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On 19 and 20 September 2016 Europe's largest conference on research in the area of Biometrics and Identity Management funded by the European Commission will take place at the premises of Fraunhofer IGD in Darmstadt, Germany. The third EAB Research Projects Conference 2016 will be co-located with the IEEE BIOSIG conference that will take place later that same week.

The European Association for Biometrics (EAB) and numerous EU research projects, namely FIDELITY, FastPass, BEAT, FutureID, MobilePass, Eksistenz, PCAS, PIDaaS, ORIGINS, ABC4EU, INGRESS, HECTOS, BODEGA, OCTAVE and PROTECT are jointly organizing the 3rd EAB Research Projects Conference (EAB-RPC) to present research results and to discuss the benefits of this research for our European society. This third conference will present updates of the projects introduced in the first and second conference. New projects in the fields of border control, speaker identification, template protection and more will be presented. Experts from the biometric community will report about their results.

The European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (eu-LISA) and also the Directorate-General of Migration and Home affairs (DG Home) will be supporting the event by contributing keynote talks. Moreover both institutions as well as the European Agency for the Management of External Borders (Frontex) will discuss current and future research objectives in a panel discussion "Mind the gap - what research is needed for current and future operational biometric systems". DG Home will also provide an overview of current research projects and the future work programme in the field as supported by the Horizon 2020 "secure Societies" challenge.

Background

The importance of biometric capabilities in the existing European data systems (VIS, SIS-II, EURODAC, PRÜM) is paramount. This is due to the strong growth of mobility induced by the globalization and the geopolitical situation, such as immigration and the digital economy. For Europe it is critical to develop next generation identification technologies and biometric solutions. Therefore biometrics and identity management are key research topics that are currently investigated in a variety of EU projects running under the seventh Framework Programme (FP7) and in the Horizon 2020 research program. International research is dealing with innovative solutions for secure and privacy compliant biometrics and federated identity management. For the third time all major European research projects in the area of Biometrics and Identity Management will be provided with a single platform for information exchange and discussion. This will contribute to a stronger research community at European level and a stronger position for European R&D in an international context.



Further information:

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About the EAB

The European Association for Biometrics (www.eab.org) is a pan-European non-profit association seeking to advance the proper and beneficial use of biometrics in Europe, taking into account the interests of European citizens, industry, academia and governments. The EAB is the European platform for biometrics, currently having over 200 members from 35 countries. Driven by developments in connection with immigration challenges, the requirements of e-passport implementations and a whole range of emerging commercial applications, the EAB fulfills the role of an independent and multi-stakeholder platform, where stakeholders can meet and exchange information and visions. For more information about the EAB please contact secretariat@eab.org.