

European Digital Identity

Digital Identity for all Europeans

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A personal digital wallet for EU citizens and residents

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The European Digital Identity will be available to EU citizens, residents, and businesses who want to identify themselves or provide confirmation of certain personal information. It can be used for both online and offline public and private services across the EU.

Every EU citizen and resident in the Union will be able to use a personal digital wallet.

Every time an App or website asks us to create a new digital identity or to easily log on via a big platform, we have no idea what happens to our data in reality. That is why the Commission will propose a secure European e-identity. One that we trust and that any citizen can use anywhere in Europe to do anything from paying your taxes to renting a bicycle. A technology where we can control ourselves what data is used and how.

Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, in her State of the Union address, 16 September 2020



Benefits of the European Digital Identity

The right of every person eligible for a national ID card to have a digital identity that is recognised anywhere in the EU

A simple and safe way to control how much information you want to share with services that require sharing of information

Operated via digital wallets available on mobile phone apps and other devices to:

- identify online and offline
- store and exchange information provided by governments e.g. name, surname, date of birth, nationality
- store and exchange the information provided by trusted private sources
- use the information as confirmation of the right to reside, to work, or to study in a certain Member State



Online consultation platform on European Digital Identity Wallets

The Commission has launched an [online platform](#) to gather feedback from everyone interested in shaping future European Digital Identity Wallets. The online platform will stay open to comments throughout the legislative negotiations and as [the common toolbox](#) is developed by the Member States, to make European Digital Identity Wallets truly a practical tool for all.

Why is it needed?



Today, only about 60% of the EU population in 14 Member States are able to use their national eID cross-border.

Only 14% of key public service providers across all Member States allow cross-border authentication with an e-Identity system, for example to prove a person's identity on the internet without the need for a password. The number of successful cross-border authentications per year is very small, though on the increase.

72% of users want to know how their data is processed when they use social media accounts. 63% of EU citizens want a secure single digital ID for all online services (Eurobarometer survey)

Key principles

Available to any EU citizen, resident, or business in the EU who wants to use it

Widely useable as a way of identification or to confirm certain personal attributes for the purpose of access to public and private digital services across the EU

Giving full control to users to choose which aspects of their identity, data and certificates they share with third parties, and keep track of such sharing

Practical use

The European Digital Identity can be used for any number of cases, for example:

- public services such as requesting birth certificates, medical certificates, reporting a change of address
- opening a bank account
- filing tax returns
- applying for a university, at home or in another Member State
- storing a medical prescription that can be used anywhere in Europe
- proving your age
- renting a car using a digital driving license
- checking in to a hotel

Using the European Digital Identity: applying for a bank loan

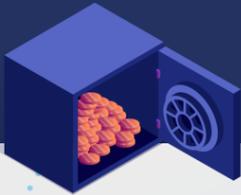
Applying for a bank loan is a process that typically includes numerous

steps, from setting up appointments and having physical meetings, to collecting and signing all the paper documents - and repeating the operation if documents are missing.



By using the European Digital Identity, the user only has to select the necessary documents that are stored locally on his digital wallet to reply to the bank's request. Then, verifiable digital documents are created and sent securely for verification to the bank, who can then continue with the application process.

Apply for a bank loan *after*



1
THE USER HAS ALL HIS DOCUMENTS IN HIS PERSONAL DIGITAL WALLET, FROM NATIONAL IDENTITY TO INCOME STATEMENT.



2
HE SELECTS ONLY THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ASKED BY THE BANK FOR THE LOAN APPLICATION AND SENDS THEM EASILY IN FULL SECURITY.



3
THE BANK RECEIVES THE DOCUMENTS ELECTRONICALLY. IF A DOCUMENT IS MISSING, IT IS ONLY ONE CLICK AWAY FOR THE USER. THE APPLICATION IS READY TO CONTINUE.



BY USING THE EUROPEAN DIGITAL IDENTITY, THIS PROCESS IS STREAMLINED AND MORE TIME EFFICIENT

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