

Dear Colleague,

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## **e-MOBIDIG Update—October 2012**

First, an apology that you have not heard from me or the e-MOBIDIG working group for so long. It has been an exceptionally busy Summer in UK Border Agency (and the UK generally) hosting the Olympics and Paralympics. Necessarily, a lot of time was given here to ensuring these events were a success and we were very pleased with the outcome... but that had to be given priority. I hope you enjoyed watching the games on the television, and maybe even attending some of the events.

Our previous meeting of e-MOBIDIG was in March, in London, near Heathrow airport. Many thanks to everyone who participated. You can find an account of the meeting on the working group's website, [www.e-mobidig.eu](http://www.e-mobidig.eu), under the tab for **meetings** and the select the item for the **9<sup>th</sup> meeting**. Continuing thanks to the Vice-Chair of e-MOBIDIG, Cyril Murie of L'Agence nationale des titres sécurisés (ANTS) in France for maintaining the website.

At that 9<sup>th</sup> meeting we had an important discussion on the draft of a proposed **strategy paper** on mobile identification solutions from the working group. This is now also included on the website under the **publications** tab, now forming a cohesive set of good practice papers: (1) strategy, (2) use cases, (3) international examples, (4) technical guide and (5) standards. In addition the publications section includes (6) solution examples from industry.

We are now **planning for the 10<sup>th</sup> e-MOBIDIG meeting**. Thanks to some helpful liaison by Denis Ferry, we are very grateful to the Garda and the Irish Government for offering to host a meeting of the working group during the Irish Presidency of the European Union in the first half of 2013, in Ireland. The date has not yet been finalised but will probably be in late March 2013. We are planning the agenda now and we are open to ideas and suggestions for presentations and agenda items... successful projects, good practice ideas, issues of concern that could benefit from discussion in the group and so on. Please let me know. We will also invite some industry representatives as before. Already we have some ideas, but we are open to further suggestions.

I look forward to sending you more details about the next meeting.

Kind regards, **Frank Smith**

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