

Follow Up After Porvoo 11 in Coimbra



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Almost 100 representatives from 15 European countries, the USA and Canada, participated in the Porvoo 11 Conference.

The conference report highlights the topics, developments and ongoing challenges in specific key areas of common interest in e-ID .

Issues on the Agenda and Country Updates



There were in total 21 presentations in the conference, including also the update on U.S. Identity Management Activities.

Appreciation of host country keynote presentations



Mr. Antonio Martins (Vice Rector, University of Coimbra, Portugal) delivered the Opening Address at the Porvoo 11 Conference and welcomed the Group to the city of Coimbra.

Ms. Anabela Pedroso (Chief of Agency for Public Services Modernization, Portugal) presented the evolution of e-government in Portugal. Ms. Pedroso highlighted that it is important to continue developing electronic services but also to focus on the citizen's needs and expectations. According to Ms. Pedroso the first priority now is that in 2010 every citizen will be able to use electronic public services through the most suitable channel.

Resolution 1. The achievements and development in the field of electronic identification and electronic services



The Porvoo Group notices that several achievements have been accomplished in the field of electronic identification and electronic services, and the development is ongoing.

Status: The Porvoo Group continues to follow, with the great interest, the new achievements in the field of electronic identification and electronic services, and co-operates and participates into the key actions and discussions to guarantee the ongoing development.

Resolution 2. The aims and goals of the Group in the field of eID and electronic services



The Porvoo Group will consider more closely the aims and goals of the Group in the field of eID and electronic services; common vision is also needed in order to have interoperability. The Porvoo Group will put more focus on the Identity Management; education level of the employees, training for issuing the card and quality levels, and registration to prevent Identity Frauds.

Status: The discussions on the topics continues and the Group shall closely monitor the developments around the topics. The presentations of eID Interoperability are on the Porvoo 12 agenda.

Resolution 3. Closer connection to the European Union and various stakeholders



The Porvoo Group notices that there is a need for a person inside the Group working more closely with the European Union and various stakeholders.

Status: Closer connection to the European Union and various stakeholders is under discussion.

Resolution 4. the Country Updates



It was jointly agreed that the Group will find out how the Group would like to handle the Country Updates in the future, would there possibly be a separate session or a survey concerning the Country Updates. There will be send a questionnaire etc. to find out the views of the Porvoo Group members.

Status: The position of the Country Updates and the most suitable way to find out the views of the Group members is under discussion.

Resolution 5. The Porvoo Group rules



The Porvoo Group rules were accepted.

Status: The Porvoo Group rules have been applied. Some specifications and corrections to the rules have to be made.

Resolution 6. Next Meeting



The 12th Porvoo Group Conference will be held in Grosseto, Italy in October 2007.

Status: So, here we are now!