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“10 different partners with complementing expertise from 5 different countries.”

## The mGov4EU Project

The “**Mobile Cross-Border Government Services for Europe**” (mGov4EU) project will lift cross-border services supported by the **Single Digital Gateway Regulation (SDGR)** and by the **eIDAS Regulation** to new levels by enabling them for a mobile-device use we nowadays naturally expect. This shall come with unprecedented user journeys by making extensive use of automatic attribute provision and SDGR's once-only principle, complemented by mobile identification so that the so-far cumbersome filling of complex forms gets replaced by user-controlled and user-consented releasing of authoritative data. By taking advantage of security features of modern smartphones like hardware-backed secure elements together with integrated convenience elements like biometric sensors, mGov4EU will meet both the security needs and data-protection expectations one has into public services and the usability challenges that arise when accessing complex services using constrained mobile devices.

mGov4EU will, therefore, research, design, implement, and evaluate an **open ecosystem for secure mobile government services** to be used across Europe and beyond. This is accomplished by combining and enhancing the existing eIDAS Layer and SDGR Layer with modules for mobile devices that are generic enough so that they can be re-used in the emerging and thus still heterogeneous European mobile-government landscape. Thus, mGov4EU will provide a trustworthy federation of collaborative platforms, which facilitates the co-delivery, reuse, and trustworthy provision of accessible and easy-to-use public services. mGov4EU will implement the **once-only, digital-by-default** and **mobile-first principles** in a user centric and user-friendly manner in order to support and complement the practical implementation of the eIDAS and the Single Digital Gateway Regulations.

The mGov4EU project assembles leading European experts from government, business and science located in Austria, Belgium, Estonia, Germany, and Spain, to enable secure and privacy-friendly mobile government services across Europe. Two of these mGov4EU partners will be presented in this issue.



## TECHNIKON

### Technikon – Coordinator of mGov4EU

**Technikon Forschungs- und Planungsgesellschaft mbH (TEC) – Austria** - is an independent, privately owned SME, providing security research services and technology-based consultancy to high-tech companies across Europe. The team has been working for the European industry on technology-based impact studies and the development of new product roadmaps for more than 20 years. Technikon has been involved in research programme development and assessment both at the national and international level. Technikon assists research teams in the organisation, evaluation and assessment of multinational projects and is Austria's leading coordinator of European research and technology projects. They are currently coordinating fourteen H2020 projects, including the mGov4EU project, and participating in several EC and nationally funded ventures. The TEC IT services have received several innovation prizes for completeness and security.

Within the mGov4EU project TEC will be responsible for identifying relevant standards and specifications that are needed for forthcoming work. Additionally TEC will support the development of a stakeholder ecosystem by analysing partners' economic interests and requirements and will investigate and compare different economic models and concepts from relevant markets. TEC will also support the establishment, maintenance and handling of the communication tools and the development of the target audiences/the communication plan and create dissemination material to support dissemination events. They will lead and perform administrative tasks, oversee risk management activities, enable risk mitigation when needed and monitor innovation activities. TEC is the mGov4EU coordinator and will thus perform the overall project and consortium management and will be responsible for reporting, controlling and assessment of the project progress.



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**The Secure Information Technology Center – Austria (A-SIT)** is a public-funded non-profit association. A-SIT has been founded in May 1999 and is located in Vienna and Graz. Its members are the Austrian Federal Ministry of Digital and Economic Affairs (BMDW), the Federal Computing Centre of Austria (BRZ), Graz University of Technology (TU Graz), Danube University Krems (DUK) and Johannes Kepler University Linz (JKU).

A-SIT's mission is giving independent advice and expert opinions on information security to public authorities. Related to the European eIDAS Regulation, A-SIT is a designated body for certification of qualified signature creation devices and a conformity assessment body for qualified trust service providers. Its subsidiary **A-SIT Plus GmbH** provides competent support and services also primarily to the public sector. Furthermore, A-SIT Plus is active in development work like on the Austrian eID system and in supporting the Austrian mobile first strategy. Thus, A-SIT has duties of a national IT security advisory agency.

In mGov4EU, A-SIT's Secretary General Herbert Leitold, assumes to role of the Technical Leader. A-SIT and A-SIT Plus contribute conceptual and policy-related aspects of the targeted solution. In particular, A-SIT contributes in-depth expertise in the eIDAS Regulations during the design and implementation phase. By contributing to evaluations, A-SIT ensures a high degree of security of the components and pilots.

The distinguished roles of A-SIT and A-SIT Plus are also reflected by their focal points within mGov4EU. While A-SIT focuses on conceptual and policy-related aspects, A-SIT Plus contributes expertise in implementation-related activities and in the exploitation of results in Austrian public IT infrastructures.



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