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go.eIDAS establishes formal association and welcomes additional partners

[Brussels, 2019/11/06] The go.eIDAS-Initiative, which was initiated by leading European non-profit associations, projects and expert organisations to support the broad adoption of eID and trust services according to the eIDAS-Regulation in Europe and beyond, has reached an important milestone with the formal establishment of the non-profit "go.eIDAS-Association" and the launch of first working groups, which foster the prospering and sustainable development of the envisioned "eIDAS-Ecosystem".

go.eIDAS-Association fosters sustainability and increases openness

The regulation [(EU) No 910/2014](#) on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market, which is commonly known as "eIDAS-Regulation" was introduced in 2014 and has been fully in force since 1st July 2016. Against this background, leading European Associations, projects and expert organizations in the sector of eID and trust joined forces to launch the go.eIDAS-Initiative, which now has formally established the non-profit "go.eIDAS Association" according to German law (go.eIDAS e.V. i.Gr.) to foster its sustainability and open up for a wider range of interested parties.

The go.eIDAS-Association continues to promote the use of the eID systems and trust services addressed in the eIDAS-Regulation and the related technological developments and supports the creation of open standards as well as suitable framework conditions for the trustworthy digitization of business and administrative processes in Europe and beyond. In particular, appropriate awareness-raising activities are undertaken to address the benefits and opportunities of eIDAS, as for example by demonstrating the usefulness of eIDAS-based applications in selected areas, with particular attention to mobile environments and the needs of small and medium-sized enterprises and public institutions. Furthermore, the creation, usage and maintenance of open standards and open source software as well as suitable measures to increase the security, interoperability and adoption of eIDAS-related components and solutions is an important goal of the now formally established go.eIDAS-Association.

go.eIDAS Working Groups – open fora to support the practical adoption of eIDAS

The current focus of the activities within the go.eIDAS-Association is reflected in the set of active go.eIDAS Working Groups, which address selected topics, which are crucial for the development of an open, inclusive, secure, privacy-friendly and trustworthy ["eIDAS-Ecosystem"](#):

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- The go.eIDAS Working Group **"API-Interoperability"** maintains liaisons with relevant standardisation bodies and seeks to establish an international network of experts, which aims at enhancing the conformity and interoperability of eIDAS-related services. It focuses on technical aspects of relevant services and is intended to enhance trust and interoperability within the eIDAS domain and demonstrate the ease and smoothness of integrating eID and trust services in online platforms in Europe and beyond.

- The go.eIDAS Working Group **"IMPresSive"** aims at initiating an "**I**nternational **M**ovement for **Pres**ervation **S**er**v**ice De**ve**lopment" and welcomes all stakeholders, who are interested in creating, operating or using scalable preservation services for the trustworthy long-term preservation of advanced and qualified electronic signatures, seals, time-stamps, evidence records and/or general data.

- The go.eIDAS Working Group **"EU Student eCard"** provides an open forum which welcomes all stakeholders, who are interested in creating an open, inclusive, secure, privacy-friendly and trustworthy European Student eCard Digital Service Infrastructure (DSI). As a first action item the Working Group has conducted a survey of relevant previous work in order to create a well-founded requirements analysis for a sustainable EU Student eCard DSI in line with pertinent European policies.

go.eIDAS-Association – join us today to shape the future of trust!

The go.eIDAS-Association welcomes all interested organizations and individuals who are committed to the goals of the initiative and want to contribute to the development of a prospering and sustainable eIDAS-Ecosystem or simply benefit from using eIDAS-related technologies and services. This especially includes application providers, eID-related stakeholders, trust service providers, conformity assessment bodies, other service providers, regulatory authorities and other public sector bodies, publicly funded projects and initiatives, academic institutions and standard development organizations as well as individual persons.

"While the eIDAS-Regulation enables a huge range of opportunities and chances to increase trust and efficiency in a large variety of business processes within Europe and beyond, there are several subtle technical, organisational and regulatory aspects related to eID and trust services, which have room for improvement and need to be addressed to fully pave the way for the prospering and sustainable development of an open, inclusive, secure, privacy-friendly and trustworthy eIDAS-Ecosystem", explains Dr. Detlef Hühnlein, Executive Vice President of

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the go.eIDAS-Association. *"Do not hesitate and join this exciting movement and the go.eIDAS-Association today in order to shape the future of trust and the digital society of tomorrow!"*

About the go.eIDAS-Association

The go.eIDAS-Association has been initiated by leading European associations, projects and expert organisations in the sector of eID and trust and aims at supporting the practical implementation of the eIDAS-Regulation (EU) 2014/910 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market in order to create an open, inclusive, secure, privacy-friendly and trustworthy eIDAS-Ecosystem. The go.eIDAS-Association welcomes all interested organisations and individual persons which want to benefit from and push forward the adoption of eIDAS in Europe and beyond.

Please refer to **https://go.eID.AS** for further information and latest news with respect to go.eIDAS.

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