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# Exploratory seminar on e-signatures for e-business transactions in the Southern Mediterranean region

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In order to promote e-signature solutions for e-business development in the Euro Mediterranean region, the European Commission organised two seminars.

The first explanatory seminar took place in Amman, Jordan on November 11/12, 2013 and was co-hosted by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC). The principle aim was to identify some of the common business needs for intra-regional and EU-Southern Mediterranean transactions, compare the existing legislation in place and discuss the common and local challenges of implementing an e-signature framework. The seminar was attended by around 100 government and

private stakeholders from over 23 different European, Southern Mediterranean and Gulf countries, as well as from UNCITRAL (United Nations Commission on International Trade Law). It confirmed that the potential and the interest to cooperate is indeed great.

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The final explanatory seminar took place in Barcelona, Spain on January 22/23, 2014 and was co-hosted by the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM). The principle aim was to build on the findings of the previous seminar, include any additional information, and reach a set of concrete common conclusions and recommendations through the organisation of panels. The seminar was attended by around 60 government and private stakeholders from over 19 different European and Southern Mediterranean countries. The seminar reached 9 main conclusions.

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