

Digital identity and trust: Commission launches public consultation on the eIDAS Regulation

The Commission has launched a public consultation on the revision of the rules on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market, the eIDAS Regulation.



Executive Vice-President **Margrethe Vestager** said:

These rules make it easier for citizens to access public services using electronic identification, such as e-signatures. The revision aims to improve its effectiveness, extend its benefits to the private sector and promote trusted digital identities for all Europeans and create a secure and interoperable European Digital Identity which gives citizens control.

Commissioner for Internal Market, **Thierry Breton**, added

Activity of citizens and businesses increased during the pandemic, the revision of these rules will answer their growing need for simple, trusted and secure way to identify themselves online. Improving these rules will also provide the framework for offering competitive, convenient, and trustworthy digital identity services.

The evaluation will take into account the latest technological and policy developments, such as the

increased reliance on doing business online.

The public consultation will be open until 2 October 2020, aiming to collect views from a broad range of stakeholders and citizens in order to evaluate the existing regulation. In parallel, targeted consultations with selected groups of stakeholders will be conducted. They will gather data and evidence on the impacts of specific elements of the possible revision.

The eIDAS Regulation, fully in force since 2018, is the first and most advanced cross-border legal framework for cross-border electronic identification, authentication and website certification within the EU. Since February, EU citizens and companies in eight EU Member States can use their national eID across the EU and as of next year, 55% of EU population will be covered.

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The aim of this public consultation is to collect feedback on drivers and barriers to the development and uptake of eID and trust services in Europe and on the impacts of the options for delivering an EU digital identity. It targets broad public (e.g. citizens and end-users, including older persons and persons with disabilities) as well as companies directly impacted by the eIDAS Regulation (e.g. trust service providers, identity providers), competent authorities in the Member States, international organisations and concerned stakeholders on the eIDAS framework.

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