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The Director-General

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Their Excellencies the Permanent
Representatives of the Member States
(and of Iceland, Liechtenstein, and
Norway) to the European Union

Subject: Implementation of European Digital Identity Wallets

Your Excellency,

The European Union has decided to introduce EU Digital Identity Wallets for all its citizens at the end of 2026. These personal digital wallets will be installed on mobile phones and offer the possibility to securely identify and/or authenticate for online public and private services and share digital documents securely and under full user control and protection of personal data.

To ensure the success of this strategic project for the EU, it is important that all Member States attach a high degree of priority and urgency to the technical preparations for the issuance of the wallet at the end of next year as required by the European Digital Identity Regulation ⁽¹⁾.

The Commission already provides several components to facilitate this process: An Architecture and Reference Framework developed jointly with Member states experts provides detailed technical specifications and reference standards for the wallet framework. It will be completed in December and inform an update of key implementing acts. In addition, the Commission makes available a wallet template which delivers software components and libraries to facilitate Member States' wallet developments. The template will be completed in November for all key functionalities.

As the European Digital Identity Cooperation Group identified several difficulties and delays in a number of Member States to ensure the timely issuance of wallets at its last meeting in May this year, the Commission has decided to extend its support to Member States:

- The Commission has decided to launch an additional **call for proposals for large scale pilot project(s)** to support cooperation between Member States on wallet development and certification and to promote the integration of mobile driving

⁽¹⁾ Regulation EU (2024) 1183

licenses into EU Digital Identity Wallets. This additional call is planned for early October. Its main objective is to ensure the timely issuance of wallets in all Member states at the end of 2026. ⁽²⁾ In order to prepare for this call, I encourage the competent administrations responsible for the issuance of the EU Digital Identity Wallet in your Member State to engage already now with their counterparts in other Member States to identify areas where support is needed and where it can be offered.

- Furthermore, the Commission has decided to provide a **common testing infrastructure** to facilitate the functional certification of national wallets which should be available in the beginning of 2026.

To assist Member State competent authorities in planning the necessary activities for the deployment of wallets at the end of 2026, I would like to share with you in the attachment an overview of **essential milestones and intermediate tasks** that would have to be completed in the coming months.

I would be grateful if you could assess the preparatory activities that your Member State has undertaken against these milestones and tasks, and if you could inform the Commission about any difficulties or delays in meeting them in order to discuss how further support can be provided. This will help us target better the different support actions foreseen.

I am planning to organise a meeting of the **European Digital Identity Cooperation Group** at high-level before the end of the year to take stock on progress.

Yours sincerely

Electronically signed

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Attachments:

Essential Milestones and Tasks to complete for Issuance of the European Digital Identity Wallet end 2026

⁽²⁾ Pending the amendment of the DEP 2025-2027 Work Programme

Attachment:

Milestones and Suggested Intermediate Tasks in Preparation for Issuance of the European Digital Identity Wallets

<i>Milestone and Intermediate Tasks</i>	<i>Suggested Latest Completion Date</i>	<i>Legal Reference</i>
Milestone 1 Establish national certification scheme <i>Intermediate Tasks:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Develop a certification strategy that identifies suitable CAB(s) and a certification timeline</i>• <i>Identify an Owner of the National Certification Scheme</i>• <i>Transmit the Draft National Certification Scheme to the European Digital Identity Cooperation Group (target period: October 2025 to March 2026)</i>	March 2026	Art. 5c (3)
Milestone 2 Designate Conformity Assessment bodies (CAB) <i>Intermediate Tasks:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Establish informal Contacts with CABs</i>• <i>Establish a structured cooperation with the competent national accreditation body and develop an accreditation strategy and timeline</i>	March 2026	Art. 5c (1)
Milestone 3 Operate a national Relying Party Registry <i>Intermediate Tasks:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Designate a competent authority for the RP Register (Registrar) (target date: December 2025)</i>• <i>Define a registration policy / process (target date: December 2025)</i>• <i>Designate Certificate Authority for Access Certificates (target date: December 2025)</i>• <i>Designate Certificate Authority for Registration Certificates (if applicable) (target date: December 2025)</i>• <i>Implement Certificate Policy (target date: June 2026)</i>	September 2026	Art. 3(1) (2) (4) of CIR 2025/848, Annex I)
Milestone 4		

<p><i>Certification and Public Issuance of Wallet</i></p> <p><i>Intermediate Tasks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Identify a PID Provider and a Wallet Provider (target date: December 2025)</i> • <i>Complete Conformity / Functional Testing of national Wallet (target date: April 2026)</i> • <i>Release of the certified wallet on app stores (target date: September 2026)</i> 	<p>December 2026 Art. 5c (1), (legal deadline) 5d (1)</p>
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