

# Secure digital identity management in Estonia (ID card and m-ID)



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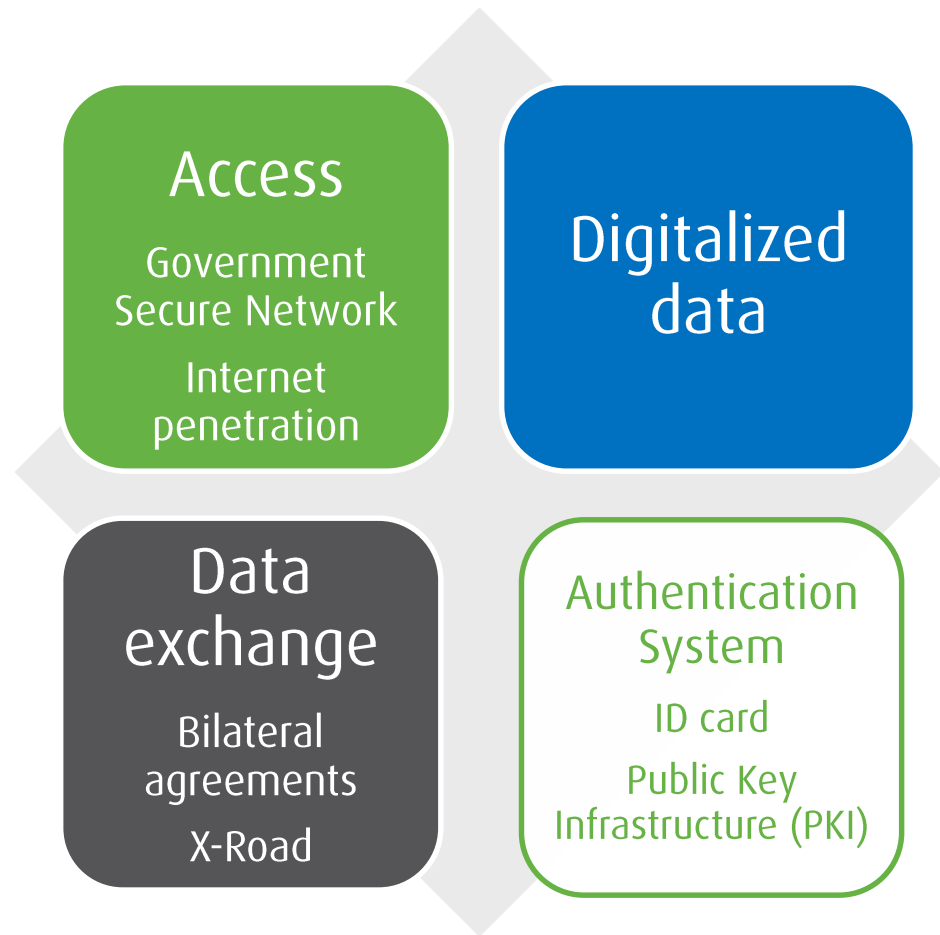
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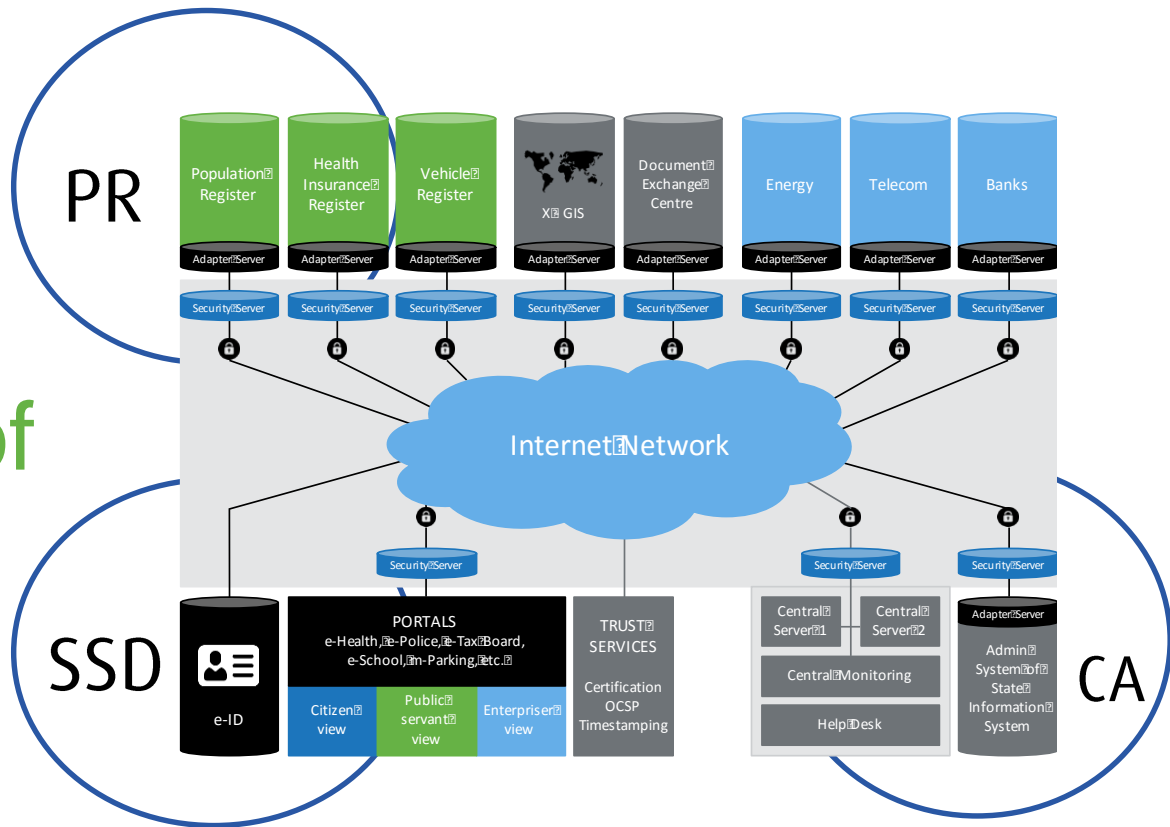
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# Digital Identity Management as a Cornerstone of e-Estonia

# 4 Pillars of e-Government Infrastructure



# Identification is a Cornerstone of Interoperability

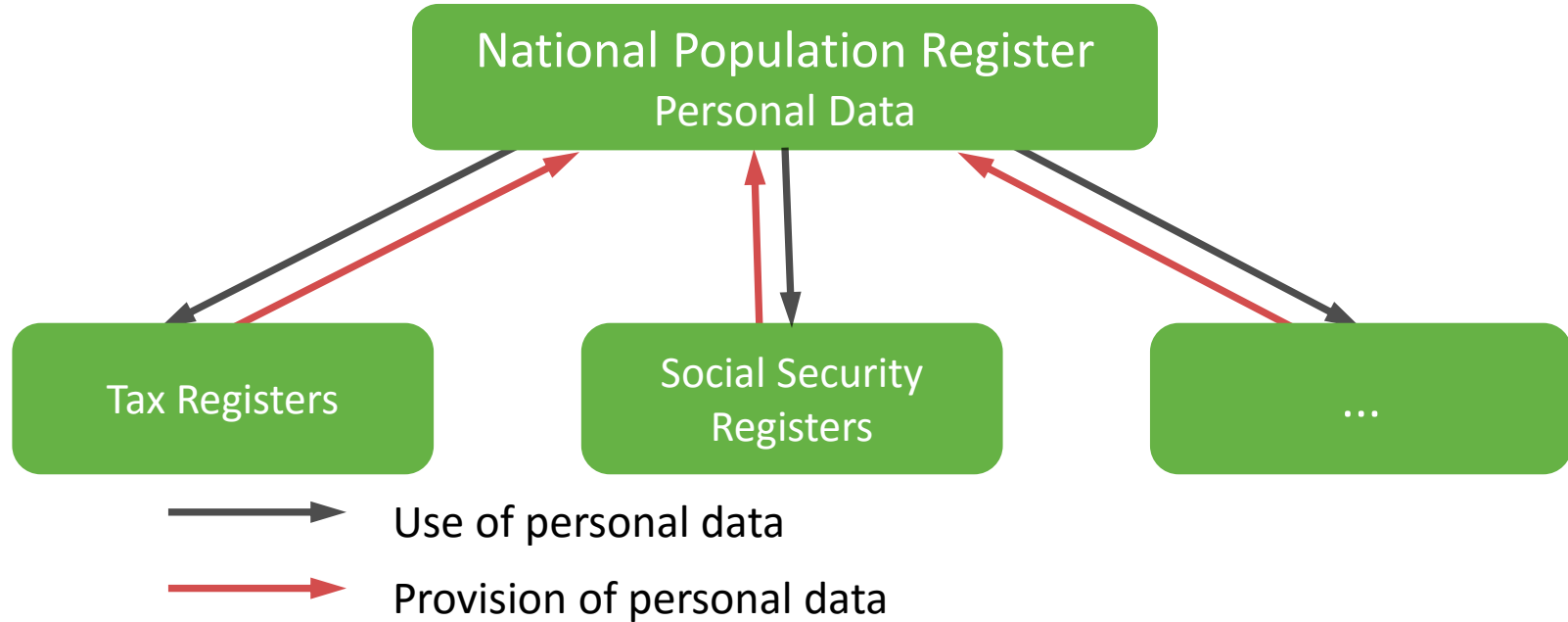


# Population Register of Estonia

- provides a main set of personal data to all government authorities and to public and private sector
  - generates personal identification codes
  - is data presentation layer for all users
- registers place of residence
  - issues certificates about place of residence
- provides working environment for proceeding of civil status acts:
  - registers birth etc.



# Hierarchy of Registers



# Physical vs Digital World

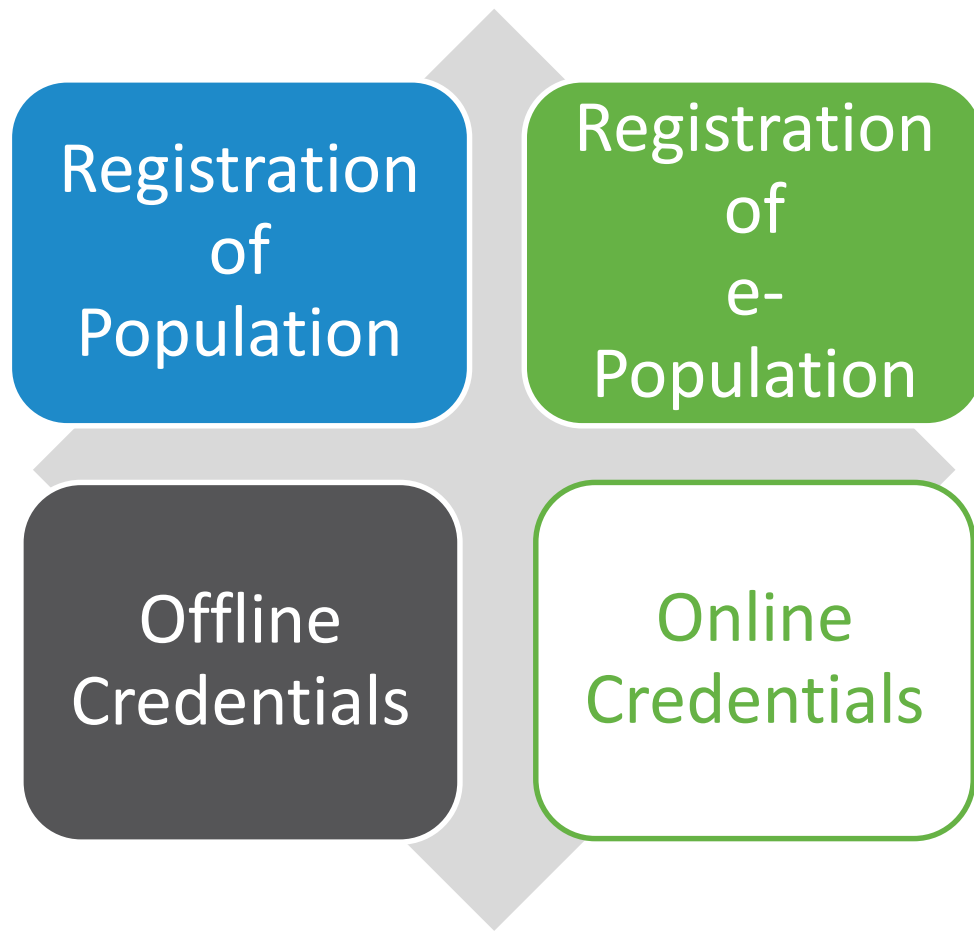


**The digital  
revolution  
needs a strong  
analog  
foundation**

World Bank World Development Report 2016



# Identity Management Offline and Online





One-stop-shop  
The key to the  
digital world  
3 user categories:

- for a citizen
- for an entrepreneur
- for an official

Personal „Office“

More than 4,5 million visits  $\uparrow$  13%

401 316 different users, 33% new users

46%  
men



255 669  
@eesti.ee  
users  
 $\uparrow$  21%

86 976  
numbers  
saved  
 $\uparrow$  51%



54%  
women

815 e-Services More than 6,9 million views

Most visited

701 395  
My data

670 054  
Admission into  
educational  
institution  
(SAIS)

279 474  
Adding data  
on the certificate of  
temporary incapacity  
for work

209 934  
Prescriptions

187 885  
Benefits for  
incapacity  
for work

134 528  
\* Submitting  
insurance data to the  
Estonian Health  
Insurance Fund

Services for entrepreneurs:  
★ 01.07.2014 changed to viewing data

# Digital ID and Signature since 2002



Digital signatures: 220+ M

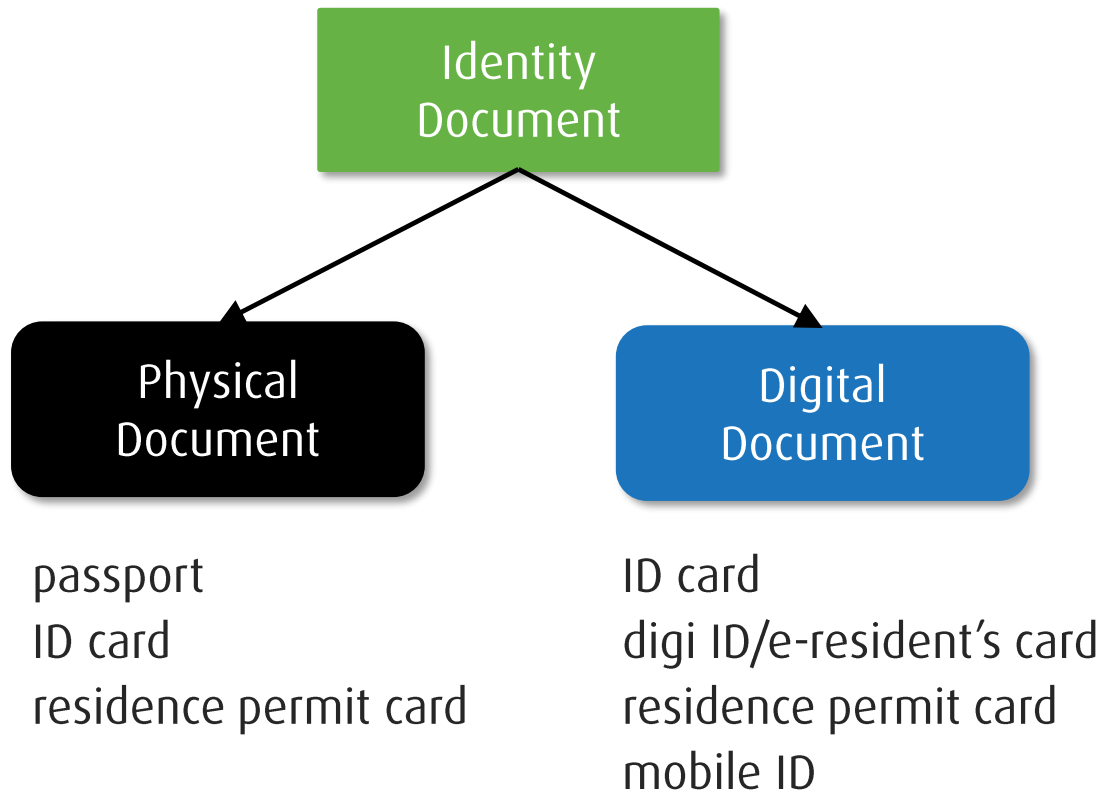
Active cards: 1,3 M

Online authentications: 350+ M

# (Digital) Identity Documents and Related Services



# Identity Documents



# Digital Document

- Identity Documents Act §3:

A document which is prescribed for digital identification of a person (hereinafter a **digital document**) is a document prescribed for identification of a person and verification of identity in an electronic environment.

Entry into force 30.07.2009



# Estonian Identity Card

- valid max 5 years
- compulsory ID document from 15 years age



# IDcard = Medium of Digital Identity

visual identification  
of a person

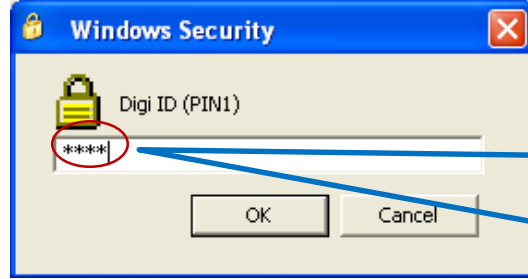


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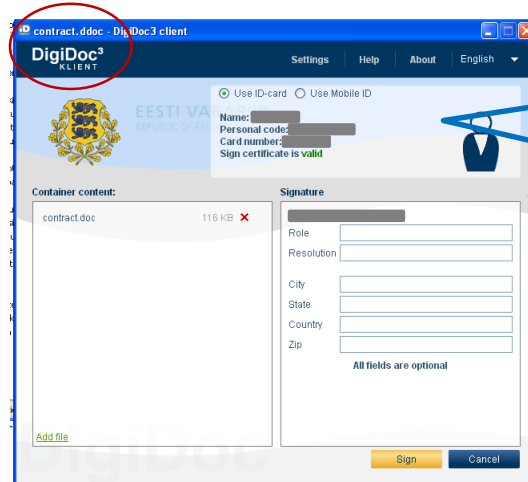


personal unified  
e-mail address

## IDcard as a travel document



IDcard as a “key”:  
opens up different  
data banks

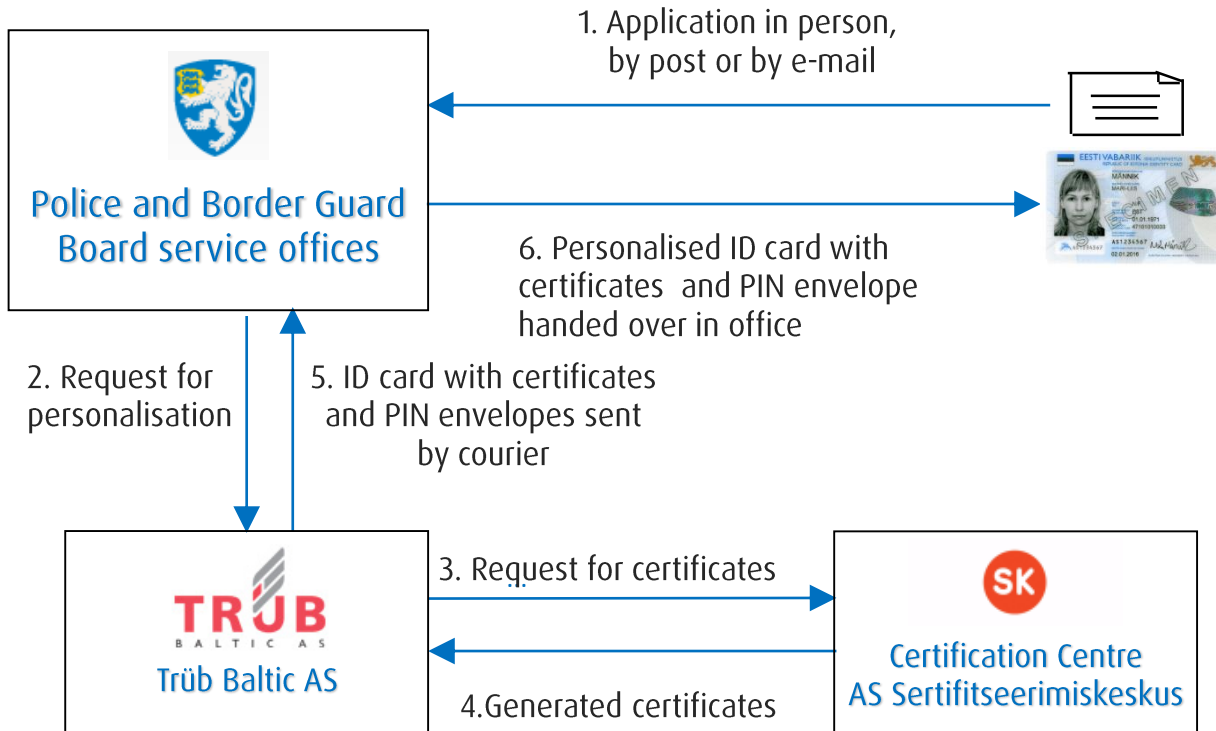


digital signature

## secure messaging: encrypting and decrypting



# ID Card Issuance Process

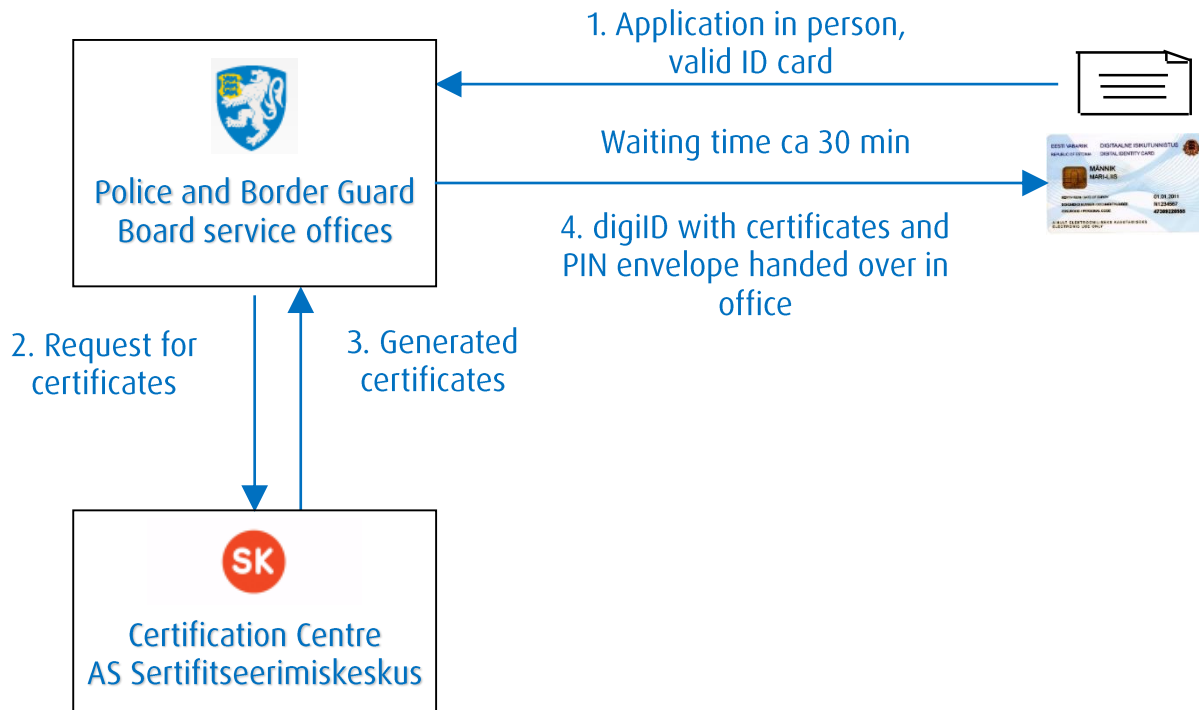


# Digital Identity Card as of Oct 01, 2010

- digi-ID - 1<sup>st</sup> “pure” digital identity document
- personalisation takes place in service offices
- visual data is printed by thermoprinter



# Digi-ID Issuance Process



# What Is Inside the Chip?

- Cryptoprocessor
- Personal data file
- Certificate for authentication along with e-mail address  
Forename.Surname@eesti.ee
- Certificate for digital signature



# Uniform Platform - DigiDoc

- Full-scale architecture for digital documents, signatures and encrypting
- Includes **real-time validity confirmation** of a certificate (OCSP)



# Mobile ID

- Usable as a digital document for authentication and digital signing
- Requires replacement of SIM card with PKI-capable SIM card
- No specific software required



# ID card



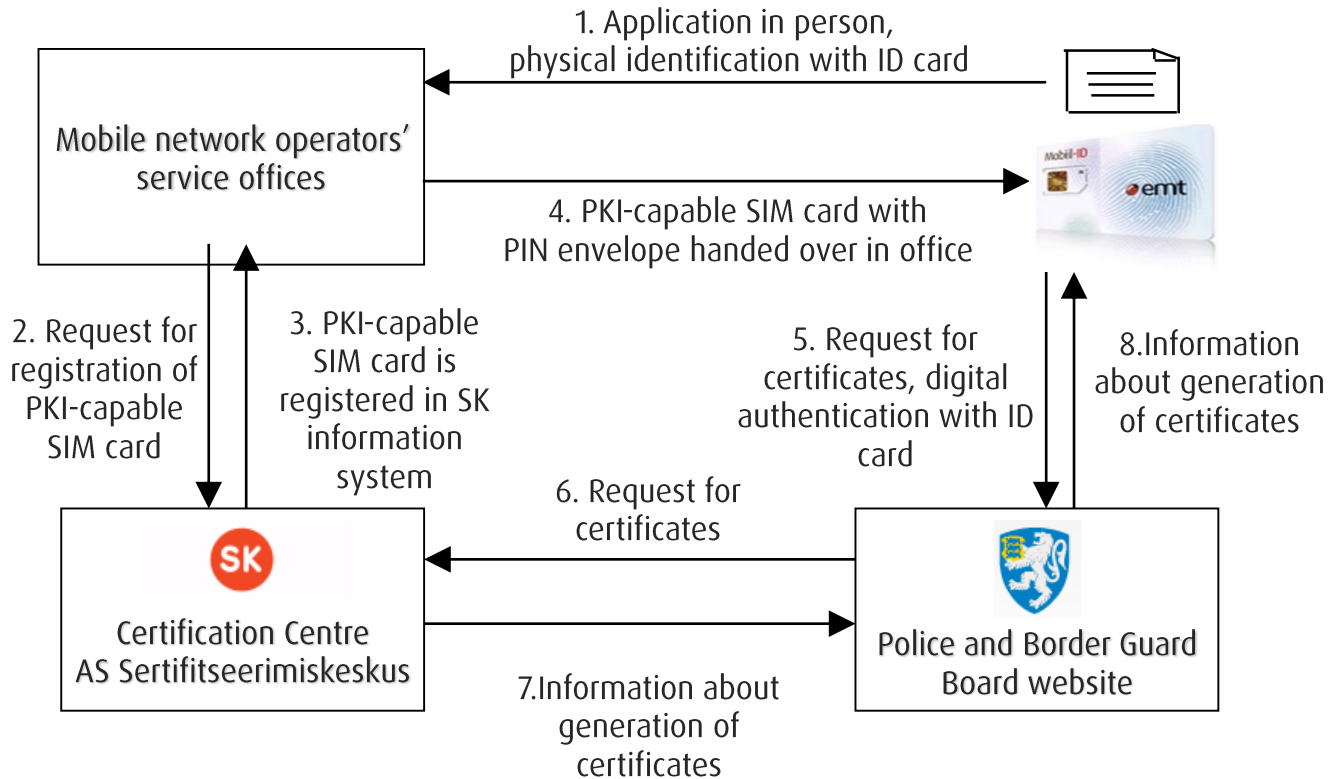
- PC (with ID card reader)
- ID card reader
- ID card (PIN 1,2)

# Mobile ID



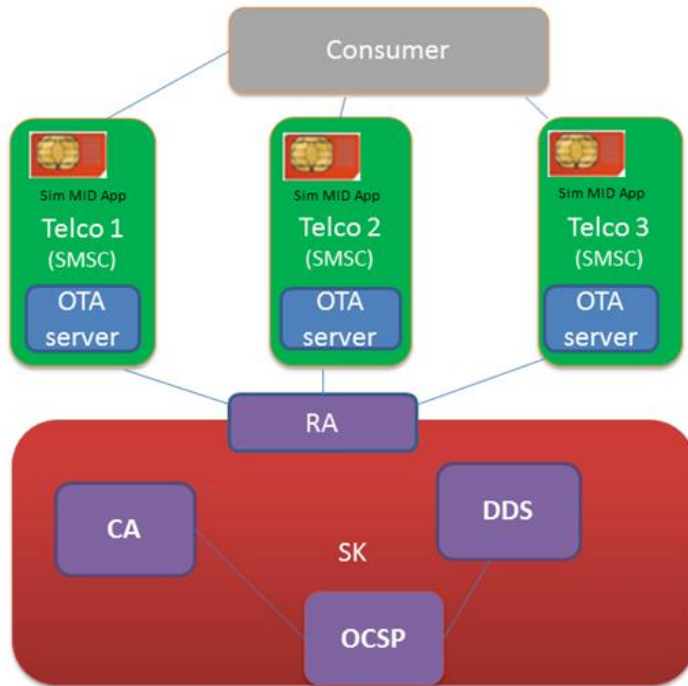
- PC connected to public Internet
- Mobile phone PKI-capable SIM card
- Mobile ID (PIN 1,2)

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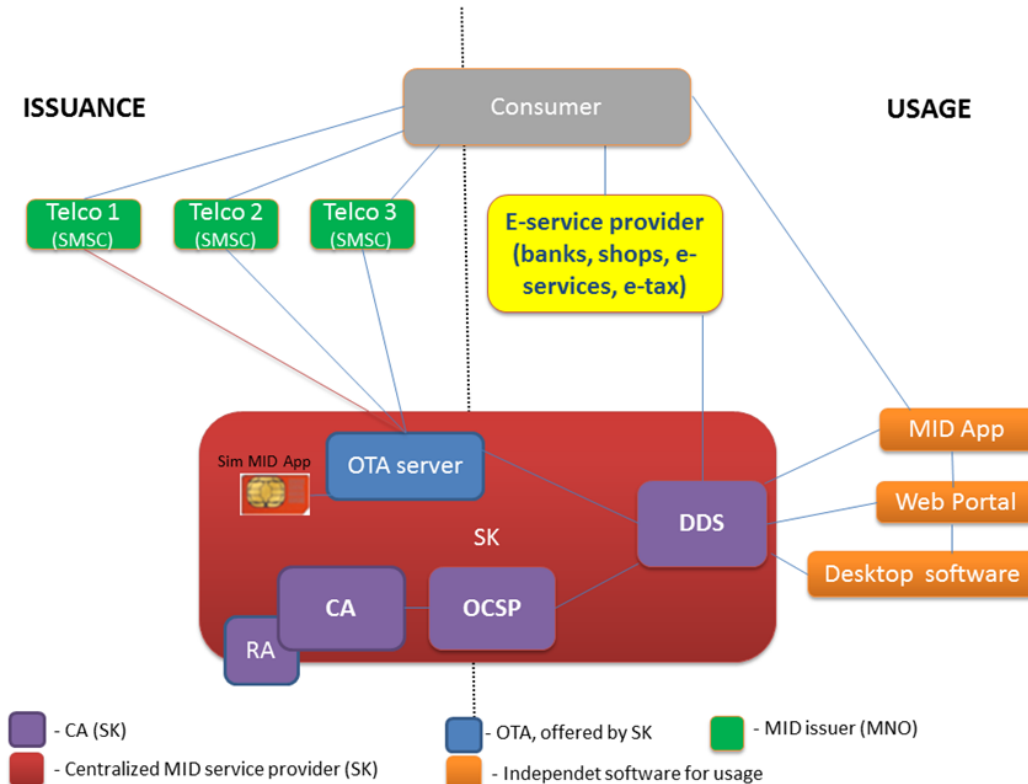




# Old mID Infrastructure



# New mID Infrastructure



# M-ID Prices



Valid from 01.01.2014	excl.vat	incl.vat
State fee handling	7,00	-
Monthly fee	0,83	1,00
User fee*	0,00	0,00

# Validity confirmation Services - Prices

- On concluding the contract, the service is free of charge:
  - office packet - free until the end of the first month
  - mini packet - free for 3 months
  - from standard packet - free for 6 months

Service Package	Minimum Number of Queries	Price per Query €	Minimum price per Month €
Base package	0	0,10	0
Office package	400	0,048	19,30
Mini-package	2000	0,038	76
Standard package	10 000	0,026	260
Bronze package	30 000	0,020	600
Silver package	80 000	0,014	1 120
Gold package	150 000	0,010	1 500
Platinum package	250 000	0,009	2 250
Diamond package	400 000	0,008	3 200
Brilliant package	750 000	0,007	5 250
Personal package	>750 000	under agreement	under agreement

# Residence Permit Card as of Jan 01, 2011

- EU uniform residence permit card for third-country nationals (incl. fingerprint biometrics).
- Carries the same e-functionality as identity card.



# eID Tokens

## National ID-card



## E-ID Card



## Mobile Phone

# eID Facts

- eID is part of national identity document
- Population ca. 1.3 M
- Valid eID tokens ca 1.2 M
  - eID since 2002
  - mID since 2007
- Online authentications: 350+ M
- Digital signatures given: 220+ M
  - today approximately 5,6 M per month
- E-residency since Dec, 2014





# i-Voting 2005

8 elections

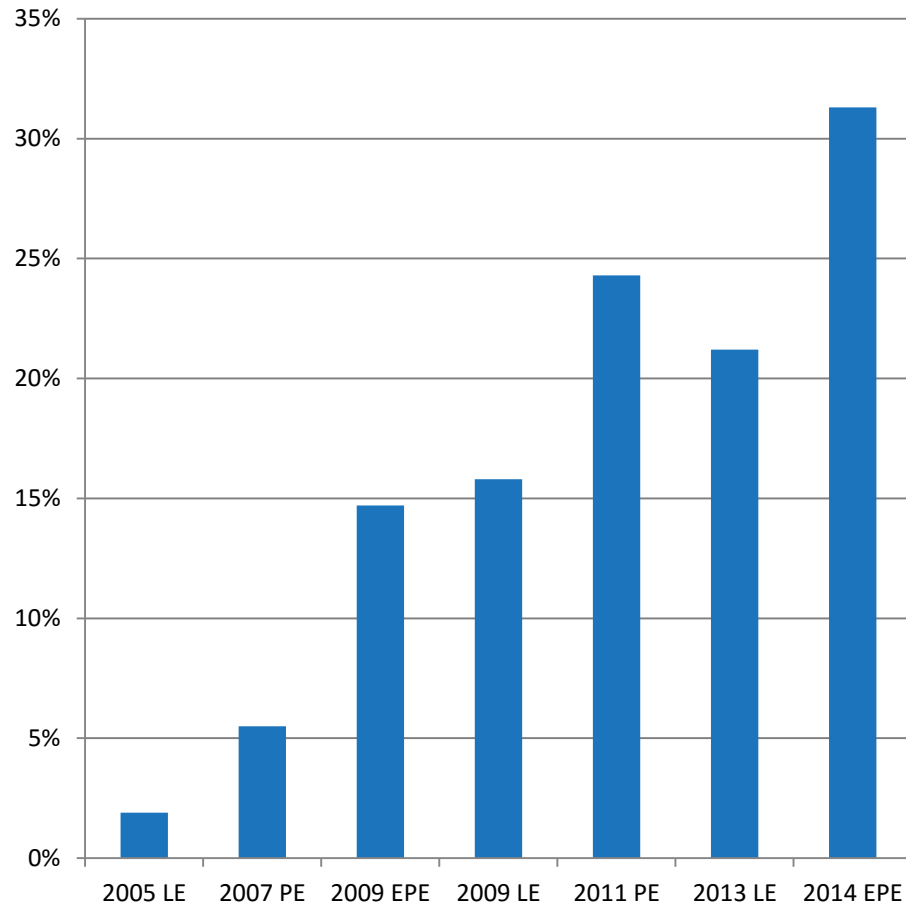
30% votes in 2015



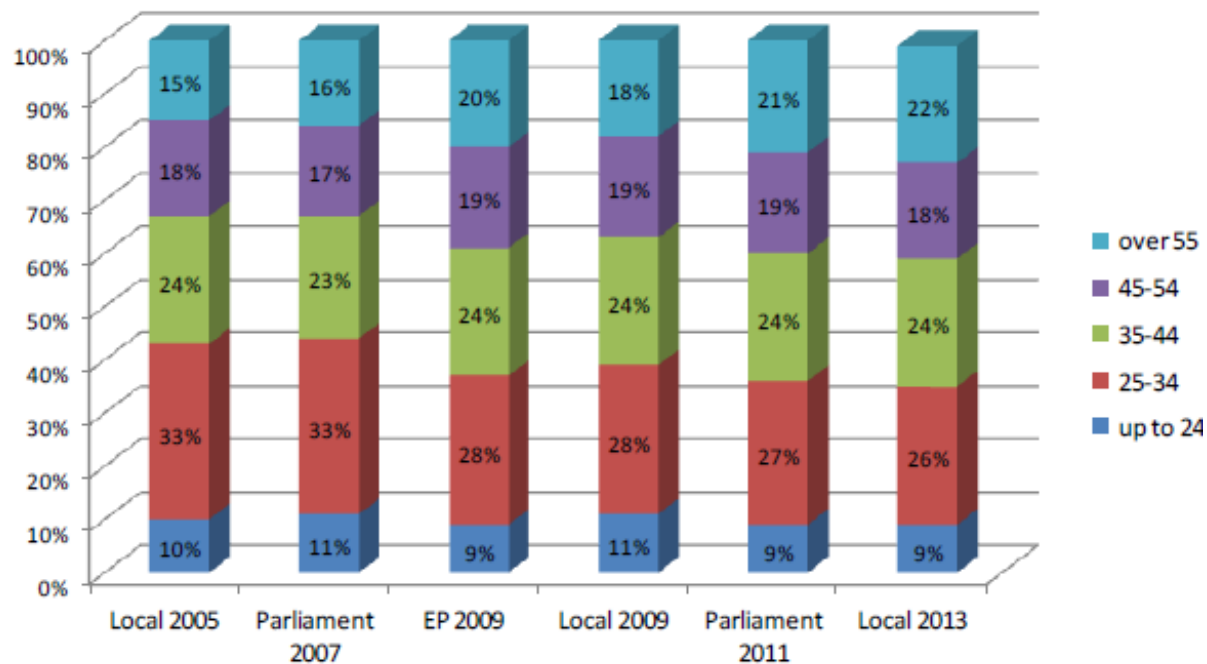


# i-Voting Development /i-voting statistics

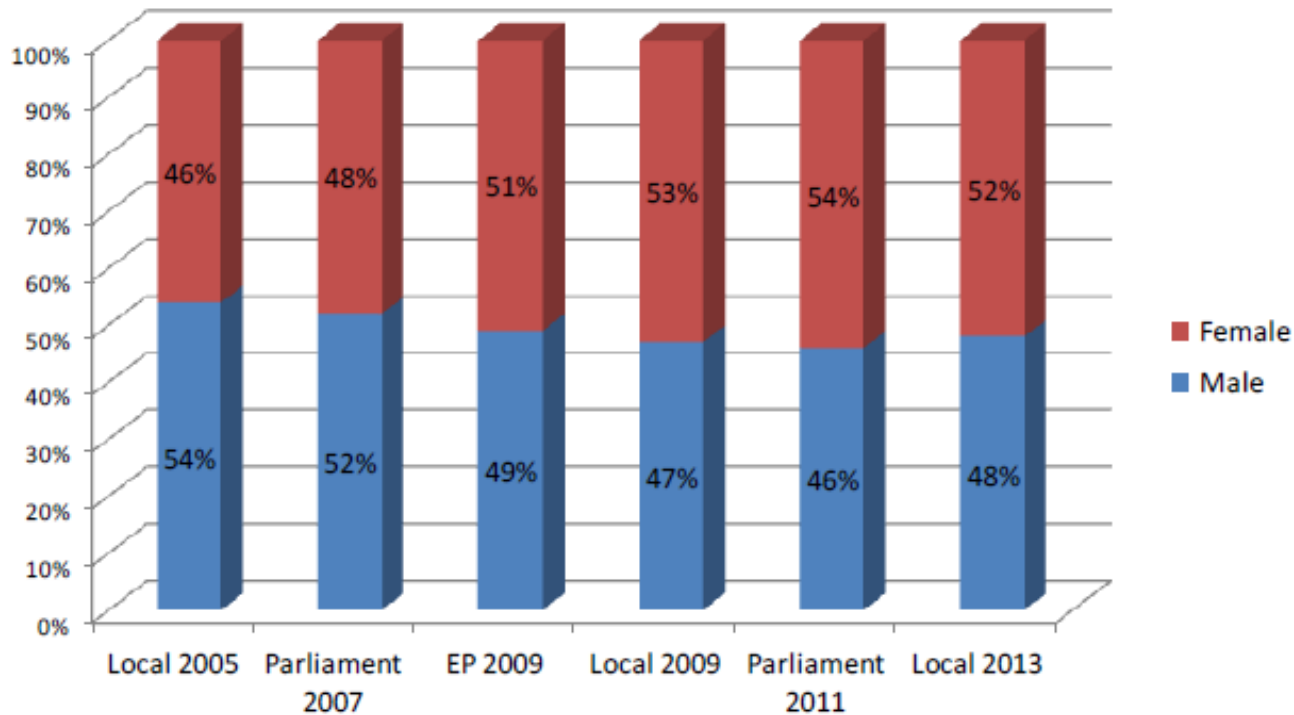
## I-voters among participating voters



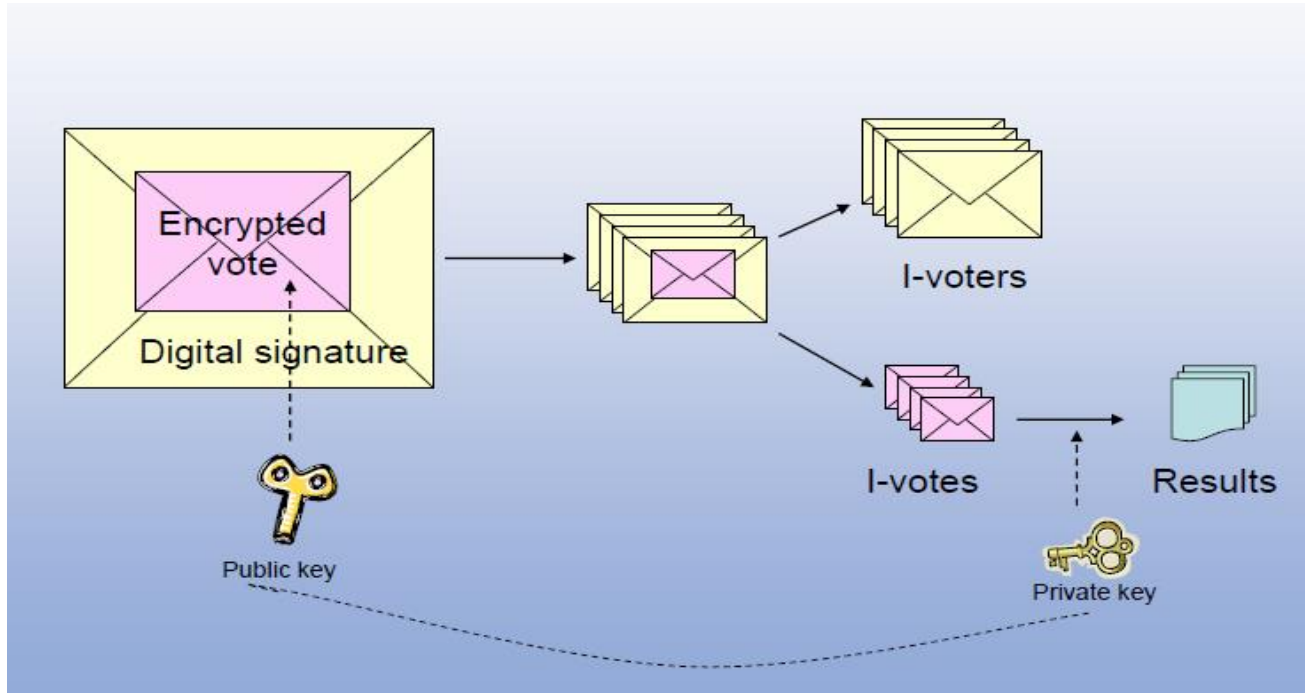
### I-Voters by Age, 2005-2013



## I Voters by Gender, 2005-2013



# Envelope scheme



# e-Residency Card since December, 2014



- The first in the world to offer e-residency (since Dec 2014)
- Provided by the Estonian Government.
- For internationally active companies and people, who want to run their business and life in the digital way.
- 10000 applicants (march 2016)
- [e-resident.gov.ee](http://e-resident.gov.ee)



The first e-resident of Estonia Edward Luc

# e-Residency Use Cases

- 1. Visitors of Estonia**  
**Academia, tourists**  
While visiting Estonia  
enjoy the same online  
benefits as locals

Clare Sullivan  
Australia



Stanislav Yurin  
Ukraine



- 2. Virtual business environment**  
**Freelancers, entrepreneurs**  
Run location-independent  
international business  
online.

- 3. Community of e-Residents**  
**Global citizens**  
Join us to create a  
country without  
borders.



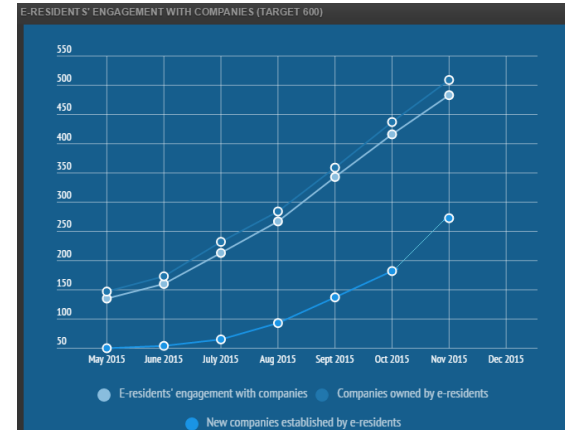
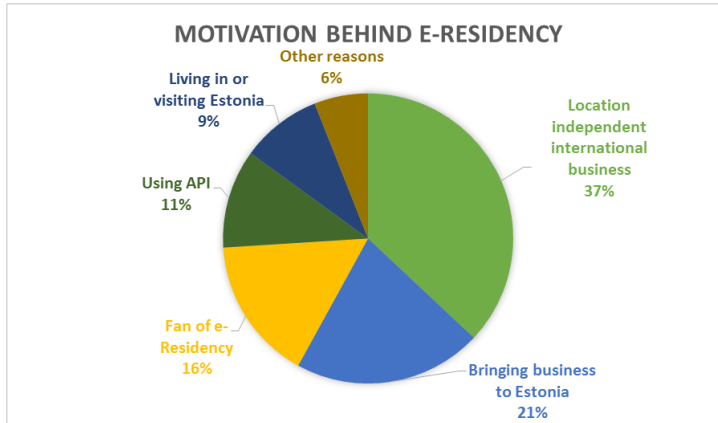
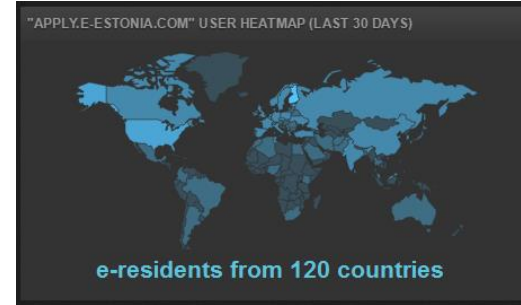
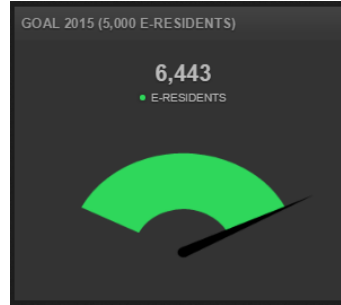
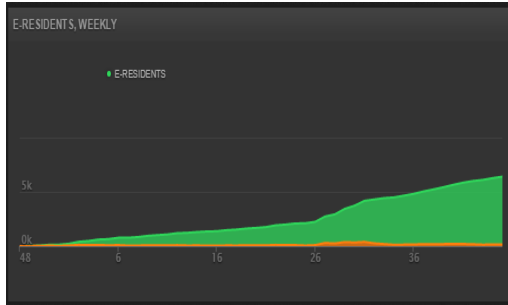
Carlos Miceli  
Argentina



Developers

- 4. Open digital identity platform**  
**Developers**  
Use e-Residency as a  
platform to scale your  
own services.

# Statistics of e-Residency





A person wearing a blue hoodie is sitting at a wooden desk, looking at a silver laptop. The person's face is obscured by the hood. The background is dark and smoky. The title text is overlaid in the center of the image.

# Digital Identity Management as a Cornerstone of Trust Building

# eIDAS

- Directive 1999/93/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13/12/1999 on a Community framework for electronic signatures.
- Regulation (EU) no 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23/07/2014 on **electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market** and repealing directive 1999/93/EC.
- [Digital Agenda eIDAS](#)

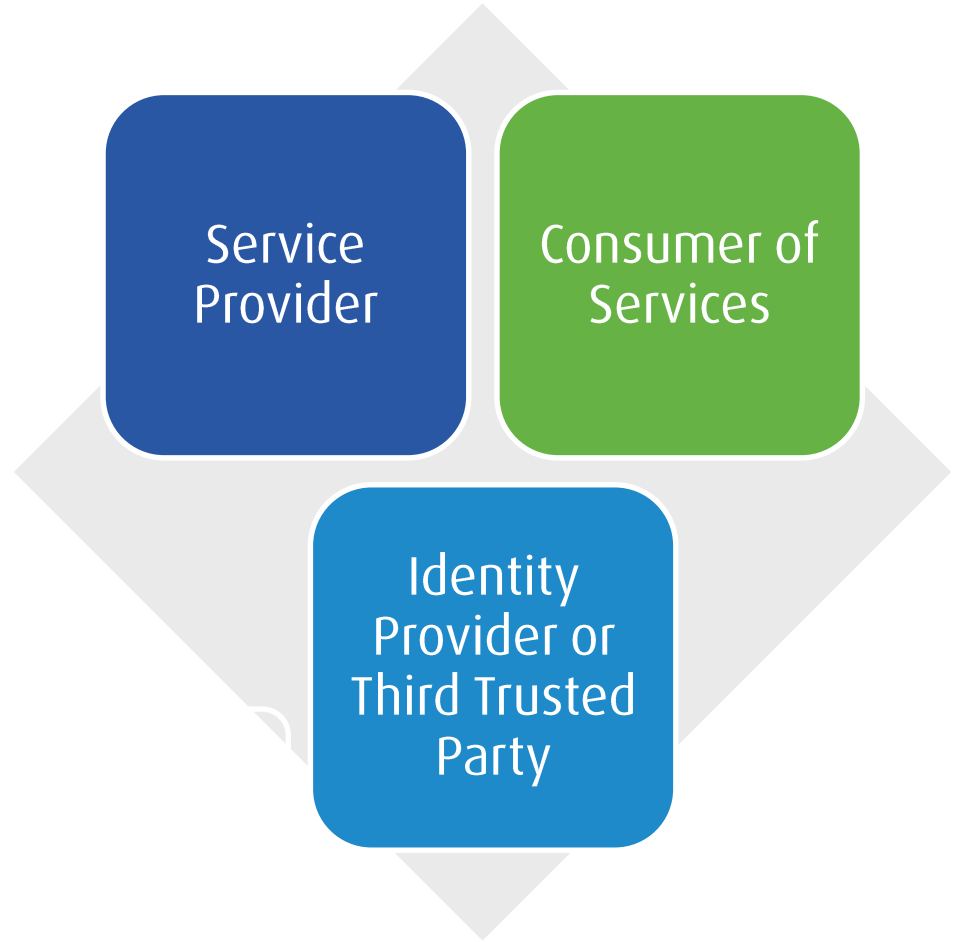
# Mutual Recognition of eIDs

- Member States must recognise eID means issued under „notified“ eID schemes from other Member States for cross-border access to its public services requiring e-identification based on the reciprocity principle (art. 6)

# Electronic Trust Services

- mutual recognition of e-identification means
- electronic trust services:
  - electronic signatures
  - electronic seals
  - time stamping
  - electronic registered delivery service
  - website authentication
- electronic documents

# Trust Building



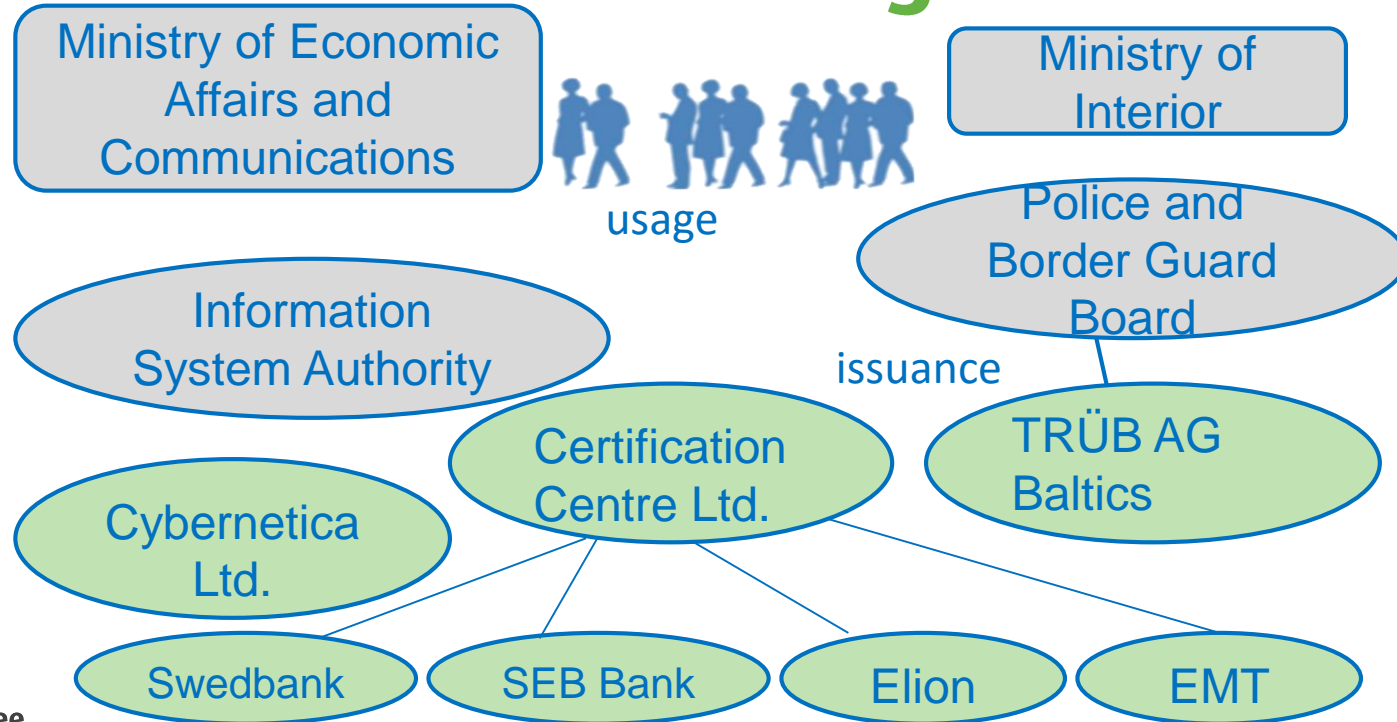
# Building Trust and Confidence towards e-Government



On the Internet, nobody knows  
you're a dog...

Peter Steiner, The New Yorker, 1995

# Public-Private Partnership in Trust Building





A close-up photograph of a gold-colored SIM card. The card is positioned diagonally, showing its intricate circuitry and contact pads. It lies on a blue, textured fabric background, possibly a piece of clothing. The lighting highlights the metallic sheen of the card.

# **(Electronic) Identity and (Digital) Identity Management**



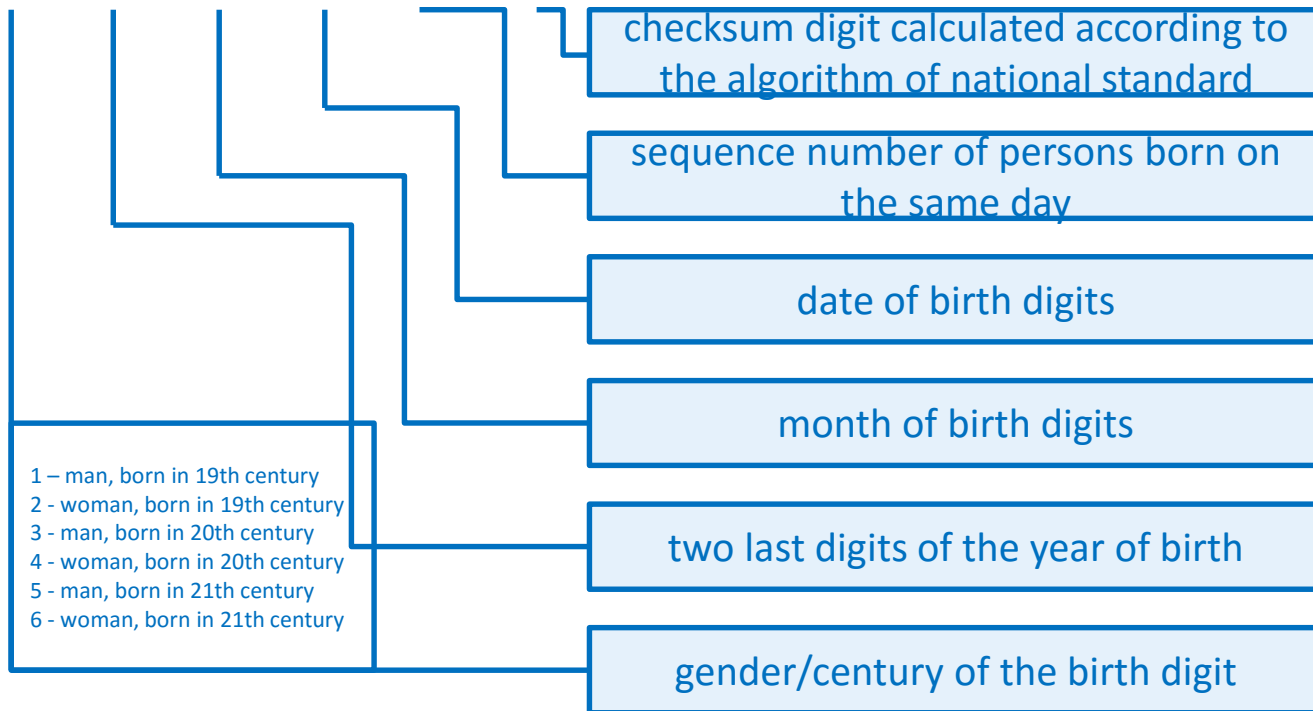
# Estonian National Identity Framework

- The identity system is established around the persistent life-long ID called **Personal Identification Code (PIC)**, which links all identities together, declaring them as belonging to the same person
  - Formation of PIC is based on the Estonian Standard EVS 585:2007 „Personal Code. Structure” and the Population Register Act
  - All certificates of widely accepted electronic identities (ID card, digiID and Mobile ID) contain PIC
- The identity management policy is closely related to identity documents policy

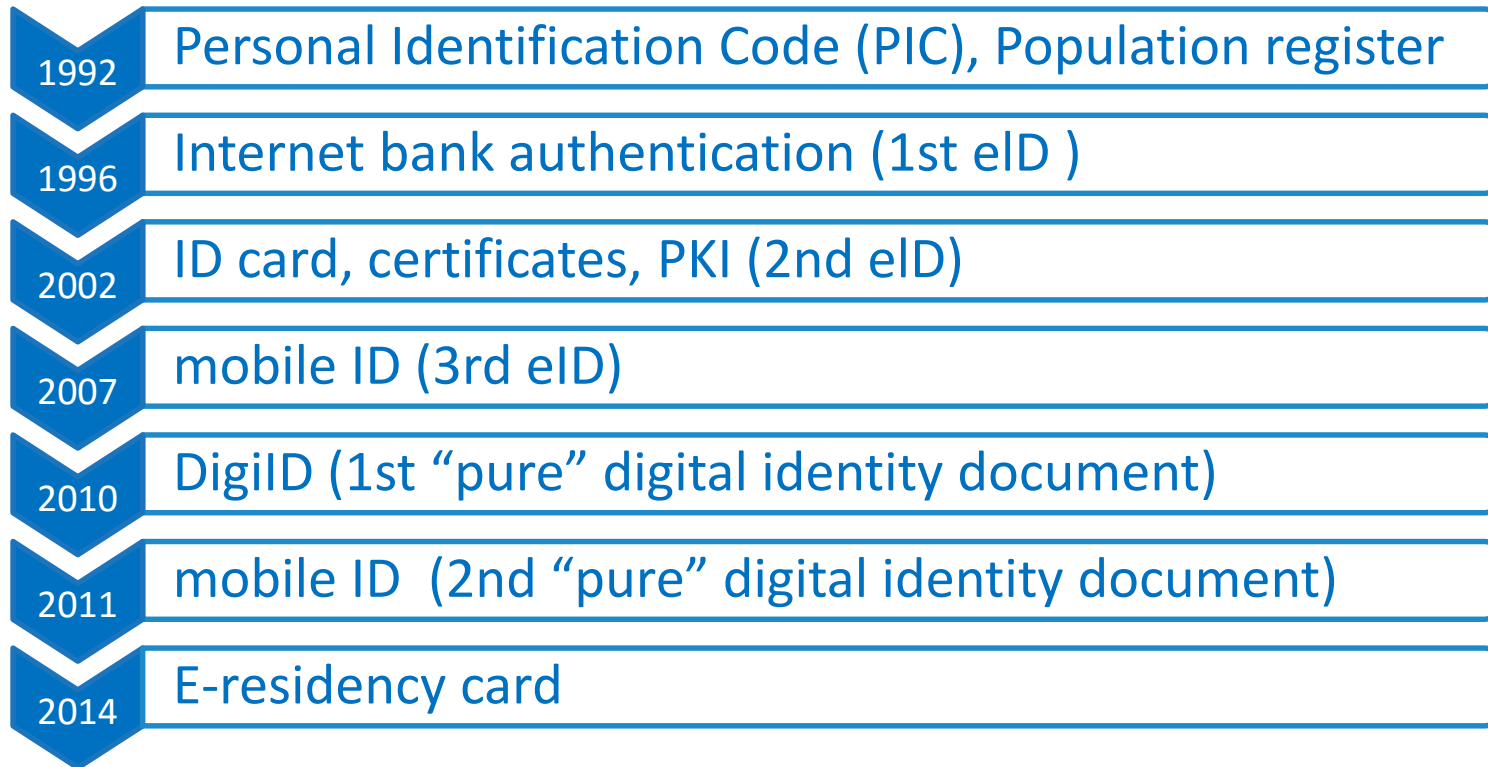
# Personal Identification Code

The 11-digit PIC consists of:

X XX XX XX XXX X



# eID Development



# Electronic Identity Types

- Internet bank authentication
  - Password cards
  - PIN calculators
  - ID-cards
- ID-card – based on PKI technology
- mID – PKI capable SIM-cards

# Digital Identity Management Principles

- State monopoly and responsibility to identify a person, confirm the identity and issue certificates on identity documents
- Centralized identity management
- Principle of "one person = one identity"

# Digital Identity Management Principles

- One-to-one relationship of certificates with the user of the digital document
- Public verification of certificates via the **personal identification code**



# • Digital Signature

# Digital Signature - Concept

- Legally binding
- Equivalent to what we are doing on paper
- Public sector is obliged to accept digitally signed documents
- Any relation: G2G, G2B, G2C, B2C








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REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA

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# Digital Signature Cost-Profit Calculator

- 100 million digital signatures



- People and companies have saved more than 82 000 000 €



An hourglass with silver sand is positioned on the left side of the image. To its right, on a dark wooden surface, are several stacks of coins of various denominations. The background is a dark gradient.

Using the digital  
signature effectively we  
save 1 working week  
per year

**2 % of GDP**

Economic Effect

# Lessons Learned



# Best Practices

- Simple solution
- Compulsory ID card
- Low state fee
- Public-private partnership
- Interoperable ICT architecture
- Usable in any relation: G2G, G2B, G2C, B2C, B2B, C2C

# EstEID with NFC – How it works #1



# Legal Acts

- Identity Documents Act
- Digital Signature Act
- Population Register Act
- The Minister's of Regional Affairs 07.01.2005 Act no 4 "The formation and grant of personal identification codes"
- Personal Data Protection Act
- Public Information Act

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