

Verifiable Credentials for Education Task Force Call Monday, July 17

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eDiplomas: The Greek Universities journey in digital degrees





Greek Universities Network

No-Profit Company founded by all Greek Universities in 2000

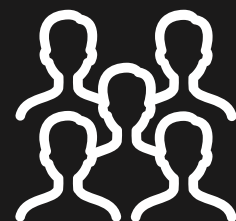
Goal : Steering the digital transformation of Greek Universities

- Software Provider
- Services Provider (SaaS & Managed Services)
- Design & Coordination of national initiatives
- Knowledge sharing & Support



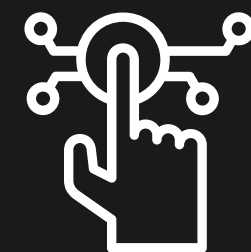
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UNIVERSITIES



400K

MEMBERS



30+

DIGITAL SERVICES





Services & Solutions Portfolio

Designed to enable the Digital Transformation Journey

Identity Management Solutions

Enable' digital identity in a connected, digital world



Qualified Trusted Service Provider



UAuth
MFA Authenticator

SIS & e-Learning Solutions

Enable student's enrollment and e-learning process



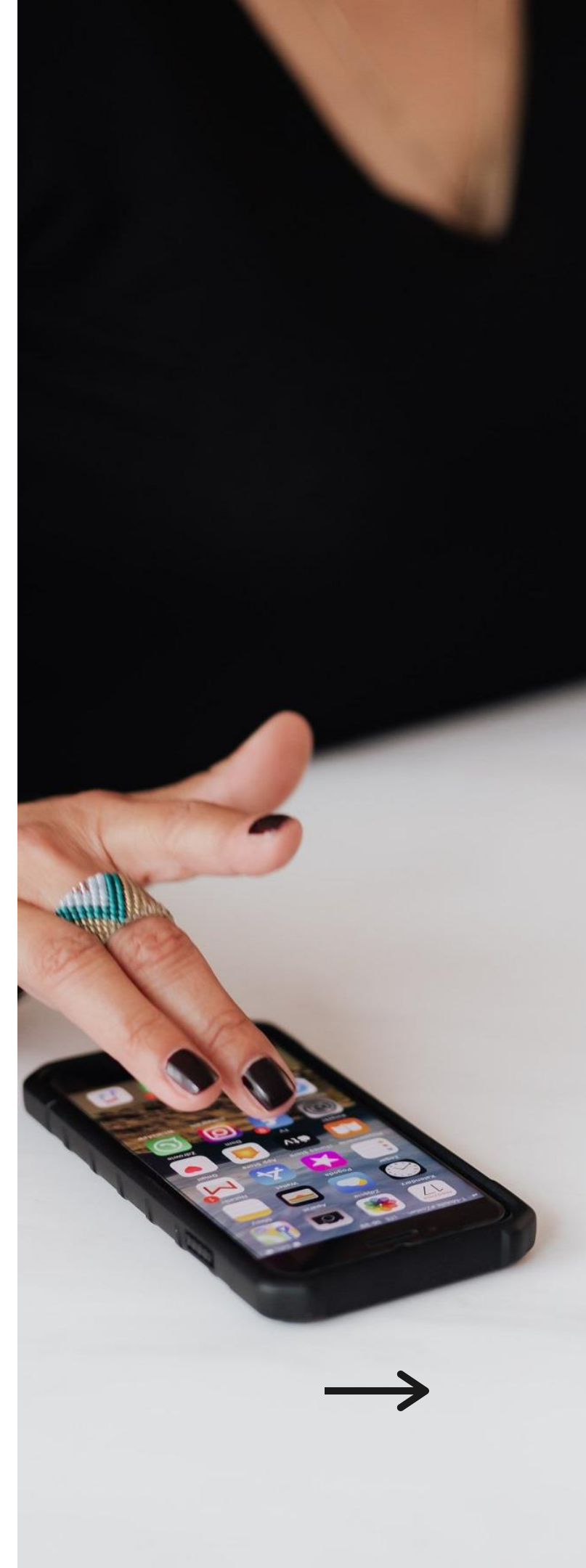
Opendelos.org
e-learning Multimedia

e-government solutions

For government bodies beyond the Academia

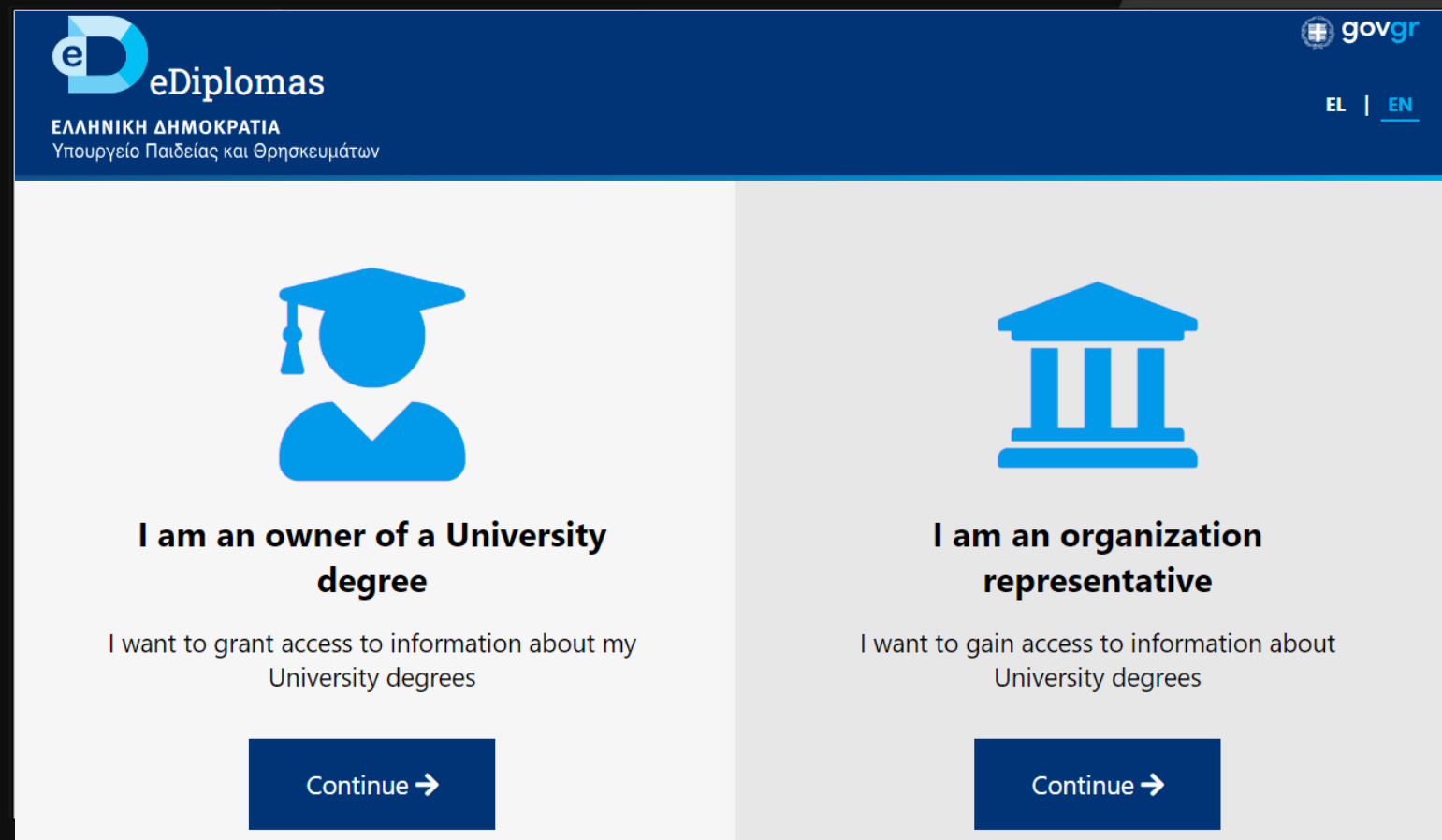


Know You Customer





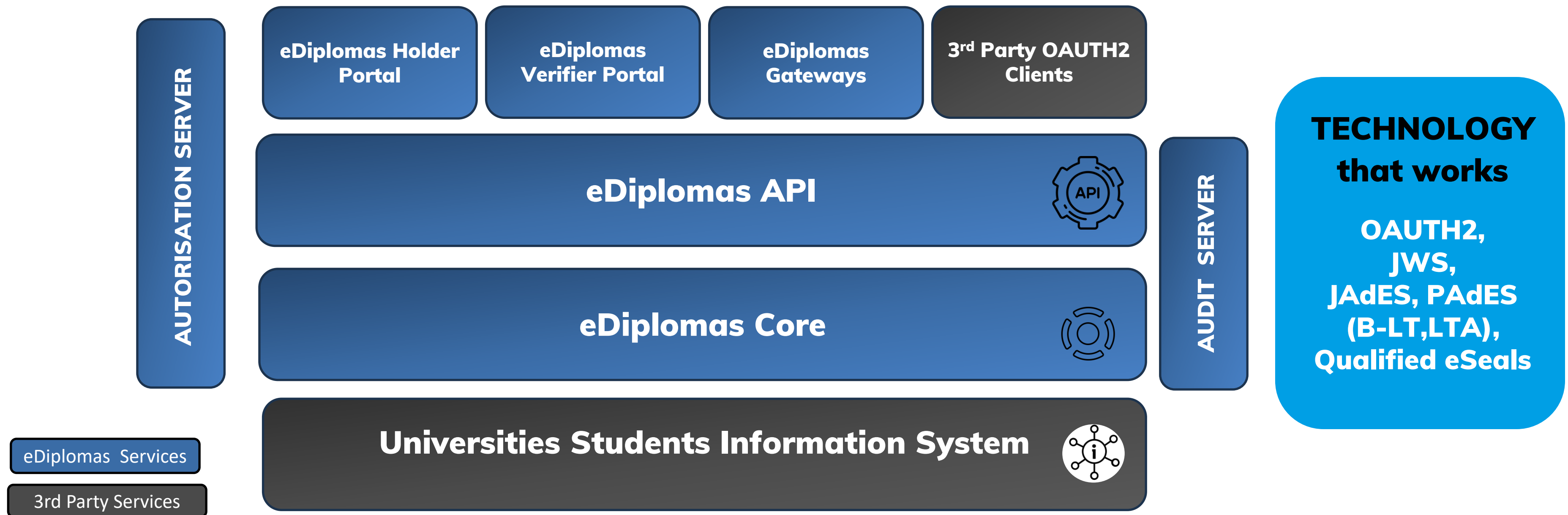
How we started (2018)



- 🎯 Re-establish the process of diplomas issuance and validation, break free from document-based methods, without invalidating the legacy flows
- 🎯 Motivate all stakeholders, make it easy, quick, secure and GDPR compliant
- 🎯 Leverage the benefits of the digital transformation, establish common semantics and data structures, introduce new privacy enhancing technologies
- 🎯 Go production now, be realistic with the enabling technologies, make room for innovation



eDiplomas 1st phase: Central Controller



Key Features

- Citizen's consent is required
- Selective disclosure via scopes
- Access history
- Login with National ID
- Diplomas matching with SSN
- University Remote eSeal Signing
- Real time issuance
- No diplomas are stored
- Ex-Officio checks / public sector

eDiplomas Blueprints

- Each diploma references a diploma blueprint via a persistent identifier
- Diploma blueprints should be available as (Linked) Open Data on a public registry

57

UNIVERSITIES*

774

DEPARTMENTS**

831

CURRICULUMS

1443

BLUEPRINTS

eDiplomas

Issuer Scope

Issuer Institution University of Athens

Issuer Department Department of Informatics

Level Level Scope Bachelor or Equivalent

Fields of Education Fields Scope Field1, Field 2

Title Title Scope Diploma in Computer Science

PID Scope

Lastname Doe

Firstname John

Grade Scope

Grade (text) Very Good

Grade (value) 7.89

Date Scope

Date Issued 17/12/2023

Valid From 11/10/2023



Blueprints Registry



HEI Data Sources

* Currently 25

** Currently 450

It's not just eDiplomas



<https://register.ediplomas.gr>

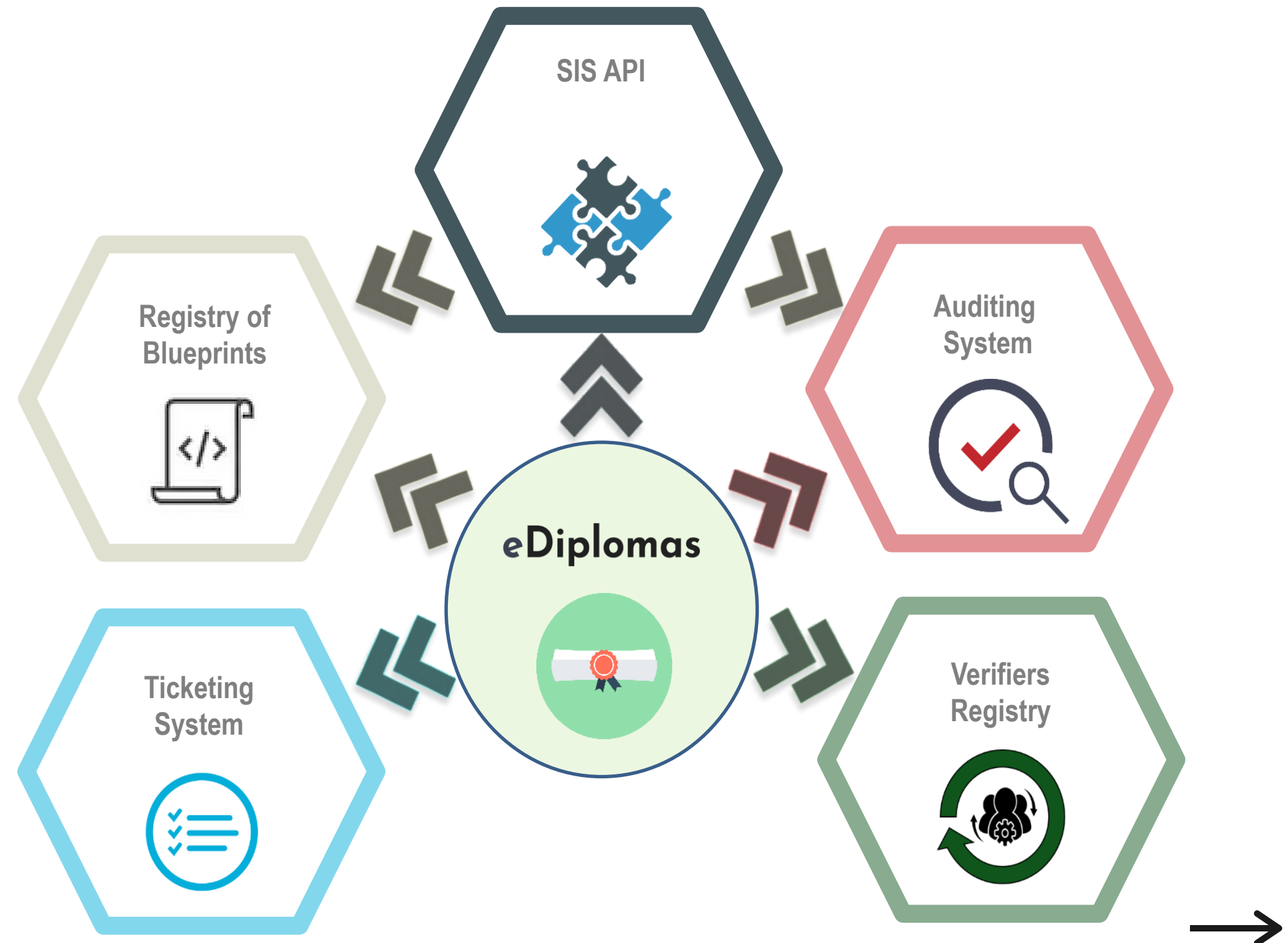
Registration and management of verifiers and client applications

<https://support.ediplomas.gr>

Ticketing platform for citizens to submit requests about missing diplomas or digitization errors

<https://blueprints.ediplomas.gr>

Management platform of Diploma templates (learning opportunities)



How it works

An overview of
eDiplomas use cases:
Graduate Role



How it works

An overview of
eDiplomas use cases:
Verifier Role



eDiplomas in numbers

<https://ediplomas.gr/institutions>

9+3

UNIVERSITIES ONLINE

150+

VERIFIERS

1400+

eDiplomas BLUEPRINTS

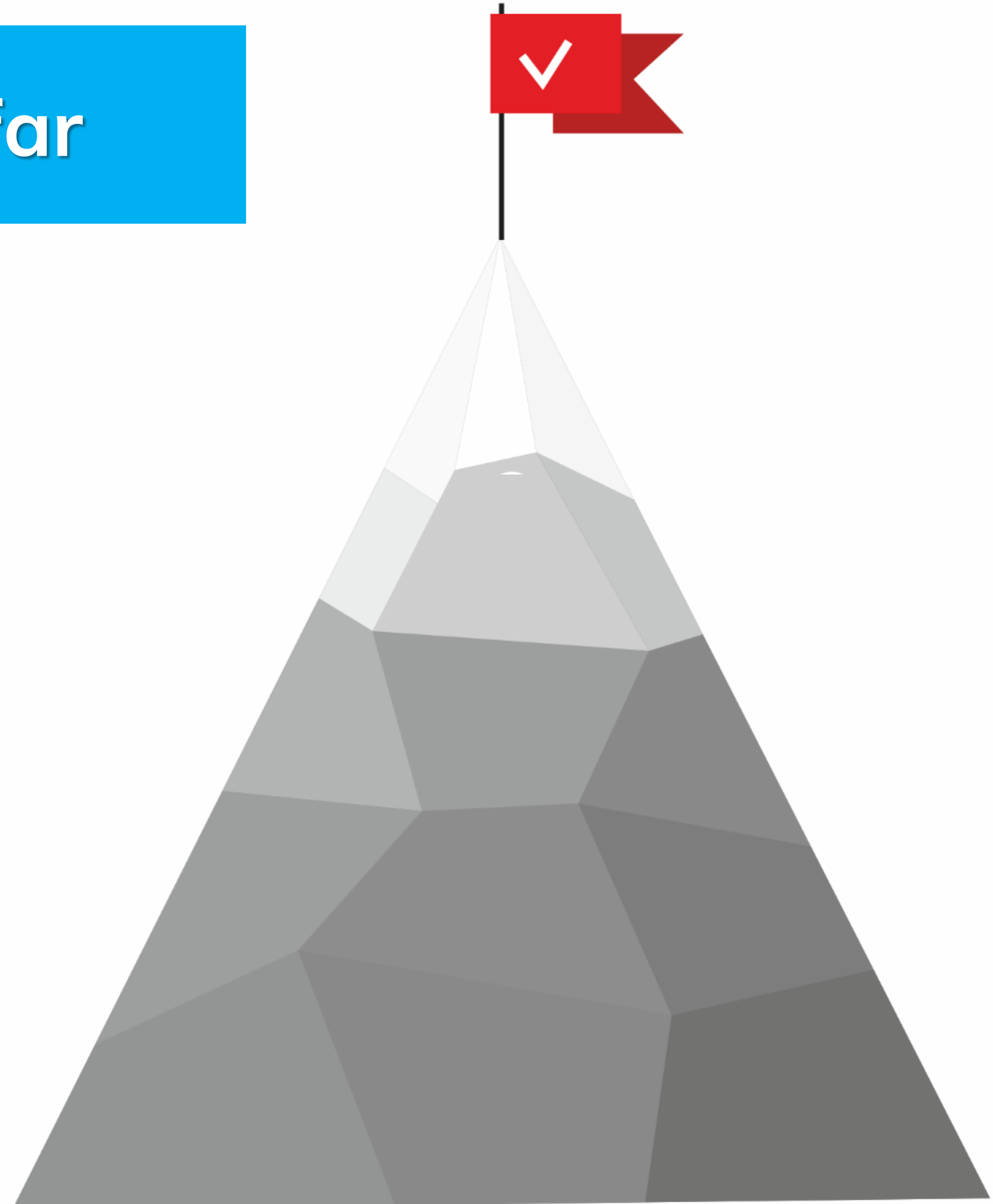
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DIPLOMAS AVAILABLE

What we have achieved so far

With the current in-production version of eDiplomas we have managed to solve the most difficult part of the equation.

We have established a solid and battle-tested infrastructure and we are ready to plugin new technologies in order to support our future goals.

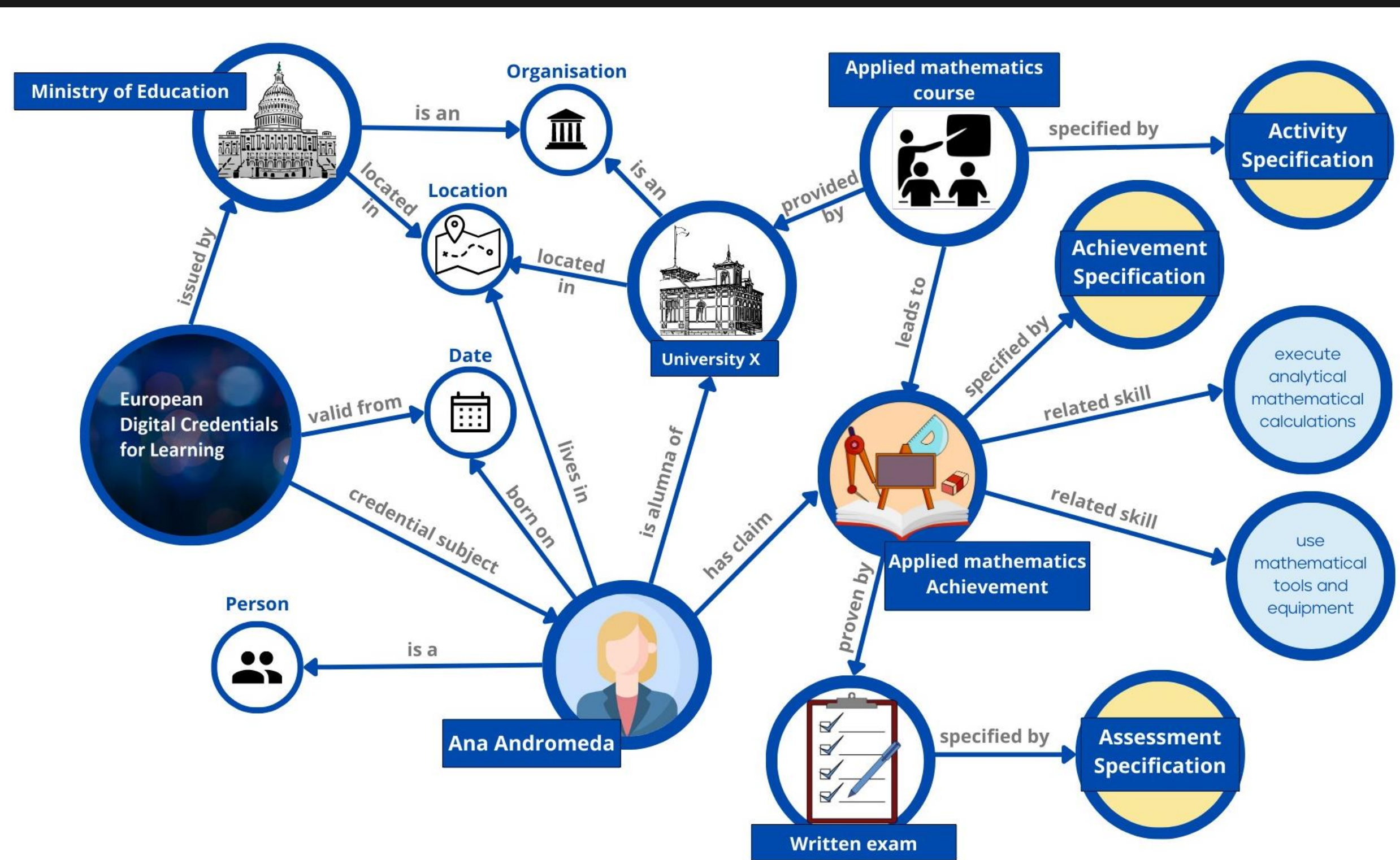


Our Goal: Cross Border Readiness



The Basic Building Block: European Learning Model

a single semantic vocabulary for learning in Europe



- ✓ Introduces an ontology
- ✓ Defines fixed terminology and a taxonomy
- ✓ Defines relations between concepts



ELM layers of concepts

1. Specifications
Specify what can be learned, what can be done, and how it can be assessed



2. Opportunities
Describe an offer by an organization to direct an activity which leads to a learning outcome (proven by an assessment)

3. Credentials
Describe a claim about an individual which includes the activities and the achievements proven by assessments

Learning Achievement

For example
completion of
a course

Learning Activity

For example
completion of
a Curriculum

Learning Assessment

For example
course exam

Learning Entitlement

For example
the right to practice
a profession

Moving Forward



Verifiable Credentials Data Model v1.1

Decentralized Identifiers v1

Presentation Exchange v2



OpenID Connect for Verifiable Credentials Issuance

OpenID Connect for Verifiable Presentations

OpenID Connect Self Issued OpenID Provider v2



Jason Format for AdES Signatures (JAdES)

eID authentication and identification



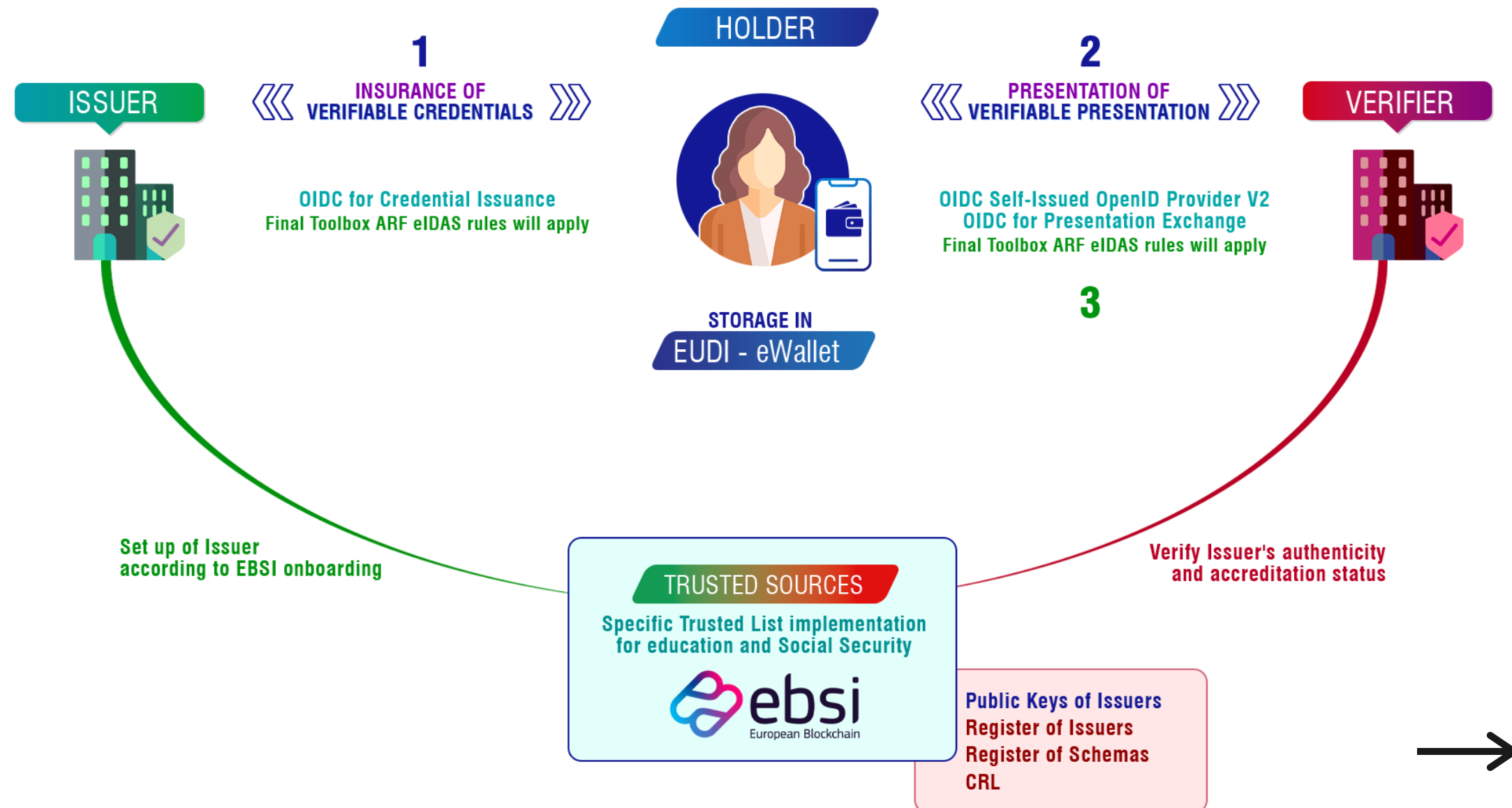
Selective Disclosure JWT (SD-JWT)

IETF RFC 7515-7520



Education Ecosystem Overview

- 0 eID identity proofing (X.509v3, PID, etc)
- A Request verifiable credential
- B Issue (validate) verifiable credential
- C Onboard on the DID registry (a must for legal entities)
Store evidences* of issuance ↔ Optional per MS
- D Present verifiable credential
- E Check attributes of verifiable credential,
enhancing privacy, without letting the issuer to
know about usage (Issuer, entitlement, schemas,
etc)
- F Interact with EBSI services




A student applies for a PhD with a bachelor/master degree from a foreign country


A graduate citizen applies for a job with a degree from another foreign country

Diploma use case


Participating countries:




National projects:




National authority (Issuers of VID):




Universities (Issuers of educational credentials):



Wallet provider:




Infrastructure:




Diploma use case


Participating countries:




National authority (VID):




National authority (License to Practice):




Universities (Issuers of educational credentials):



Wallet provider:



Infrastructure:




Early Adopters Program Wave 3

Introduces a new Trust Chain Model, Selective Disclosures via SD-JWTs as well as a mechanism for Revocations

Employment

A professional claims his educational credentials and certificate of employment and presents them anonymously to a recruiter platform. Following that claims a Certificate of Good Conduct from NL, and presents all his credentials to the HR department of his new job.



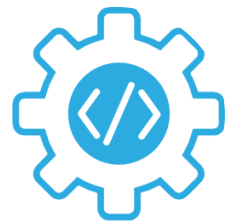
Formal Accreditation and Recognition

A graduate from the University of Athens Authenticates to the eDiplomas via his VID, claims his Bachelor's Diploma and Transcript of Records and applies for a Master Degree at the University of Lausanne



eDiplomas Wallet ecosystem

Get started with Issuing and Verifying credentials today: <https://open.gunet.gr/wallet-docs/>



Easy to use

The Enterprise Verifier Core service was designed to work as an abstraction layer for the developers embracing the EBSI ecosystem.



Focus on What Matters

It lets you focus directly on the business logic of your application, reducing the time to production.



EBSI Conformant Wallet

Request and Present Credentials

Tested Device

<> Cross Device

| Same Device

Application Type

Mobile

Web



OID4VCI Multiple Credentials of same type



Problem Statement

Verifiable Credential Issuance specification, currently can not handle the issuance of multiple credentials with the same type and format in a single flow



Suggested Solution

Extend the authorization_details array with the concept of additional identifiers for each credential type



```
[
  {
    "format": "jwt_vc_json",
    "types": ["VerifiableCredential", "AerospaceEngineering"]
    "identifiers": [
      { "id": "AERO-123-FluidMechanics-II-2023", "display": [ { "name": "Fluid Mechanics II" } ] },
      { "id": "AERO-631-SolidMechanics-IV-2023", "display": [ { "name": "Solid Mechanics IV" } ] }
    ]
  }
]
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For more info visit: <https://bitbucket.org/openid/connect/issues/1923/oid4vci-enable-issuance-of-the-same>



Thank You

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