This webinar helped interested parties understand how electronic identity and the eIDAS network could support the enrolment process of students and researchers in foreign educational entities and discovered related projects.

**About the event**

The live webinar presented how electronic identification and authentication services (eIDAS compliant) could support student mobility and facilitate access to student services in Europe. Presentations of the ongoing projects of the European Commission were followed by an interactive Q&A session with the audience and students of the University of Piraeus (Greece) who provided feedback on their needs with regard to electronic identification when enrolling in a foreign institution during their Erasmus year.

Participants of this webinar also learned about:

- Students’ needs with regard to eID and authentication when accessing services;
- The benefits of reusing eIDAS eID to support the onboarding of students when studying aboard;
- The meaning of being eIDAS compliant for the educational sector;
- The eID eIDAS status in the Member States.

Organised by the European Commission, this public event was also of particular interest to higher education institutions, service providers of computing infrastructures and networks for the education sector, identity providers, attributes providers, eID service providers, eIDAS Member State representatives, and EU policy makers.

The objective of the session was to explore potential collaboration between the education sector and the eID services and identity providers ecosystem to reuse eIDAS solutions for European students and higher education services. Connection between interested parties is the first step towards the successful uptake of electronic identification in Europe.

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We warmly invite those who attended the webinar to provide feedback on their experience. Please fill out our short participant satisfaction survey:

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Register your interest in providing feedback on eIDAS eID for students

Over the coming months, the European Commission, in collaboration with the Member States, will be working on collecting best practices and identifying ways for cross-border eID to deliver the best possible user experience. If you would like the opportunity to be involved in this process (by providing feedback or input at certain times), please register your details, and we will contact you with more information at the appropriate time.

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**How?** Online webinar - connection details will be shared on Monday 6 November with registered participants

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**Webinar videos**

1. Introduction
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*Thank you for participating to this event. To discover more about CEF building blocks, join us at the high-level conference “Connecting Europe with Building Blocks: Making the Digital Single Market a Reality” taking place on 7 December 2017 in Brussels.*
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Context

Who better than students and researchers to exemplify the true meaning of the European freedom of movement? Every year hundreds of thousands of young people decide to take the big step of studying or conducting their research abroad.

Moving abroad can be quite attractive and seems easier than ever. Over the past years, educational institutions have been developing digital services and identification systems for their students and researchers to offer a seamless experience on campus and ease their relationship with the administration. However, students and academic staff can still spend countless hours providing paper documents to prove their identity and obtain the necessary credentials, before getting access to campus services when preparing to study abroad and/or arriving on a new campus.

The eIDAS regulation no. 910/2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions, adopted in 2014, introduces the principle of mutual recognition of nationally-issued eID schemes across the European Member States. Following successful piloting under STORK 2.0, the European Commission is now looking into the feasibility of reusing eIDAS eID to provide to students and academic staff the necessary attributes for electronic identification during the enrolment process and other relevant services such as access to virtual libraries, access to on-line courses, transcript of records and access to computing infrastructures and networks.

About the presenters:  

Rehana Schwinninger-Ladak was appointed deputy Head of the Unit ‘Learning, Multi-linguism and Accessibility’ in October 2016. The Unit’s mission is to make the Digital Single Market more accessible, secure and inclusive. To this end, the Unit supports policy, research, innovation and deployment of learning technologies and key enabling digital language technologies and services allowing all European consumers and businesses to fully benefit from the Digital Single Market. The Unit is responsible for the Web Accessibility Directive, which makes public sector websites accessible by people with impairments. The Unit also promotes a better internet for children by protecting and empowering children online, and improving the quality of content available to them.

Alice Vasilescu is acting as Policy Officer at the Directorate-General for Informatics of the European Commission. She is coordinating the technical work carried out under CEF eID and supports the Member State community that is setting up the eIDAS eID Infrastructure. Alice is an experienced IT professional, specializing in Enterprise Architecture, IT security and system interoperability for large-scale European projects.

Mario Cabellos is senior Project Leader at Everis. He is coordinating a study commissioned by the European Commission on defining an Information Systems (data and application) Architecture solutions that would enable the reuse of the CEF eID Building Block in the educational domain, through existing e-service/system/online platforms (e.g. university), thus facilitating students’ authentication across borders.

Andriana Prentza is an Associate Professor at the Department of Digital Systems of the University of Piraeus, Greece. She received her Diploma in Computer Engineering and Information Sciences and her M.Sc. in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Patras, Greece, and her Ph.D. degree in Biomedical Engineering from the Eindhoven University of Technology, Eindhoven, the Netherlands. She has been very actively involved in a number of European (FP4, FP5, FP6, FP7) and National R&D programs focusing on Information Communication Technologies (ICT) projects and she serves as expert evaluator and reviewer for the European Commission and national research and development programmes.
About CEF eID under eIDAS

The CEF eID building block helps public administrations and private online service providers to easily extend the use of their online services to citizens from other EU Member States. It allows cross-border authentication, in a secure, reliable and trusted way, by making national electronic identification systems interoperable.

Once this building block is deployed in a Member State, the mutual recognition of national eIDs becomes possible between participating Member States, in line with the eIDAS (electronic Identification and Signature) legal framework (see eIDAS Regulation (EU) 910/2014) and with the privacy requirements of all the participating countries. Mutual recognition of national eIDs allows citizens of one Member State to access online services provided by public and private organisations from other participating EU Member States, using their own national eID.

Following the successful completion of the STORK pilot programme, CEF has taken on the role to 'productise' and support the roll-out of eID connectivity to other Member States. This has included the development of open-source software components, documentation, training and support. Member States can leverage their electronic ID systems to provide access to the services of other Member States with confidence in the levels of assurance provided by secure means of authentication linked to qualified identities.

About the CEF building blocks

The CEF building blocks provide basic services which can be reused to enable more complex digital public services offered to citizens, businesses and public administration. They provide reusable tools and services helping to underpin the Digital Single Market, that aims to remove digital regulatory barriers, contributing as much as EUR 415 billion per year to the European economy. The CEF Digital Portal is the home of the CEF building blocks (eID, eDelivery, eInvoicing, eSignature and eTranslation). It is the one-stop-shop for information about the building blocks. The portal provides access to tools, services and software that facilitates the deployment of eID to access digital public services across borders.