

DTCE-ChamberSign Joint Statement

Proposal for a Regulation on eID and eTrust services

Positive aspects

- The proposal to adopt a Regulation rather than a Directive is key
- Reference to standards allows adaptability to technical evolution
- Reference to new services such as stamp server, time stamping, electronic delivery of services, signature validation services, electronic storage and website authentication
- Trust services are placed under harmonisation with a « Qualified » level systematically defined
- Foster technical and legal security with clear rule framework
- Foster trust

Missing in the proposal

- Common framework for European eidentity validation
- Trust services for eidentities
- European trust services supervision framework
- European eSignature validation tool
- Remote signing/outourcing of signing

To be improved

- Alignment with global market
- Greater adoption by major players
- Recognition of Alternative « Qualified » technologies
- Issuance of qualified certificates
- Advanced eSignatures
- eSignature vs eSeals – remote application
- Article by article – proposals for text improvement

Conclusion

- EU providers of trust services play a major role in assuring the security of eTransactions
- They have a significant positive effect on Europe's long-term competitiveness in cutting edge technology markets
- DTCE-ChamberSign are keen to be part of such an on-going dialogue with relevant public sector stakeholders

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