

IDEMIA is selected to be the technology provider of the Dutch Consortium deploying a European Digital Travel Credential pilot between Canada and the Netherlands

IDEMIA, the global leader in identity technology, is partnering with a Dutch Consortium consisting of the Ministry of Justice & Security, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Defense/Royal Netherlands Marechaussee, Amsterdam Airport Schiphol and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, co-funded by the European Commission. IDEMIA is the technology partner for the world's first transatlantic Digital Travel Credential (DTC) Pilot.

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IDEMIA is the technology provider for the European Union (EU) DTC-1 Pilot. The program was launched by the European Commission (EC) to test the DTC on KLM flights between Canada and the Netherlands for three months.

DTC is a virtual credential derived from a state-issued passport and stored on the holder's smartphone. It is an exact representation of the electronic machine-readable travel document which includes the holder's biographical data and facial image.

From a security perspective, passport checks at different checkpoints of the journey are considered to be crucial. By applying digital technologies to improve this essential process, IDEMIA is contributing to making it more convenient for travelers while safeguarding their privacy and security.

Participating travelers can create their DTC on a dedicated mobile app that is able to read the chip of a physical travel document. Travelers can then take a selfie, which will be compared to the photo stored in the chip of their travel document.

Once created, they will be able to share in advance the data and entry questionnaire relevant to their journey with the airline for biometric boarding and to border control authorities for biometric border crossing purposes. Only a biometric match and a tap of the passport is necessary upon arrival.

This pilot facilitates the traveler's journey, making it smoother, faster and more comfortable, all the while safeguarding their security and privacy.

Belgian, Canadian, and Dutch passengers traveling from Montreal to Amsterdam via KLM and willing to participate in the pilot will still have to bring a physical passport.

The pilot is co-funded by the European Commission in order to be tested and approved in real-life boarding and border conditions for three months, before most likely being deployed at a broader European level.

We are very proud to provide our technology to the Consortium that put European innovation as a banner. IDEMIA has always worked in the Identity & Travel Industry to continuously innovate and maintain safe and smooth travel in the face of complex security challenges. The DTC-1 pilot is taking seamless travel one step further by simplifying the travel process, safeguarding privacy, security and global interoperability.

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About us - As leader in identity technologies, IDEMIA is on a mission to unlock the world and make it safer. Backed by cutting-edge R&D, IDEMIA provides unique technologies, underpinned by long-standing expertise in biometrics, cryptography, data analytics, systems and smart devices.

IDEMIA offers its public and private customers payment, connectivity, access control, travel, identity and public security solutions. Every day, around the world, IDEMIA secures billions of interactions in the physical and digital worlds. With nearly 15,000 employees, IDEMIA is trusted by over 600 governmental organizations and more than 2,300 enterprises spread over 180 countries, with an impactful, ethical and socially responsible approach.

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