

CONFERENCE on solutions for e-signature interoperability

Case study: results of the Wesign project

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Background

The EU institutions and Member States show strong commitment to e-procedures. This has clearly be highlighted, among others, in the Services Directive that requires Points of Single Contact to be able to provide services electronically and in the Public Procurement Directives that promote the development and use of electronic means. A major challenge remains nevertheless to be solved: the issue of cross border recognition of e-Signatures.

End 2008 the European Commission adopted an action plan which aims to achieve interoperable e-signatures and e-identification of cross-border public services. With this action plan issues left open by the e-Signature Directive and its implementation by the Member States shall be accomplished.

In this complex environment, Chambers of Commerce in 13 European countries developed e-Signature related services. With the Wesign project supported financially by the European Commission, Chambers teamed to promote the development of e-Business and e-Government applications relying on digital certificates. Project partners succeeded among others to demonstrate the potential of some interoperable tools such as the Trust service Status List.

The conference organised in Stockholm will report on Wesign results and look at identifying the next challenges for reaching interoperability of e-Signature In Europe:

- Identification of key drivers such as the Services Directive implementation or e-Procurement
- Standardisation challenges ahead
- The role for Supervisory Authorities or other bodies such as ENISA, ETSI and the industry
- The implementation of Trust service Status Lists and its exploitation by certification service providers

The primary target audience for this conference are public authorities, representatives from EU institutions, business associations but also researchers and other specialists in the field of e-signatures.

For registration, please send an email to Ms. Habla Mihoub, Assistant European Affairs at mihoub@eurochambres.eu. Please ensure that you provide your name and organisation

Draft programme

Opening

- 09h15 Peter Egardt, President Swedish Chambers of Commerce and Deputy President Eurochambres
09h30 Urban Funered, Special Adviser Swedish Ministry of Finance
09h45 Questions and Answers followed by coffee break

e-Signature interoperability tools for public administrations

Moderator: Jeremy Beale, ENISA (European Network Information Security Agency)

- 10h30 Ulrich Latzenhofer, Board Secretary of FESA (Forum of European Supervisory Authorities for Electronic Signatures)
10h45 Frank Schipplick, Head of Sales Bremen Online, PEPPOL WP1 Coordinator
11h00 John Stienen, DG Digit, European Commission
11h15 Marc Straat, Head of Standards Development Europe, Adobe Systems Europe Ltd.
11h30 Riccardo Genghini, ETSI ESI Chairman
11h45 Questions and Answers followed by a lunch

Wesign results

Moderator: Alfonso Carcasona, President ChamberSign

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| 13h30 | Overall results of Wesign Project | Vincent Tilman, Advisor Eurochambres |
| 13h45 | Report on TSL (Wesign Trust service Status List management tool) | Alfredo Esposito, Infocert |
| 14h00 | e-Invoice platform demonstration | Sergio Ruiz, CEO Camerfirma |
| 14h15 | e-Procurement platform demonstration | Daniel Hedsén, CTO ChamberSign Sweden |
| 14h30 | Question and Answers | |

Closing remarks

- 15h00 Peter Egardt, President Swedish Chambers of Commerce and Deputy President Eurochambres

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Venue of the conference

The Stockholm Chamber of Commerce
Västra Trädgårdsgatan 9
SE-103 21 Stockholm

Hotel suggestion list

The Chamber of commerce is in central Stockholm nearby Kungsträdgården.

The link below provides a list of hotels said to be in mid-price range. Pay attention, the last three hotels are not in central Stockholm:

- <http://www.cci.se/intranet/Startsidan/Lankar/Hotell/>

The hotels mentioned below are very close to the Chamber

- <http://www.scandichotels.com/default.aspx?id=26&epslanguage=en>
- http://www.grandhotel.se/in_english/default.asp
- <http://www.nordiclighthotel.se/en/>
- <http://www.clarionstockholm.com/startpage.aspx>
- <http://www.diplomathotel.com/en/Stockholm/name/>