



## SUMMARY

### **Conference on Interoperable European Electronic ID Hotel Haikko Manor, Porvoo, Finland 3-5 April 2002**

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This invitation only conference to share information on national plans and to promote the implementation of interoperable Electronic Identity Cards in Europe was arranged by the Finnish Ministry of the Interior and Finnish population Register Centre together with the members of the eEurope Smart Card Charter. 35 participants comprising government policy makers and technical experts represented 14 countries: Austria, Belgium, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden, The Netherlands and United Kingdom. Information on the status and plans in each country were presented and discussed.

In discussions following the presentations there was unanimous agreement that a Pan European digital identity will be essential for secure public and private sector e-transactions. A summary table of the current national status of EID legislation, policy planning and implementation was compiled and several areas were identified for detailed focus. These included:

- effective national and trans-national coordination mechanisms for high end identification, authentication and electronic signature services
- improved cooperation with private sector business areas such as consumer banking community, and provision of mobile phone based public ID services
- national roll-out business plans including manageable certificate costs
- common European wide focus on low end entry systems such as replacement systems for national Driver Licenses
- collaboration with ICAO regarding use and introduction of EID travel documents
- status and role of relevant standardization efforts and requirements including interoperable biometrics, Certification Authorities recognitions, security conformance criteria etc
- Services are playing important role
- Data Protection
- Comprehensive information for citizens
- The card is only key for identification – services must be at easy to access website
- Electronic ID Card and Social Sector Card are separate cards
- Ensuring of the interoperability extremely important – Bridge CA for being able to accept, read and verify else's certificate

It was resolved to establish an informal international cooperative network called the "Porvoo EID Group" to continue sharing information and support for trans-national interoperable Electronic Public identities using PKI and smart cards. The members will provide input to European standardization and to the eESC Common Specifications. They will actively participate in the existing Public ID initiatives such as eEurope Smart cards trailblazers on Public identity (TBI), and eGovernment (TBI0), in the IST project eEpoch and related IDA/eGovernment initiatives.

The next meeting will be held in November 2002 at a venue to be announced. An ad hoc coordination committee was appointed comprising representatives of eESC, Belgium, Finland, Greece, Estonia and Sweden. For more information see <http://www.fineid.fi> and <http://eeurope-smartcards.org>