

Workshop "Cross-boarder digital services and electronic procurement"
Tallinn, June 19-20, 2003
Preliminary Call for Participation

Background. Digital services can improve and simplify cross-boarder activities performed or requested hundreds of thousands of times each day. Among these services are eProcurement (an important topic also in the EU context), declarations on boarders, authorization of payments, services for millions of tourists outside their home country and so on. Many of these services, including eProcurement, use the IT infrastructure developed for eGovernment services in general. Efficient implementation of this infrastructure requires interoperable identification and authentication mechanisms as well as data protection and secure services.

Aim. The aim of the workshop is to exchange experience and co-ordinate future activities in the field of cross-boarder digital services and electronic procurement. Ways for enhancing interoperability on the various layers of service deployment are sought: legislation (such as laws on electronic signatures), infrastructure (such as PKI infrastructures), the information and communication technology (such as smart cards and software), standards and other.

Specific goals. More specifically, the workshop is aimed towards initiating co-operation projects for understanding the status of interoperability between digital signatures across borders in the participating countries (EU and accession countries), for specification of the requirements for interoperability, and for demonstration of interoperable cross-boarder services in real life. Potential stakeholders in these initiatives are invited to the workshop.

Organizers. The workshop is jointly organized by TeleTrust Deutschland e.V. (<http://www.teletrust.de>) and the Department of State Information Systems of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications of Estonia (<http://www.riso.ee/en/index.html>).

A preliminary schedule. The workshop is planned in sessions comprising two or three 20 minute presentations followed with a discussion round. The sessions are mixed with coffee breaks and a lunch. The first day is planned from 10.30 to 18.00, the second day - from 9.00 to 15.00. The schedule and presentations will be detailed later.

Location and accommodation. The workshop will be held in the Small Conference Hall of the Conference Centre of the National Library of Estonia (<http://www.nlib.ee/inglise/rr/konv.html>). Accommodation is reserved from June 19 to June 20 in Viru hotel (<http://www.viru.ee/>, about 1200 meters from the National Library) at a special rate of EUR 90 per night. Other hotels may be reserved by the participants.

Participation. Please send proposals for participation and/or presentation to Ulrike Schulte (ulrike.schulte@teletrust.de, the eProcurement track preferred) or to Jaak Tepandi (tepandi@cc.ttu.ee, the eSecurity track preferred). The hotel assumes the orders to be cleared by 20 May, therefore the organizers ask to confirm accommodation with the special rate by that date. The expected number of participants to the workshop is 30 - 40, as occasion requires the requests are served on the first come first served basis.

The workshop is free of cost and supported by the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour and the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications of Estonia.