

MOBILE IDENTITY APPLICATIONS MOVE TOWARDS MAINSTREAM

THE MGOV4EU PROJECT IS UNDERWAY TO BOOST MOBILE CAPABILITIES OF ELECTRONIC IDENTIFICATION AND TRUST SERVICES IN THE EU.

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VILLACH, AUSTRIA—Showing others that you are who you say you are, has always been a tedious challenge. But banks, medical facilities, hospitals and courts rely on proper identification on a daily basis. The European Union has made great progress in the last ten years to successfully streamline the cross-border online identification process for citizens, but the overwhelming trend toward mobile communications means the same services must soon be available to users via their smart phones. This is where mGov4EU comes in. This thirty-six months, € 3.9 million project kicked off in January 2021 and brings together research organizations, SMEs and universities from across Europe working toward a common goal.

The mGov4EU project aims to support the creation of user-friendly mobile procedures rooted in existing EU services in order to create a trustworthy federation of collaborative platforms. It will place citizens at the centre of those services, giving them new, secure, and privacy- preserving options to manage their identities and their personal data, whether they are in their own country or visiting another EU nation. These solutions are inherently se-

cure by leveraging features broadly available on modern mobile phones such as dedicated cryptographic hardware, and biometric sensors. mGov4EU will meet both the security requirements and modern data-protection standards that EU citizens have come to expect from public services. The project will also address usability challenges that arise when accessing complex services using mobile devices.

Technikon, located in Villach, Austria is the coordinator of mGov4EU which will run until the end of 2023. The project is completely funded by the EU's Horizon 2020 programme for research and innovation funding for multi-national collaboration projects.

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