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ABC4EU- European Commission gives funding to the development of automatic border control

The ABC4EU stands for Automated Border Control for European Union. The aim is to make border control more flexible. Flexibility is enhanced by automation in border control at EU borders.

During the last years, many ABC Gates have been deployed in the main European airports, most of them as pilot projects intended to test their capability to improve the border crossing processes in aspects such as speed, security, automation and false rejection reduction. The need for a harmonised approach has been specifically addressed as one of the most urgent issues to be solved. The ABC4EU project intends to answer to this need for development.

ABC4EU will identify the requirements for a flexible, integrated and interoperable ABC system at EU level. The study emphasizes citizen rights, privacy and other related ethical aspects. In particular, harmonization would be required in areas such as e-passports management, biometrics, gate design, human interface, processes, signaling and interoperability. Studying ABC systems and other significant technology aiding border security processes will help the increasing passenger flows, whilst maintaining security. The budget of the ABC4EU project is 16,8 million euros from which 70% is EU funding. The project started in January 2014 and will last for 3,5 years.

ABC4EU is a Consortium- cooperation between 15 partners from 8 countries and is led by a Spanish Company called Indra. The Consortium partners are from Spain, Ireland, Finland, Portugal, Germany, Romania and Estonia.



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