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Why a common eID?



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A secure eID is a basic crucial element for all activities in electronic services, transactions and applications such as eGovernment, health care, social security, banking and financial transaction, border control activities, law enforcement ...

The vision of the Porvoo Group



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Common identity in Europe guarantees a cross-border recognition of a citizen, company or a governmental body all over the EU, as if they were in their home country interacting with national public and private services and applications.

The vision of the Porvoo Group



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Approximately 120 representatives from 15 European countries, Japan, the USA, the European Commission and the United Nations, participate regularly in the Porvoo Group Meetings.

The meetings highlight the topics, developments and ongoing challenges in specific key areas of common interest in eID.

The vision of the Porvoo Group



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The Porvoo Group is an international cooperative network whose primary goal is to promote a trans-national, interoperable electronic identity based on PKI technology (Public Key Infrastructure) and smart cards and chip ID cards, in order to help ensure secure public and private sector e-transactions in Europe.

The Group also promotes the introduction of interoperable certificates and technical specifications, the mutual, cross-border acceptance of identification and authentication mechanisms, as well as cross-border, online access to administrative services.

Amongst its other activities, the Group has issued or initiated the following recommendations:

- **A letter of request sent to the European Commission in order to update the Driving License Directive to allow an electronic identity chip to be included on driving licenses.**
- **Has started discussions concerning the legal aspects of electronic identity and identification and authentication functions carrying out a study on the European Cross-Border Authentication Legislative Environment and the need, if any, for the EU to regulate the interoperable European electronic identity. The study recommends using the Directive governing electronic signatures as a common legislative solution.**
- **Has recognised the important developments underway in the field “Biometrics in Passports and in the future also in ID cards” and has expressed its immediate need from the electronic ID card perspective for an international standard template for fingerprint minutiae. This position has been communicated to the CEN/ISSS (European Committee for Standardization/ Information Society Standardization System) Biometric Focus Group.**

Porvoo Group is pro-active



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The Porvoo Group monitors the work in progress by the member states and the EC on the EU eID roadmap, such as the development of common eID roadmap, common specifications and the large scale interoperable demonstrator.

Porvoo Group monitors actively the Large Scale Pilot Project and reports the achievements to the Group.

LSP should deliver open, common interoperable solution with results widely disseminated and available to all Member States. The participants will be national administrations, service providers, Industry and users participation.

The group also has noted that there are needs to to be a common vision on the core architectural and technical elements.

Ministerial Declaration, November 2005

Jan van Arkel:

*By 2010 European citizens and businesses shall be able to benefit from **secure means of electronic identification** that maximise user convenience while respecting data protection regulations. Such means shall be made available under the responsibility of the Member States but **recognised across the EU**.*

By 2010 Member States will have agreed a framework for reference to and where appropriate the use of authenticated electronic documents across the EU, as appropriate in terms of necessity and applicable law.

Roadmap for EU eID

2006	Roadmap setting measurable objectives and milestones for a European eIDM framework by 2010 based on interoperability and mutual recognition of national eIDM.
2007	Agree common specifications for interoperable eIDM in the EU.
2008	Large scale pilots of interoperable eIDMs in cross-border services and implementing commonly agreed specifications.
2009	eSignatures in eGovernment: Undertake review of take-up in public services.
2010	Review the uptake by the Member States of the European eIDM framework for interoperable eIDMs.
	Jan van Arkel

The Porvoo Group is a pro-active, European-level electronic identity “interest group”, widely recognised as a significant and relevant contributor to informed public dialogue in this area.

The goal is to provide the citizens, companies and public authorities a user friendly and efficient public administration as well as secure interoperable and easy accessible electronic services.

The Porvoo Group and other governmental representatives have been offered, for example, a free entrance in the community of European Biometrics Forum in order to share best practises and raise awareness among the participants.

The Porvoo Group highly appreciates this opportunity for joining the community and follows carefully the experience gathered by the community.

Porvoo Group Members follow actively the collaborative efforts on the development of other global interoperable eID for borderless services, such as AICF (Asia IC Card Forum) US, Middle East, South America, Africa. Large players like India and China are carefully monitored by our members.