

LETTER OF INVITATION

International Conference on Biometrics for Borders 2019: Morphing and Morphing Attack Detection Methods

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Dear Madam/Sir,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the **International Conference on Biometrics for Borders 2019 (ICBB2019)**. The event is organised by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) and will take place in Warsaw, Poland, on **9-10 October 2019**.

Biometric technologies used to recognise persons have become an integral part of the border checks process. They provide new opportunities to border management to make a border crossing more convenient for legitimate travellers while making borders more secure. For Frontex and the border management community, the exploration of existing and future biometric technologies is crucial to border security and the facilitation of legitimate travellers. To lead this exploration, Frontex is planning to organise a series of annual conferences dedicated to the topic of biometrics, its possible use in border control and the challenges that may arise from the use of biometric technologies at our borders.

The **ICBB2019** will be dedicated to the use of biometrics in the context of border control, with this year's thematic focus on morphing and its possible implications for border security. Morphing in the context of border control is a relatively new and undocumented phenomenon. Researchers, law enforcement authorities and industry alike are already actively engaged in research aimed at addressing and overcoming this challenge. The conference will provide a platform for international dialogue by bringing together the law enforcement community that acknowledges morphing as a potential problem, and the research community and industry that are actively developing ways to prevent, detect and/or defeat morphing attacks.

To help catalogue the various research efforts and latest developments in detection techniques and algorithms, three key objectives have been identified:

- discuss the current situation and the problem for borders;
- list and discuss ongoing (research) activities related to morphing and morphing attack detection methods, and;
- identify current practices aimed at the detection and/or prevention of morphing attacks.

To support the discussions, an industry exhibition is planned alongside the Conference. The exhibition will go beyond the thematic focus of the conference and provide border management authorities and other participants an insight into the latest developments in the field of biometrics, but also how potential vulnerabilities can be better managed, and the way in which these technologies are impacting border control now and in the future.

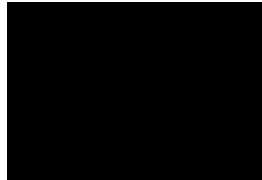
The Conference will gather some 175 delegates including officials from the European Union Member States and non-EU countries, EU policy-makers and agencies, researchers and industry. I strongly encourage the participation of decision-makers, project managers and other practitioners responsible for the implementation of new technologies at the borders.

Registration for the event can be done online till 26 August 2019 at the following link:



Should you have any questions about the Conference, please contact Frontex at the following email address: @frontex.europa.eu.

Yours faithfully,



Annex:

- Practical information note
- Concept Note
- Programme Outline
- Application for reimbursement
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