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SkIDentity allows to go.eIDAS in just two minutes

[Michelau, 13th of December 2018] Within the scope of the non-profit go.eIDAS initiative, the eID experts from ecsec GmbH have provided smart integration components for various platforms, which allow to integrate notified electronic identification systems (eID) into popular applications in less than two minutes. In order to accelerate the widespread adoption of eID in Europe and beyond, the "eID.gratis!" offer based on the award-winning and certified SkIDentity service will be extended until Easter 2019.

go.eIDAS initiative aims at promoting eID and trust services in Europe and beyond

Against the background of the cross-border recognition of notified electronic identification systems (eID), which has started on 29th of September 2018, leading European associations, projects and expert organizations have joined forces in the non-profit go.eIDAS initiative to promote the adoption of electronic identification and trust services in accordance with the eIDAS-Regulation (EU) No 910/2014. The go.eIDAS initiative supports the development of the eIDAS-Ecosystem by providing appropriate software components that facilitate the use of eID and trust services in Europe and beyond.

eID integration with "SkIDentity Cloud Connector" possible in less than two minutes

An important concept of the eIDAS-Regulation is that the EU Member States can notify their national eID system, so that the issued identification means are recognized by other EU Member States for cross-border authentication following an in-depth peer review process. First EU Member States, such as Germany, Estonia and Luxembourg for example have already successfully completed the notification procedure and other Member States, such as Belgium and Portugal are following.

While the integration of these notified identification systems into applications has been very time-consuming so far and typically required a dedicated development and integration project, which often took several weeks or even months, the eID integration now requires less than two minutes thanks to SkIDentity. The "SkIDentity Cloud Connector" is available for popular programming languages, such as Java, PHP, Go and Ruby for example, as well as for popular application systems, such as Drupal, Redmine, Liferay, Nextcloud or Wordpress and may be requested for any other application.

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"eID.gratis!" offer will be extended to support go.eIDAS until Easter 2019

In order to further promote the practical adoption of eID in Europe and beyond, the "eID.gratis!" offer, based on the award-winning and certified SkIDentity service, will be extended until Easter 2019. This means that the German ID card and corresponding identity documents from Belgium, Estonia, Georgia, Luxembourg, Portugal and Serbia can be used for free in online services for half a year.

Tutorial "How to go.eIDAS in 2 Minutes" at Open Identity Summit 2019 (27.-29.03.2019)

Following the recent publication of the updated Open eCard platform, the "SkIDentity Cloud Connector" now provides another family of software components which further facilitates eID integration. "*The eIDAS-Regulation is a world-wide unique and truly remarkable framework*", added Dr. Detlef Hühnlein, Managing Director of ecsec GmbH. "*It takes three minutes to get a rough idea of eIDAS and the opportunities it brings along, but then you need just two more minutes to integrate these key technologies into your own applications.*"

How to integrate notified eID systems from Germany, Estonia, Luxembourg, Belgium and Portugal into your own applications within just two minutes will be explained in the hands-on tutorial "How to go.eIDAS in 2 Minutes", which is part of the go.eIDAS / Open Identity Summit 2019 (27th – 29th of March 2019 in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany). For a small foretaste of this tutorial, which will both suitable for decision makers and web developers, there is a short video preview.

About the go.eIDAS initiative

The go.eIDAS initiative (https://go.eID.AS) was initiated by leading European associations, projects and expert organizations in the field of eID and trust services and aims at the practical implementation of eIDAS Regulation (EU) 2014/910 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market. go.eIDAS is an open initiative that welcomes all interested organizations and individuals who want to support and promote the use of eIDAS in Europe and beyond.

About SkIDentity

The SkIDentity Service (https://skidentity.com) has been developed since 2012 with the support of the Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy (BMWi) within the "Trusted Cloud" initiative, the European Commission and the Bavarian Ministry of Finance by an interdisciplinary team, which is coordinated by ecsec GmbH and comprises experts from ENX Association, Fraunhofer institutes for industrial engineering (IAO) and computer graphics (IGD), OpenLimit SignCubes GmbH, Ruhr University of Bochum, University of Passau, Urospace GmbH and Versicherungswirtschaftlicher Datendienst GmbH. In addition the SkIDentity team is supported by major associations and federations such as the Federal Association for Information Technology, Telecommunications and New Media (Bundesverband Informationswirtschaft, Telekommunikation und neue Medien e.V., BITKOM), the German EuroCloud association (EuroCloud Deutschland_eco e.V.), the ProSTEP iViP association and TeleTrusT – IT Security Association Germany and well known enterprises such as DATEV eG, easy Login GmbH, media transfer AG, noris network AG, SAP AG, SiXFORM GmbH, Giesecke & Devrient GmbH and selected chambers of industry and commerce.

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About ecsec GmbH

ecsec (https://ecsec.de/en) is a specialized vendor of innovative solutions in the sector of security in the information and communication technology, security management, smart card technology, identity management, web security and electronic signature technology. Based on experiences from several consulting projects with international reach ecsec GmbH counts to the leading providers in this sector and supports well known customers within the conception and implementation of tailor-made solutions. Due to the observance of current results of science and technology and current and future international standards, an excellent consulting quality and sustainable customer prosperity are guaranteed.

About Open Identity Summit

The Open Identity Summit (https://openidentity.eu) has been the open forum for international experts since 2013, combining practical requirements and hands-on experience and with academic innovation in the areas of identity management, trust services, open source, end-to-end encryption and cloud computing. It promotes the standardisation in these areas as well and the free use of these key technologies. The next Open Identity Summit will take place from 27th to 29th of March 2019, in the Congress Center Garmisch-Partenkirchen, at the foot of the highest German summit (Zugspitze).

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