

Scheggi greetings
Electronic Identity Card conference

I would like to give a warm welcome to the attendees of this International convention organized by the Municipality of Grosseto and I wish everybody a great job and a pleasant permanence in our territory.

Considering the subject of this workshop, I really want to underline the importance of your contribution as specialists for a resolute improvement of the relation between citizens and public administration.

For sure, in fact, the Electronic Identity Card, can be considered the key that opens the door of e-Government services. Their development, is strategic in a logic of procedures simplification and standardization through which companies and citizens can communicate with the different levels of public administrations.

The Ministry for innovation and technology have made an effort in this direction without precedents by implementing the e-government investing 900 millions Euro and activating " digital construction sites" to equip the Municipality and local corporations of structures able to put each other and the citizen in communication and therefore making information much easier then before.

Within this picture, the Electronic Identity Card, is, up to now, with a derogation that will expire on the 31st of December 2007, the only authentication tool provided for in the Code of the Digital Management to access web services delivered by the Public Administrations and, as such, is an essential tool for the technological innovation and the modernization of the administrative machine.

In fact, besides its traditional function as identity card, the real added value of the Electronic Identity Card is the opportunity of using a new generation of "interactive services" delivered by the Public Administrations through telematic way.

The administrators are expecting a lot from the introduction of the digital certificate hosted in the microprocessor released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs because the informatics applications, accessible through internet, recognize the citizen and allow a safe access to its personal archives together with the delivery of services that needs reservedness and confidentiality in the dialog between parts.

Your job, mainly, is a very precious contribution for giving more efficiency to the public administration and has a political relevance too concerning the democratization of State-citizen relations and the simplification of burocratics duties that now represent one of the main causes of citizens discontent and distrust towards institutions.

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