

Minutes of the Porvoo 9 e-ID Group Meeting, Ljubljana, 11-12 May 2006.

Executive summary

Almost 120 representatives from 21 European countries, Georgia, Japan, the USA, the European Commission and the United Nations, participated in the Porvoo 9 Meeting. A number of Ambassadors of European countries participated in the opening of the Porvoo 9 Meeting. This report highlights developments, ongoing challenges and resolutions in specific key areas of common interest in e-ID.

Meeting Report

Dr. Gregor Virant (Minister, Ministry of Public Administration, Republic of Slovenia) delivered the Opening Address at the Porvoo 9 meeting. He outlined the objectives of the Ministry of Public Administration and governmental strategies to provide the citizens a user friendly and efficient public administration as well as secure interoperable and easy accessible electronic services so that Slovenia will be one of the leading eGovernment states in the EU by the end of 2010.

Mr. Dušan Kričej (Ministry of Public Administration, Republic of Slovenia) presented the Slovenia's eGovernment strategy and status of PKI. The strategy is to have better and more efficient public administration and kind, simple, accessible and safe services. The Ministry of Public Administration has implemented a new eGovernment portal as a tool for administrating different life events. The Portal includes services such as e-serving of official documents, e-signing, e-payments, e-renewal of vehicle registration.

Ms. Nina Gregori (Ministry of Interior, Republic of Slovenia) presented Slovenia's strategy and status concerning the ePassport. The new developments follow the new EU regulation as well as the US demands and cope with a uniform passport format, the relevant international standards as well as the technical recommendations.

Ms Anka Bolka (ZZZS) presented the status of the Slovenian Health Insurance Card system and good eID practices. Almost all Slovenian citizens have a health insurance card.

Mr. Gojmir Nabergoj (Banka Koper) presented good eID practices in banking. He stressed the importance of security in banking especially while electronic transactions are increasing and the customers need secure non-stop services wherever they are in the world. The bankcard chip can also be used for uploading other certificates for other services.

Mr. Tapio Aaltonen (Finnish Population Register Centre) presented the follow-up after Porvoo 8 in Brussels, and for the benefit of new participants also included a short summary of the history of the Porvoo Group.

Mr. Gzim Ocakoglu (IDABC, European Commission) outlined the EU position and the legal issues concerning the outcome of the November 2005 Ministerial conference, Signpost document, eID roadmap and other EU documents. Of special interest was EU's strong

support in developing eGovernment by the year 2010 based on the European Commission's i2010 eGovernment Action Plan published in April 2006.

Mr. Andreas Mitrakas (ENISA) outlined the role of the European Network and Information Security Agency and stressed that the identity management (IDM) is shifting to the top of the political agenda and IDM contains a significant information security element. He also stressed the importance of EU standardisation and use cases.

Mr. Shoji Miyamoto (Asian IC Card Forum) presented an update on the Asian Smart Card Forum. The Forum has two ongoing projects; one being the eID Study Project in collaboration with the Global Collaboration Forum. The other project concentrates on studying the possibilities of a Tourist Card on the basis of interoperable eID to be used for example for transportation, e-payment and insurance. He also briefly outlined the latest developments on national e-ID plans in China, Korea, Singapore, Thailand and India.

Mr. Nagaagi Ohyama (Tokyo Institute of Technology, Chair of NICSS and AICF) presented the regional update from Japan. In Japan the new e-Japan strategy 2006 includes a 2nd version of the Resident Registration Card and one unified Social Security Card for national pension, health insurance, labour insurance etc. These cards will eventually be merged into one card. Short term target is to reduce costs in eGovernment in the public sector, eCommerce in private sector and within social security, health care and education. Long range target is to have a simple and transparent government institution, total optimization of computer systems in central government and a possibility to exclusively release personal data. The target is that ca. 60 million cards will be issued by 2010.

Mr. Jim Dray (NIST) presented the regional update from the US. He stressed the importance of standardising work in the development of Personal Identity Verification cards (PIV) in the USA. Now the PIV standards are in place and the Government institutions will have to start their roll outs in October of this year.

Mr. Gil Bernabeu (GlobalPlatform Technical Director, Gemplus) presented Global Platform standardisation work with input from a variety of industry parties, organisations and projects. Some implementations of standardized Global Platform are the Common Access Card of the Department of Defence of the USA, Macau SAR Project, Sultanate of Oman National ID Card, Singapore e-passport and Moscow Social Card.

Mr. John Wood (StepNexus and Chair of MULTOS consortium) presented StepNexus and MULTOS technology. He also expressed that Global Platform functionality may now be installed on top of the Multos platform.

Mr. Lorenzo Gaston (Axalto, Chairman of CEN TC 224 Working group 15) presented the status report on the European Citizen Card standardisation of the CEN 224 Working group 15. Two parts are out for ballot and two new work items have been defined.

Mr. Mourad Faher (Axalto, Project Coordinator) presented the objectives and status of Onom@Topic+ project, a MEDEA+ funded project on validation to the CEN TC WG15 standard.

Mr. Bud P. Bruegger (Ministry of the Interior and Commune di Grosseto, Italy) presented the status of the Open Source eID Interoperability Demonstrator project. Authentication works

with most current European eID cards and with the U.S. PIV; work is under way to integrate the Austrian privacy-enhancement approach. The presentation stressed the importance of a participatory approach to the development of an IOP framework acceptable to all, as foreseen in the i2010 action plan. It thus called for increased technical collaboration on this issue and the setup of a large-scale interoperability demonstrator.

Mr. Jan Van Arkel (Acting Chair, Global Collaboration Forum, Co-Chair of Porvoo Group) outlined the status of the Common Requirements on interoperable eID.

Mr. Tapio Rissanen (EuroConseils) presented RegioPKI[®] that enables different, flexible Certification Policies for different roles and user groups. He proposed to set up a two layer Consortium open to any CA fulfilling legal and other conditions of the Consortium to discuss harmonization of global PKI services.

Mr. Leif Buene (Det Norske Veritas) presented Validation Authority Services for eID interoperability provided by Det Norske Veritas.

Mr. Max Snijder (Director of the European Biometrics Forum) outlined the objectives and status of the EBF biometric industry fingerprint minutiae interoperability testing project. This subject will be discussed further in the next Porvoo Group Meeting.

Mr. Alan Husselbee (advisor to the ILO) presented the ILO Seafarers Identity Document and how its learning effects might help the eID schemes in the Schengen area and other parts of the world. His speech was followed by a discussion on issues of common interest.

Press conference

A press conference was organised by the PR section of the Ministry of Public Administration during the lunch break on 11 May where five Slovenian journalists participated (PC Format, Delo, Večer, Radio HIT and Slovenian Press Agency STA). The speakers in the press conference were Minister Dr. Gregor Virant, Mr. Tapio Aaltonen, Mr. Jan van Arkel, Mr. Aleš Dobnikar and Mr. Bojan Trnovšek from the Ministry of Interior. The press release of the Porvoo 9 Meeting was published on 11 May.

Country Updates

Reports on Country updates were received from Austria, Belgium, Estonia, France, Norway and UK. Highlights of the country updates were Estonia's experiences in the e-voting and the UK's recent approval of the Identity Card Act on 30 March 2006. It is envisioned that from 2008/9 on all passport applicants shall be entered into a National Identity Register.

Next meetings

The tenth Porvoo Group meeting will be held during Finland's EU presidency on 2 - 3 November 2006 in Porvoo, Finland. The Porvoo 11 meeting will tentatively be held in Spring 2007 in Portugal.

RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions were agreed unanimously.

Resolution 1. European Citizen Card standard

The Porvoo Group welcomed the status report on the European Citizen Card standard where the first two parts are under ballot. The Porvoo Group endorsed the need for the additional parts on middleware and use cases and invited the Porvoo members to actively participate in the relevant groups.

Resolution 2. Common requirements

It was duly noted that the Common requirements as earlier endorsed by the Porvoo Group have been influential in the eID standardisation domain and did not ask for further action at this time. However if future developments –like the eID roadmap- might ask for it the issue will be reassessed by the Porvoo Group.

Resolution 3. eID Demonstrator

The Porvoo Group highly regards the work done by the Interoperability Demonstrator project and Bud Bruegger. The Porvoo members noted that the IOP expert mailing list will now be hosted by the Italian government and is open to Porvoo participants. It was also agreed that more joint meetings focused on Interoperability testing in cooperation with the GCF, CEN TC 224 Working group 15 and other interest groups shall be arranged.

Resolution 4. CA demonstrator proposal

The Group acknowledged a proposal by Mr. Rissanen to exploit the possibilities to set up a two layer Consortium open to any CA fulfilling legal and other conditions set by the Consortium to discuss harmonization of global PKI services. The Porvoo Group will monitor this development and discuss the issue again in the Porvoo 10 Meeting.

Resolution 5. Liaison with eID related groups within EU Commission

The Porvoo Group will closely monitor the actions taken by the Member States and the EU Commission related to the eIDM as defined in the i2010 eGovernment Action plan. All Porvoo members are encouraged to be involved in this activity. The Porvoo Group will start a regular information exchange with the eEurope eGovernment Ad-hoc group on eID/eDOC roadmaps and eID interoperability for PEGS group within the IDABC programme which are to be active in the realization of the eID roadmap.

Resolution 6. Official Porvoo Group logo

The Group adopted the official logo for the Porvoo Group. More details from Ms. Irene Rissanen, Population Register Centre, irene.rissanen@vrk.intermin.fi.

Resolution 7. Next Meeting

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Resolution 8. Thanks to the Slovenian Organisers

The Porvoo Group appreciates the excellent organization and facilities provided for the Porvoo 9 Meeting in Ljubljana and conveys special thanks to Mr. Aleš Dobnikar, Ms. Davorka Šel, Ms. Alenka Žužek, Ms. Nina Furman, Mr. Luka Kocevar, Ms. Maša Češek and all others who have participated in the organization for their work in assuring a very successful and enjoyable meeting in Slovenia.