EEMA has joined forces with other associations, projects and expert organisations to launch the go.eIDAS-Initiative, to support the widespread adoption of eID and trust services according to the eIDAS-Regulation (EU) No 910/2014. This innovative regulation provides a digital 'level playing field' which influences every facet of trade - digital or physical. It is focused on reducing the friction of trading within the European Single Market, and is applicable to every Member State.

The main goals of the go.eIDAS-Initiative are to:
• Raise awareness for eIDAS in Europe and beyond
• Point out the benefits of eIDAS within application services and illustrate the huge trade opportunity for the EU related to pushing the eIDAS model and framework internationally
• Demonstrate the ease of use of eID and trust services
• Support the integration of eID and trust services into application services, with a special focus on small and medium enterprises in selected sectors, such as transportation, financial services and online-platforms
• Promote the use and uptake of eIDAS in mobile environments
• Support the development of the eIDAS-Ecosystem and the internal market
• Promote interoperability among eIDAS-related solution components
• Support the creation of a sustainable network of eIDAS stakeholders

The go.eIDAS-Initiative has been initiated by EEMA, BITKOM, Buergerservice, ecsec, European Trust Foundation, Fraunhofer Institute for Industrial Engineering IAO, FutureTrust, Kantara Initiative, LIGHTest, NorStella, OSI, Procilon and TeleTrusT.

There will be a dedicated go.eIDAS and FutureTrust project session at ISSE 2018 in Brussels on 6th November, that will include a presentation from Andrea Servida, Head of Unit, eGovernment & Trust, DG Connect, European Commission.
Debating decentralised identity

We are the custodians of our own identity in the real-world so why not in the digital world? But when passwords are easily forgotten and backing up of data is not a habit, the question is whether it is in our best interests to be in control and do we really want to. The debate between the expert panel was hugely insightful and promoted much discussion.

“If I am not in control it is dangerous. I don't know what it is going to be used for,” commented Evgeny, adding: “Centralisation is vulnerable. We need to embrace everything that is not centralised.” David put the case for a shift towards a citizen-centric approach to encourage adoption of a more decentralised approach, arguing that: “If I am in charge of my identity it removes friction, effort, risk and cost. It promotes trust innovation and resilience, increasing quality, improving productivity, revenue and outcomes.”

John-Erik offered a word of caution: “We all want someone to call when we have a problem. If we go full self-sovereign identity it is game over.” Making the point that if data is held in a citizens own ‘data store’ and they are the only one with the key, if it is ‘lost’ then what happens next? He put forward the idea of trusted identity custodians that people can elect to manage their identity ‘data store’ on their behalf, but the key is held by a separate key custodian of the persons choosing.

What is certain is the debate for and against decentralised identity will rage on and EEMA will be at the forefront providing the platform for discussion and progress.

External call for papers - SPNCE 2019

A Call for Papers has been made for the 2nd EAI International Conference on Security and Privacy in New Computing Environments conference, taking place on 13th and 14th April 2019 in Tianjin, China. Topics being considered include: Access control and authentication in new computing environments, blockchain, cyber security, data privacy, security and privacy in big data and security in IoT.

The deadline for submission is 30th November. For more information and to submit a paper visit: http://spnce.org/