

# DE4A Launches the Doing Business Abroad Pilot



Digital Europe for All (DE4A) has announced the launch of its Doing Business Abroad pilot, which aims at demonstrating in practice the benefits for companies and competent authorities of realising across borders the principles of Once-Only and digital-by-default. It also supports the use of innovative approaches such as validating mandates of company representatives.

The service largely corresponds to a fully online procedure of the 'Starting, running and closing a business' in the Single Digital Gateway Regulation (SDGR), which allows companies from Romania to easily register their company with the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) in The Netherlands.

Earlier this year DE4A announced the first cross-border education service to be launched as part of its Studying Abroad pilot. It focuses on a fully online procedure for the 'Studying' Life Event in the Single Digital Gateway Regulation, which allows students from Slovenia to easily apply for recognition of higher education diplomas in Portugal. Using the service, students can request their diplomas, which are stored in a DE4A digital wallet in the form of verifiable credentials, to be recognised in Portugal. The digital wallet on a mobile phone allows students to

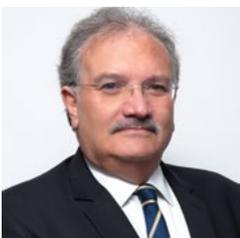
securely manage their diploma evidences received from a trusted source in their home country.

**Details of the services and the guidelines for participation in the Doing Business Abroad pilot can be found at <https://www.de4a.eu/doingbusinessabroadpilot>**

**For more information about the Studying Abroad pilot, visit: [www.de4a.eu/studyingabroadpilot](http://www.de4a.eu/studyingabroadpilot)**



# Realising the EU Digital Single Market



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**The Digital Single Market is a priority for the European Commission, to improve access to digital goods and services, create an environment where digital networks and services can prosper, and digital can be a driver for growth throughout the EU. Supporting this strategy is Digital Europe for All (DE4A), a three-year EU funded Horizon 2020 project that commenced in 2019, with the aim to make it easier for citizens and businesses to work, study and live in other EU Member States.**

The DE4A project is facilitating this aim by embracing innovative technologies, such as blockchain, to reduce the effort needed to transfer official documents. It does this by providing direct and permissioned digital communications, with consideration for EU regulations (SDGR, eIDAS and GDPR), declarations (Tallin, Berlin and Lisbon) and principles (Once-Only Principle).

The premise of the Once-Only Principle (OOP) is that citizens and businesses need to provide data and documents to a public administration within the EU once. In doing so, it reduces administrative burdens for all parties, improves data reliability and fraud prevention. Member States committed to the OOP in 2013, and the SDGR (2018) has the ambitious deadline to deliver this complex initiative by the end of next year, at which time EU ID Wallets are also scheduled to be issued.

To achieve this target there are four main challenges that must be overcome - trust, interoperability, user centricity and technological development. Currently, not all EU citizens have access to eID and identity matching between Member States is an issue. Furthermore, there is the question of how many Member States support identity for legal persons, as well as are e-services ready and able to accommodate cross-border users. Then there are language barriers and the structure of data across the range of data sources.

The eIDAS Trust service framework, along with the pending amendment to the regulation (eIDAS2) and new game changing EU ID Wallet are fundamental in overcoming these challenges. These services currently include electronic signature and seal creation, validation and preservation, certificates for signatures, seals, and

web authentication, as well as electronic timestamps and registered delivery services. However, there are also a number of new services that are particularly useful in the context of SDGR, such as the electronic attestation of attributes, the management of remote electronics signature and seal creation devices, and electronic ledgers.

To demonstrate the many practical benefits of overcoming these challenges (for citizens, business and administrations), DE4A joined the European Digital SME Alliance for a webinar 'The Single Digital Market'.



A recording of the webinar is available: [www.eema.org/events/de4a-project-collaborates-with-digital-sme-alliance](http://www.eema.org/events/de4a-project-collaborates-with-digital-sme-alliance)

## DE4A to Present Project User Pilot Studies at International Conference



On 9th June 2022, DE4A will present its three pilots (Doing Business Abroad, Moving Abroad and Studying Abroad) at EEMA's 35th Annual Conference, taking place at Microsoft in London. The session will be led by Alberto Crespo, Head of Blockchain, Identity & Privacy Unit, DE4A Pilots Coordinator, Atos, Spain with pilot presentations including:

- **Doing Business Abroad:** Ard van der Heijden, WP4 Senior Business Analyst/Pilot Lead, Netherlands Enterprise Agency, Netherlands
- **Moving Abroad:** Fredrik Lindén, Digital Government Transformation and eGov Consultant, Stockholm University, eGovlabs DE4A project Sweden
- **Studying Abroad:** Tomaž Klobučar, Head of Laboratory for Open Systems and Networks, Jozef Stefan Institute, Slovenia

To register for the conference visit: <https://www.eema.org/eema-annual-conference-2022/>



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