



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 as regards the establishment of a framework for a European Digital Identity {COM(2021)281 final}.

The Commission values the Senát's appreciation for its efforts to develop the concept of a European digital identity and a European Digital Identity Wallet. It welcomes the Senát's support for the mandatory recognition of a digital wallet for public online service and selected private services, emphasising the importance of a high level of protection against cyber-attacks.

The Commission believes that time is of utmost importance when it comes to making a European Digital Identity Wallet available and has therefore proposed that Member States issue a European Digital Identity Wallet within 12 months after the entry into force of the revised Regulation. To facilitate the swift deployment of the European Digital Identity Wallets, the Commission has issued a recommendation for Member States to cooperate for establishing a common toolbox including a technical architecture and reference framework, a set of common standards and technical references as well as best practices and guidelines by September 2022. As regards liability of Member States for possible identification/authentication problems for private online services, Article 6a(8) of the proposal applies the current Article 11 on liability mutatis mutandis to the European Digital Identity Wallet.

The Commission is confident that the proposal for the new European Digital Identity framework provides a solid basis for fruitful legislative discussions and remains hopeful that the co-legislators will swiftly reach an agreement.

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The Commission hopes that the clarifications provided in this reply address the issues raised by the Senát and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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