

Follow Up After Porvoo 14 in Cardiff, Wales



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Participants and Agenda



Almost 70 representatives from 15 European countries, the US, Japan and Saudi Arabia, as well as from the European Commission participated in the Porvoo 14 conference.

There were given 23 presentations altogether at the conference including Country Updates from the US, Japan, Turkey, Belgium and Estonia.

Opening Statements of the Conference



Mr Neil Akass and Mr Ieuan Griffiths from the DVLA opened the Porvoo 14 conference and welcomed the participants in Cardiff.

Appreciation of Hosting Country Presentations



The following presentations were given on the situation of the eID and the ongoing projects in the UK:

- **STORK and the UK Government Gateway by *Mr Jim Purves* (Government Gateway, Department of Work and Pensions)**
- **Smartcards in MOD - Identity Management in practice by *Mr David Longhurst* (Ministry of Defence)**
- **DVLA Smartcard Development by *Mr Ieuan Griffiths* (DVLA)**

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- Identity Management approach for UK Government as a whole by *Mr Stuart MacDonald* (Identity and Passport Service, Home Office)
- Practical Introduction of the Identity Card for Foreign Nationals/Biometric Residence Permit by *Mr Tony Mercer* (UK Border Agency)
- Keynote speaker slot – Safeguarding Identity and Recognising Entitlement for Citizens by *Ms Meg Hillier, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Identity* (Home Office)
- Tell Us Once Project by *Mr Matthew Briggs* (Department of Work and Pensions)

Resolutions



There were seven resolutions concluded at the conference. All resolutions were agreed unanimously.

Resolution 1.



The proposal by Mr. Asbjorn Hovsto that Porvoo Group members consider the consequences of adopting a one line MRZ (Machine Readable Zone) card instead of the existing three line MRZ was noted.

Status: The proposal has been noted by the Porvoo Group.

Resolution 2.

The additional recommendation made by Mr. Asbjorn Hovsto that the Porvoo Group share national experiences on implementing Extended Access Control for ICAO compliant travel documents was also noted.

Status: The recommendation has been noted and Porvoo Group aims to continue discussion about it.

Resolution 3.



Thomas Myhr's first report for the Porvoo Group on the legal aspects of interoperable eID (*Regulating a European eID: A preliminary study on a regulatory framework for entity authentication and a pan European Electronic ID for the Porvoo e-ID Group (31 January 2005)*) recommended that a cross-border Validation Authority could be a "vehicle" to achieve cross-border interoperability for eSignatures/eID. Mr. Myhr noting that this idea is still very valid, has suggested that the European Commission issue specific requirements for a voluntary surveillance scheme to enhance the trust and security of Validation Authority services. To help kick-start such initiative, Mr. Myhr has proposed to draft a follow-up report for Porvoo Group which will inter alia outline draft requirements etc. for Validation Authorities.

The Porvoo Group, the representative from STORK and Mr. Myhr will examine the possibilities for collaboration. The Secretariat will coordinate the implementation of the initiative.

Resolution 3.



Status: Because of Mr. Thomas Myhr having changed his position and moving from the Ministry of Trade and Industry to another organisation, he has informed the Porvoo Group Secretariat that he no longer is able to draft this report. So, if there are interested members on this issue, please contact the secretariat. Otherwise it seems that we have to leave this initiative.

Resolution 4.



On the basis of resolution number 4 of the Porvoo 12 conference the PESO project (a web-based database application for country updates <http://www.eid-status.info/>) is in progress. The PESO procedures including access rights and mechanisms for updating and extracting information will be further developed and experimented on the basis of input to be provided by Porvoo Group members. The PESO is also being conducted in collaboration with the NIST Identity Management Programme. The team will predominantly work virtually (over a mailing list). The processes relating to PESO will be carried out by Mr. Bud P. Bruegger (Commune di Grosseto, Italy), email: bud@comune.grosseto.it.

Enquiries and questions relating to the Porvoo Group, Country Updates and PESO can also be addressed to the Permanent Secretariat of the Porvoo Group, email: porvoo.group@vrk.fi.

Status: A detailed report will be presented here in Porvoo 15 conference.

Resolution 5.



At Porvoo 12 it was decided to form a sub-group for collaboration with Operating System Vendors. The sub-group has been inactive up to now but Mr. Bud P. Bruegger proposes to activate the group by sharing the experience on how government eIDs could be integrated with user-centric identity management. It was noted that Microsoft plans to collaborate with the Italian Ministry of the Interior in a next step of the government security program and is willing to collaborate with the Porvoo sub-group.

Porvoo Group members are invited to participate in this collaborative sub-group. Interested members are invited to contact Mr. Bud P. Bruegger (Commune di Grosseto, Italy).

Status: Because the idea of this sub-group has unfortunately not raised enough interest, we can conclude this case to be closed.

Resolution 6.



The Porvoo Group conference for spring 2009 is under discussion, the Porvoo Group Secretariat welcomes expressions of interest from members interested in hosting the spring conference.

The Porvoo conference of autumn 2009 will be held in France.

Status: At the turn of the year Austria confirmed their possibility to organise and host this 15th Porvoo conference. Austria has been a Porvoo Group member from the very beginning and now we are happy to convene here at Vienna.