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Poland is the first e-SENS piloting country in Europe to facilitate online cross-border services with EU-wide support for digital signatures

Online capability to support EU-wide digital signatures, is available in Poland through the business portal, www.biznes.gov.pl. Anyone from Europe wishing to provide business services in Poland can perform digital procedures with digital signatures online, through the portal, thanks to the 'e-Signature' building block piloted within the EU's e-SENS project.

The biznes.gov.pl portal has been developed by the Polish Ministry of Economy with a mission to be the Point of Single Contact for e-services, centred around business activity and service provision. At the moment the biznes.gov.pl platform is able to support more than 20 transactional e-services, related to a variety of professions and trades. It enables individuals and businesses to sign with any certificates issued and recognized in their home country. Allowing digital signature users from Europe to use the portal makes it more attractive to all wishing to do business in Poland. The e-Signature is based on an online signing the SD-DSS—tool provided by the European Commission. The implementation of the solution by the Ministry of Economy supported by the Institute of Logistics and Warehousing is the first national pilot of the e-SENS project that goes live with real transaction capability.

Jarosław Tomaszewski, (the Institute of Logistics and Warehousing) responsible for the implementation said, "the digital signature capability of the Point of Single Contact now allows citizens from Europe to sign their web application forms. This should greatly improve the availability and accessibility of our public services cross-border."

The Polish government will be monitoring the site to gain insight into how the online services are being used, and what volume of traffic is being generated in which sectors.

The collaboration between public bodies and private sector companies enabled by e-SENS is expected to put in place basic IT solutions to enable cross-border activity in four different domains: e-Justice, business, lifecycle, e-Health and e-Procurement.

The Business Lifecycle domain focuses on two use cases: Business Registration and Activity Registration. Business Registration involves setting up a new company of various legal forms in a different country. Online access to services using e-ID, e-documents/semantics and e-Signatures allow business owners and entrepreneurs to register their company in a different EU member state.





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In Activity Registration, service providers planning to expand their activity in a different EU country, are not obliged to set up a new company but they simply register their activity and apply for licences, permits and so on, in the relevant member state.

A varied and diverse set of e-SENS pilots is working to expand existing online business, health, procurement and justice functionality available in EU and EEA member states, and eventually to make them interoperable through the use of cross-domain IT 'building blocks'. The e-SENS project aims to provide an architectural framework of solutions, methodologies and standards that will enable interoperability and enhance the introduction of European Single Market.

Carsten Schmidt, the coordinator of the e-SENS project, said: "After 2-years of work, e-SENS entered its piloting phase. This means the ability to support real cross-border transactions that will facilitate living and doing business across Europe. Poland is the tangible example of how it is feasible to offer public services without borders."

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