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Electronic identification (eID) and electronic Trust Services (eTS) are key enablers for secure cross-border electronic transactions and central building blocks of he Digital Single Market.
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The Regulation (EU) N°910/2014 [2] on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market (eIDAS Regulation) adopted by the co-legislators on 23 July 2014 is a milestone to provide a predictable regulatory environment to enable secure and seamless electronic interactions between businesses, citizens and public authorities. The eIDAS Regulation, which is based on the Commission Communication [3] (COM(2012)238 final of 4 June 2012), will increase the effectiveness of public and private online services, eBusiness and electronic commerce in the EU.

eID and eTS - namely electronic signatures, electronic seals, time stamp, electronic delivery service and website authentication - are inseparable by essence when analysing the requirements needed to ensure legal certainty, trust and security in electronic transactions.

In this regard, the eIDAS Regulation

- ensures that people and businesses can use their own national electronic identification schemes (eIDs) to access public services in other EU countries where eIDs are available.
- creates an European internal market for eTS by ensuring that they will work across borders and have the same legal status as traditional paper based processes. Only by providing certainty on the legal validity of all these services, businesses and citizens will use the digital interactions as their natural way of interaction.

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