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EUDI Wallets and Payments

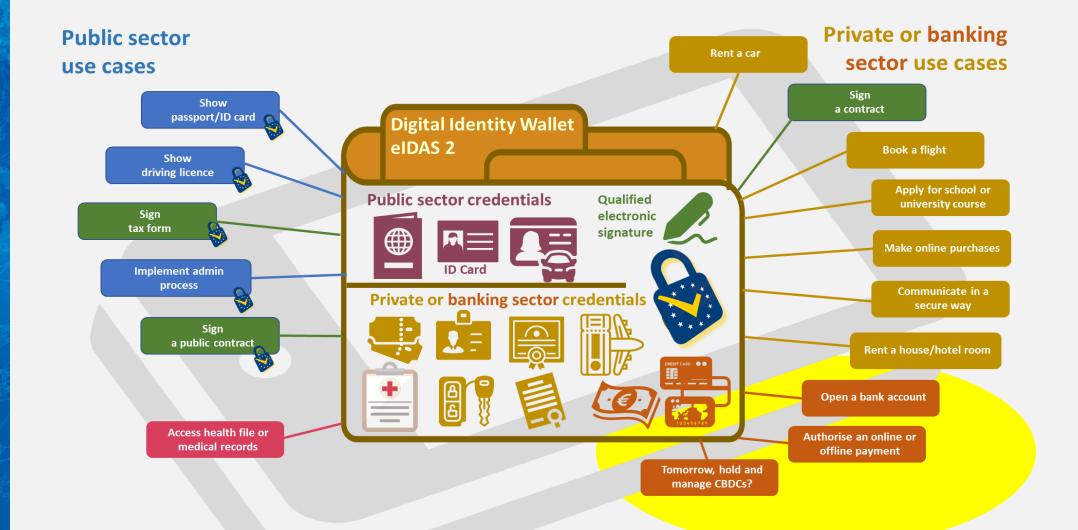
EUDIW - The digital Swiss army knife

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The European Digital Identity (EUDI) Wallet – a digital Swiss army knife

The payment use case is not yet fully specified

...But may well be the killer use case of EUDI Wallets



EUDI Wallets and Payments

When digital identity meets payments...

...eIDAS meets PSD2/PSR (Payment Services Regulation)

A word of caution



CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION

And it can get *really* complicated

The eIDAS2 regulation is enacted, yes...

But many implementing acts are still to be released

And the future Payment Services Regulation is not finalised



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EUDI Wallets and Payments

A critical but challenging use case

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- eIDAS2 regulation now enacted, but much uncertainty remains regarding the technical implementation of EUDIWs
- Private-sector interactions are key for EUDI Wallets acceptance and deployment
 - key service providers 'required to accept' EUDI Wallets
- Payment use case by far the largest (huge ecosystem)
 - Critical for EU citizens and huge impact but very specific
- Payment interactions are:
 - Very diverse (A2A, Cards, Direct Debits, P2P, PoS, etc.)
 - **Technically challenging** and subject to very specific processes (card or SEPA schemes e.g. instant payments)
 - **Highly regulated** PSD2 and future PSR
- For payments, security and fraud prevention are very important but user convenience is absolutely essential
- The **NOBID** and **EWC** Large-Scale Pilots work on the payment use case but not much has emerged yet...

Union citizens and residents in the
Union should have the right to a digital
identity that is under their sole control
[...]. To achieve that aim, a European
digital identity framework should be
established allowing Union citizens and
residents in the Union to access public
and private online and offline services
throughout the Union (eIDAS2 Whereas 5)

Payments make use of the **Ri**sk-**B**ased **A**pproach principle

- Identify and assess the risks associated with products, services, customers and geographic areas of operation.
- Implement risk mitigation measures proportionate to the identified risks,

Illustration: low risk exemption for Strong Customer Authentication under PSD2

This is different from the High LoA approach of EUDI Wallets

eAAs & QeAAs

The new kids in eIDAS town



- PID and eAAs are electronic attestations stored and managed by EUDI Wallets
- PID identity attributes issued by PID issuers in compliance with High Level of Assurance
- eAAs attributes issued by any third party. Can be identity attributes, status attributes or other attributes – no inherent limitation
- Whilst eAAs are not specified and therefore not necessarily trustworthy,
 Qualified eAAs (QeAAs) are 'guaranteed attestations' legally equivalent to paper-based attestations
- QeAAs are eAAs issued by Qualified Trust Service Providers (QTSPs) with access to authentic sources and subject to stringent identity-proofing requirements

European Digital Identity Wallet means an electronic identification means which allows the user to securely store, manage and validate person identification data (PID) and electronic attestations of attributes (eAAs) for the purpose of providing them to relying parties and other users of European Digital Identity Wallets; (eIDAS2 - article 3.42)

Differences between QeAAs and PID

- PID have narrower purpose: 'establish the identity of a natural or legal person'
- Issuers of PID designated by member States
- Communication of PID subject to LoA High requirements
- Public sector relying parties may require PID only

Member States shall ensure that measures are taken to allow QTSPs to verify by electronic means at the request of the user, the authenticity of the following attributes against the relevant authentic source [...]

- Address; Age; Gender; Civil status; Family composition;
- Nationality or citizenship;
- Educational or professional qualifications, titles and licences;
- Powers and mandates to represent natural or legal persons;
- Public permits and licences;
- For legal persons, **financial and company data**. (eIDAS2 Annex VI)

SUA/SCA role for payments



- Reference to payments in eIDAS2 is through Strong User Authentication (SUA)
 - the term is meant to imply Strong Customer authentication (SCA) for payments

SUA/SCA for payments (PSD2 & future PSR)

- Required for most payments above 50€
- Implies 'dynamic-linking', an extra secure cryptographic SCA for internet payments
- Huge legal impact with SCA payment is 'deemed authorized' and liability shifts from Payment Service Provider to payer

Banks are legally responsible for SCA

- will that change when SCA is implemented by the EUDI Wallet?
- Draft Payment Services Regulation (PSR) to be adopted in 2025 hints that PSR technical rules will have to be adjusted to reflect role of EUDI Wallets

Where private relying parties that provide services [...] are required by Union or national law to use strong user authentication for online identification [...] including in the areas of banking, financial services, those private relying parties shall [...] and only upon the voluntary request of the user, also accept

European Digital Identity Wallets [...]. (eIDAS2 - article 5f2)

The European Banking Authority shall review and, if appropriate, update the regulatory technical standards on a regular basis in order, inter alia, to take account of innovation and technological developments [...] and the EUDI Wallets (Draft PSR - article 89)

Addressing SCA and offline interactions viewed as critical for EUDI Wallets

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Wallets for Payments and Banking

The wallet addresses payment and banking relevant functionalities [...] providing a standardised process for using the wallet to complete Know-Your-Customer, Strong Customer Authentication, and offline transactions and processes across the EU;

The challenge remains considerable



An EUDI Wallet payment use case. Key must-haves

- Integrity of payment messages + legal irrevocability of payment authorizations > e-signature is a solution
- Who did what when? Robust audit trail needed
- Offline connectivity for PoS and P2P interactions

Identity plays an increasing role in payments

- Digital interactions combine identity and payment attributes
- AML/CFT requirements for payments converge on LoA 'Substantial' (AML Regulation)
- And 'verification of payee' requirements impose an identity verification (IBAN name check)

Identity versus anonymity: framing the debate

- Payment interactions are no longer fully anonymous. Real identities must be 'disclosable'.
- But payment interactions should protect privacy and prevent usage tracking
- Ongoing debate for CBDC. How can digital euro payments be partially anonymous?
- No obvious answers today...

Where is this leaving us? 3 Preliminary conclusions

The Strong User Authentication of EUDI Wallets is a critical functionality for payments

- But not yet fully specified by the ARF and not reflected in the PSR
- Format mDoc, W3C VCs, X509s?
- Will it work offline?

Banks are obvious candidates for QEAAs as they are the 'authentic source' of the attested information

- IBANs and other payment credentials
- Good financial standing attestations
 Will they seize the opportunity?

Smoothly integrating the SUA/SCA ceremony into scheme processes and open banking APIs is a challenge but will prove key to adoption



After a short introduction leaving more open questions than definitive answers...

Here comes a more practical illustration of what can be done with QEAAs for payments

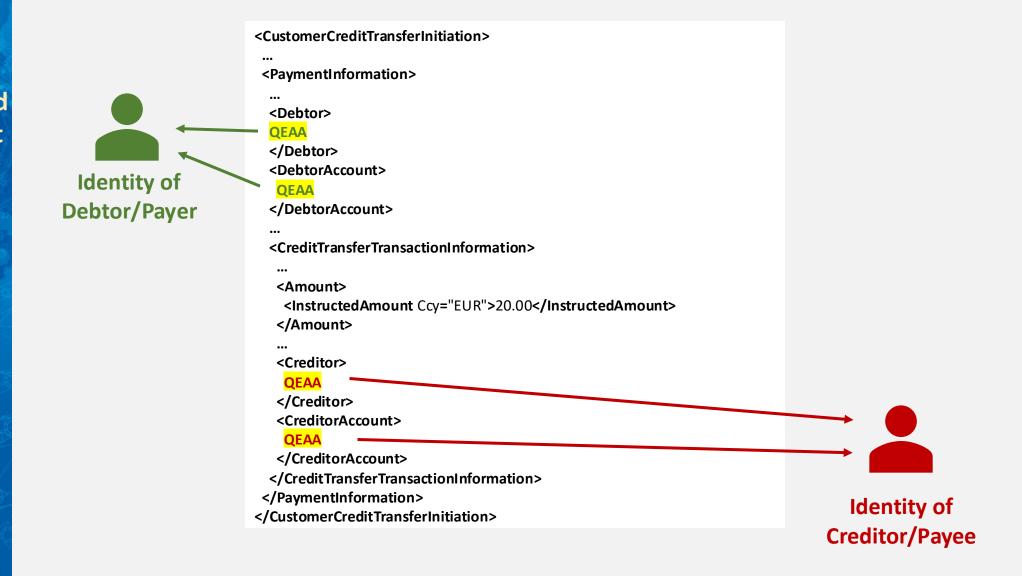


Using eAAs and QeAAs to meet the payment challenge



QEAA can be included within a payment instruction representing both debtor and creditor

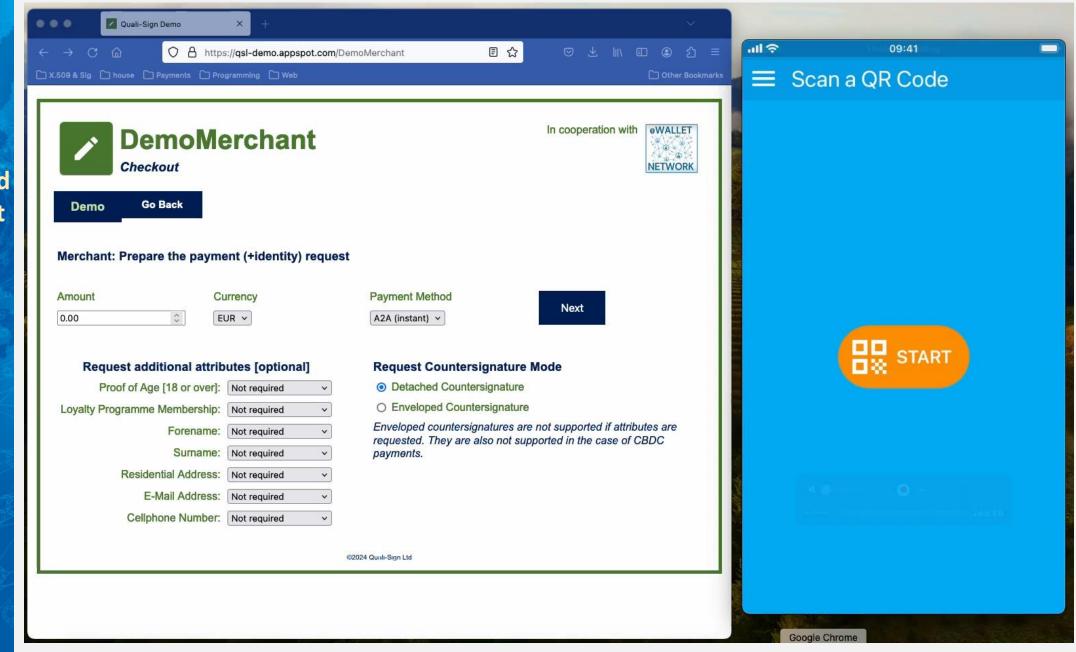
- Removes the need for the actual IBAN or card number to be included (which are trackable)
- Binds the name to the account to provide an offline verifiable 'Verification of Payee' (Confirmation of Payee)



Using eAAs and QeAAs to meet the payment challenge



DEMONSTRATION: Merging payments and identity within the same procedure





Any questions?



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