

elD in eGov

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What is an eID?

- Electronic IDentity (Card)
- Issued by Government
- Integrated chip or RFID (German case)





What is it used for?

- Official online and offline identification
- Official electronic signature of documents (digital signatures)
- Hence many applications: border control, online payment, health ID, government applications (e-voting, taxes, ...), privacy control, authenticated e-mailing, ...

What does it require?

- National PKI (initial heavy cost)
- Integrated chip (or unsafe RFID) technology
- Debate on ID storage

Who has it?

- Austria, Belgium, Estonia, Finland, Italy,
 Netherlands, Spain and Sweden
- New: Germany (unsafe), Romania
- German case bad choice: RFID demonstration from the CCC (Chaos Computer Club)

Recommendations

- Arab countries (as well as LDCs) issues
 - money & technological knowledge
- India anecdote

Recommendations

- No money for a technology on the verge of being replaced
- Avoid unnecessary research
 (wait that safe technology becomes available : no RFID, integrated chip is better)
- Know what your country needs! good idea: PKI & eID bad idea: Biometric Passports

Conclusion

- eID is good and useful for both governments and their people
- New infrastructure needed (initial cost)
- Save money and time on the long term
- Be smart, follow recommendations ;-)

Questions?