonian nurse to quickly check pension entitlements. However, the benefits of these services disappear when citizens try to use one country's card to access another country's service.

The European Commission, 13 of the 27 EU Member States (Austria, Belgium, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom) and Iceland (party to the European Economic Area agreement with the EU) will work together to enable different national Electronic Identity schemes to be recognised across national borders.

The project will result in the smooth cross- border operation of several key public services. The solution will be scalable to all EU Member States with measurable benefits and save time and money with safer transactions, less fraud, better control over personal data and simplified procedures. The solutions developed and the experience gained by the project team will be shared with all states whether or not participating in the pilot.

Without replacing national schemes, the new system will allow citizens to identify themselves electronically in a secure way and deal with public administrations either from public offices, from their PC or ideally from any other mobile device. It means, for example that a student will be able to register in a foreign university using his/her home country's electronic identity. Some cross-border services already exist, including a Belgian web portal which allows foreign companies to register to employ citizens from Sweden, for example. After completion of the project this should be possible using their national electronic identity card.

This workshop offers the industry and other interested parties the opportunity to learn of the principals, issues and possible solutions being proposed by the STORK consortium plus the opportunity for questions and feedback with key representatives in a neutral forum.

## Agenda

- 16.00 – 16.30** coffee
- 16.30 – 16.40** **Welcome, Overview and objectives by Chairman**  
*Vasilis Koulolias, gov2u, or Capgemini or Atos Origin*
- 16.40 – 16.50** **Round Table Introductions – All delegates**  
*Learn of delegates association, work areas and specific interest in the meeting.*
- 16.50 – 17.00** **eID Inventory, Trust and Application Groups** (Work package 2)  
*Jan Timmermans, Netherlands (confirmed)*
- 17.00 – 17.10** **eID and Upcoming Technologies** (Work package 3)  
*Reinhard Posch, Chief Information Officer, Austria (confirmed)*
- 17.10 – 17.20** **eID PROCESS FLOWS** (Work Package 4)  
*Jim Purves, IPS, UK (confirmed)*
- 17.20 – 17.30** **eID and Common Specifications** (Work package 5)  
*Miguel Álvarez Rodríguez, The Ministry of Public Administration (confirmed)*
- 17.30 – 17.45** **PILOTS** (Work package 6)  
*Jim Purves, IPS, UK (confirmed)*  
**WP 6.5 Change of address**  
*Renato Portela, Project Manager, PT Multicert (confirmed)*
- 17.45 – 18.00** **Panel and Round table discussion** (this time can be extended if required)
- 18.00** **Wrap up**