

# Digital Identity Standards (DIS) Group publishes guidelines for Belgian electronic identity cards (eID) applications

*IT, Audit and Consulting companies facilitate development and implementation of eID applications*

**Brussels, 10 March 2008** – The DIS Group, gathering eight Belgian IT experts working for various IT, Audit and Consulting companies, announces the publication of a book describing procedures and best practices for building and operating eID based trustworthy applications.

As the success of the eID card largely depends on usable and trustworthy systems, the publication of these guidelines is an essential instrument for software development companies and service providers. The book contains a harmonized set of procedures and checklists covering legal aspects, policies, technical issues and implementation concerns. Until today there was no uniform method available on how to build trustworthy applications considering these aspects. Knowing that authorities are increasingly making use of the electronic ID card, the book fills in a gap and answers a real need on the Belgian eID market.

With these guidelines, the Group addresses eID application suppliers and developers' requirements and aspires to increase the trust between government, the industry and the end-users. Multiple purposes are served such as creation and verification of eID based electronic signatures, authentication of eID card holders, authentication verification or card data capture.

"This book, is the first harmonised set of requirements against which applications and services providers can develop and implement trustworthy eID based applications or services", says Olivier Delos, from SEALED, a consulting company specialised in e-Signatures and eID.

To date, seven million cards have been distributed to civilians in Belgium, a project which will see completion end of 2009 with more than eight million units delivered.

The DIS Group was constituted in 2006 and initiated by L-SEC, a networking organization uniting over 40 leading IT and security companies in Belgium. The book has been presented to the public 28 Februari at the L-SEC Identity Management and eID Congress.

"**Best Practice for Applications using the electronic Identity Card (eID)**" is co-authored by Kim Van Esbroeck (Integri, a Clear2Pay company), Sylvie Lacroix (SEALED), Olivier Delos (SEALED), Marc Vael (Protiviti), Ronny Bjonnes (Microsoft), Carlo Schüpp (Deloitte), Pieter Danhieux (Ernst & Young), Gilbert Van fraeyenhoven (Ernst & Young), Jurgen Truyen (Loungemark), Jos Dumortier (time.lex), Geert Somers (time.lex).

The book can be ordered via [www.sealed.be](http://www.sealed.be) and costs 35 euros.

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