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**International Porvoo Group convenes in France 22–23 May 2014  
EUROPEAN OPERATORS PREPARE FOR TRUST SERVICES FOR ELECTRONIC  
TRANSACTIONS**

The international Porvoo Group will convene in the technopole of Sophia Antipolis, France on 22–23 May 2014 to consider questions related to European electronic identity and safe online services. The themes of the conference include electronic identification, trust services for electronic transactions (for example, electronic signatures, time stamps and documents, as well as website verification) and matters connected with the protection of privacy. Among other things, the focus at the conference will be on the regulation of strong electronic identification and trust services, as well as the presentation of interoperable solutions.

Topics of interest at the conference include safe identification services running on various technical platforms, identity thefts and the national electronic identity development projects ongoing in the participating countries. The National Data Exchange Layer – currently under construction – shall also be presented from Finland.

Moreover, the conference will hear about the STORK project, which is underway in the European Union. Its objective is to make it possible to engage in online services and transactions across borders by means of a national electronic ID. By means of specifications set in the STORK project, the minimum standard of national identification solutions will also be determined.

At the close of the conference, a roundtable discussion between national authorities and standardisation specialists will be organised about the demands of trust services, as well as the minimum level of national identities.

The 18th conference of the Porvoo Group is hosted by ETSI, the European Telecommunications Standards Institute. The conference participants will include representatives from European countries.

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**The conference web site and other material:**

[www.etsi.org/porvoo18](http://www.etsi.org/porvoo18) and [www.fineid.fi/en](http://www.fineid.fi/en) -> Porvoo Group

*The Porvoo Group is an international cooperation network coordinated by the Population Register Centre of Finland. The Group's primary goal is to promote a trans-national, interoperable eID based on PKI technology (Public Key Infrastructure) and smart cards and chip ID cards in Europe. The Porvoo Group members represent European national authorities as well as the European Commission and the UN. The USA and Japan are also closely involved.*