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Future plans and a new member

Due to organizational changes in the consortium, the withdrawal of two members, negotiations were completed in lengthening the ABC4EU project from 42 to 48 months in order to catch up time. The project coordinator has proposed joining of a new consortium member, ATOS as well as the creation of a new External End-User Advisory Board (EEUAB), which consists of authorities from various different backgrounds i.e. officers, technical experts, operational Border Guards, etc. The purpose of the EEUAB would be to share their views and ideas from their relevant field expertise, which would aid the project to gather a vaster and more accurate feedback and to gain a better overall understanding on developing standardized and harmonized ABC gates for the project.

ABC4EU wants to also identify areas of improvement in order to correctly implement the pilot projects or to enhance the future operational systems, improve the pilot testing frameworks and enrich the content of the end products. Furthermore identification should be done in allowing external end-users to benefit from the outcomes of the project, workshops and open discussions, and enhance the standardization and harmonization in the work produced so far.

New Consortium Member ATOS

During the consortium meeting held on 16th of November, the ABC4EU consortium has unanimously chosen Spanish technology company ATOS to join as a new consortium member. ATOS is a digital service provider with 93,000 employees working in 72 countries.



ATOS is focused on business technology that powers progress and helps organizations to prepare themselves properly for the future. ATOS is expected to bring a fresh perspective and will help to achieve goals in the established deadlines. Their relevant experience, motivation and qualified professionals will bring a lot of experience to the ABC4EU project.

Status of current works and projects within the consortium

Projects within ABC4EU partners include improvement in verification processes in the context of aging, especially juvenile biometric characteristics change. Enhancing fingerprint anti spoofing by improving capturing technologies and fake detection techniques. These are done by Dermalog who have been involved in creating and

refining deliverables, dissemination activities and project administrative issues for the ABC4EU project. Due to the inconveniences derived from the new member's incorporation to the ABC4EU Project, the deadline for validation framework of providing protocols and processes for defining, executing and analyzing the results of all validation activities to be performed throughout the project, have been pending. PwC has been working on this by improving the validation framework structure and developing new protocols and processes embracing new scenarios.

On the other hand, the above mentioned change and mission needs the active collaboration of the new member of the project about the content developed to meet technical, security and operational requirements. It is important to receive ATOS' feedback to provide the project with a set of basic protocols and processes for defining, executing and analyzing the results of all validation activities.

Furthermore if and when the EEUAB is finally created, the proposed meetings could be used to gather information about how the validation activities are performed by each End-User having an overall understanding of the main weaknesses and strengths of the validation framework.

ABC4EU consortium members wants to wish You all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Interesting upcoming events:

Biometrics for Government and Law Enforcement Conference,
January 25th - 27th 2016 Washington, DC, United States.
<http://www.biometricsevent.com/>

U.S. Border Security & Intelligence Summit
January 26th - 27th 2016, Alexandria, VA, United States.
<http://bordersecuritysummit.dsigroup.org/>

Border Security - Further Strengthening Your Borders
February 17th - 18th 2016, Rome, Italy.
<http://www.smi-online.co.uk/>

9th International Conference on Bio-Inspired Systems and Signal Processing, February 20th - 23rd 2016, Rome, Italy.
<http://www.biosignals.biostec.org/>

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