



EEMA delivering on its year of ambition

At the start of this year we announced our most ambitious programme of events that would be running alongside EEMA's Horizon 2020 project activities DE4A and LOCARD – and a raft of new member-focused initiatives. Much has changed since January, but it is with great pride that I can report that EEMA has to-date hosted its first ever virtual two-day annual conference, as well as three High-Level Fireside Briefings. As we enter the final quarter of 2020, we are excited to announce that not only will ISSE 2020 take place as a virtual conference, but that it returns to its three-day format.



Taking place on the 17th, 18th and 19th of November, ISSE 2020 will deliver a 'vision for European Security and Trust'. Being a virtual conference it is the perfect opportunity for members and non-members from across Europe and beyond, that have not had the opportunity to join us in Brussels, to participate. Furthermore, with support of our sponsors, Microsoft, I am delighted to reveal that 22nd ISSE will be free-to-attend.

The full agenda will be published shortly at www.isse.eu.com, however, I can assure you that it will include the ever popular and greatly anticipated 'Cryptographic Year in Review', delivered by EEMA Board Member, Professor Bart Preneel, of KU Leuven.

I would like to thank everyone that has made it possible for EEMA to deliver on the programme we set out to deliver at the start of the year and I look forward to joining you in November for ISSE.



Jon Shamah, Chair of EEMA



Social suggestions

There is some excellent content being shared by the EEMA team, individual and member organisations, as well as projects and partners. Here are the top ten Twitter accounts we suggest following this month:



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EEMA through the ages: 2000 – 2010

EEMA is a respected project partner, working on a plethora of European Union initiatives. Its involvement in such activity began in 2001, when together with a consortium of 13 European organisations it ran the PKI Interoperability Challenge (pkiC), a two-year project fully-funded by the EC, to foster a secure e-commerce environment for users and service providers, through the enhancement of interoperability between a large variety of PKI (public key infrastructure) and PKA (PKI-enabled applications) technologies from the world's major PKI/PKA vendors.

EEMA continued to build on the success of the first ISSE throughout the 00's with the annual event being hosted in Barcelona, London, Paris, Vienna, Berlin, Rome (where a fire destroyed the venue two weeks before the conference, and it relocated to a convent conference centre (not a 'habit' for future ISSE's!), Madrid and The Hague. The event was also welcomed by the governments of Poland and Hungary following both countries ascending the EU in 2004.

It was during this time EEMA began its focus on electronic identity. In 2005, it announced plans to bring together industry players to review, debate and plan for the future of e-ID cards for EU member states. In 2006, EEMA's 19th Annual Conference was titled 'The European e-Identity Conference, and this continued through to 2013 when it was rebranded as Digital Enterprise Europe, in response to the transformation journey that many organisations were embarking on and continue to do so to this day.



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