Automated Border Control Gates for Europe

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It is finally here! We are now testing the first, proof of concept, ABC4EU gates at Madrid International Airport, Barajas.



The first proof of concept have started at the Madrid International Airport, Barajas. Latest news from the field shows that first 40-50 Passengers have already gone through the gates and that all is going well and operating smoothly.

Automated border control is tested in Madrid-Barajas airport

Automated border control, ABC gates, pilot has started in Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas airport on 30th of November. During this period a new technology on automated border control is being tested which will make travelling easier for everyone. Travelers will have the possibility to test the first, proof of concept, ABC gates produced by the ABC4EU project. Those who wish to participate in this process, are also able to give feedback regarding their experience with the ABC gates and comment on the overall automated system. The participation is voluntary, and the ABC4EU project follows the EU guidelines for data protection.

What are we testing?



The Automated Border Control gate, eGate, will automatically perform the same process as the border authorities make manually when you are entering or exiting the Schengen Area aligned with the upcoming EU regulations.

Who can participate?

Short stay, third country nationals holding a biometric passport, who are over 18 years old and are/are not in possession of a short stay visa and who are travelling through the external borders in the Schengen area.

Travellers participating in the pilot will have the opportunity to express their thoughts and/or concerns regarding the ABC gates via an interview which will be conducted after the person has gone through the border crossing process.

Why are we testing?

ABC4EU project aims to harmonize automated border control technology in European borders. Through harmonization, travel experience will be smoother. The new technology also gives authorities the possibility to work more efficiently by providing real time data to them in a matter of seconds.

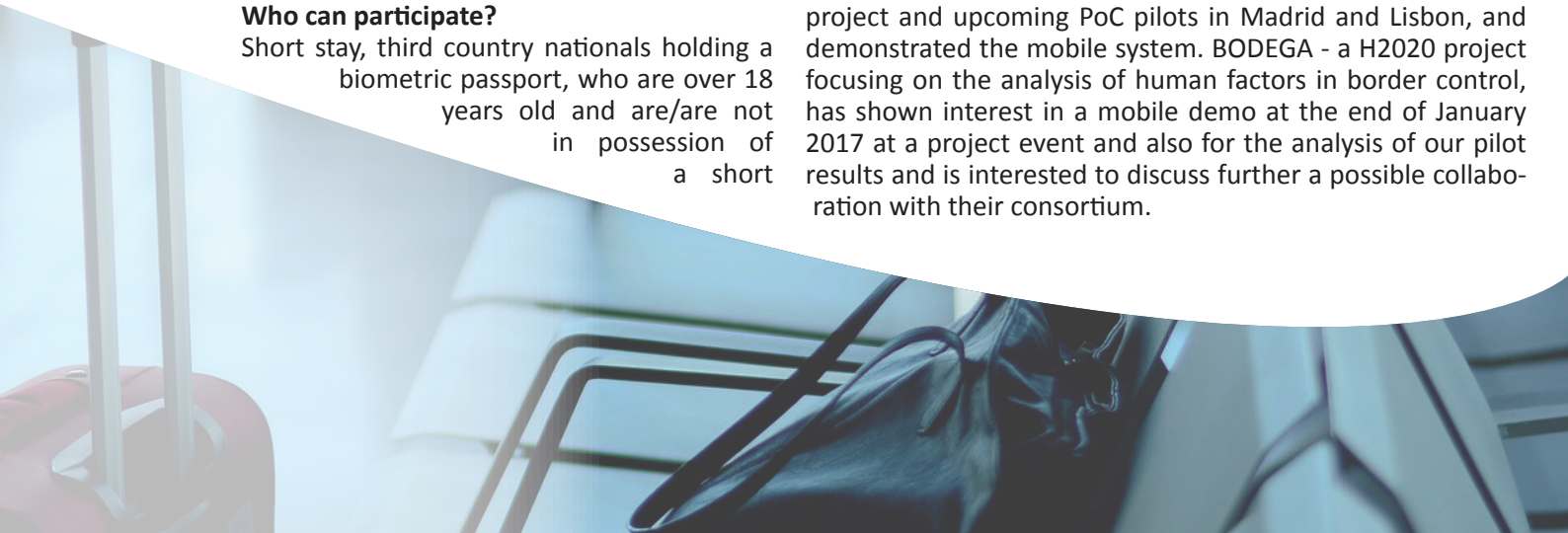


First ABC4EU proof of concept pilot started on November 30th and will continue until 2nd of December. The second round will be launched on 12th of December and last until 16th of December, 2016. Both pilots will be tested in Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas airport in Madrid, Spain.

Possible cooperation with the BODEGA project

Mr. Ross Little from Atos, Spain did a quick presentation of the ABC4EU project to the BODEGA consortium at their meeting hosted in Atos Madrid on the 17th November.

The presentation covered the whole scope of the ABC4EU project and upcoming PoC pilots in Madrid and Lisbon, and demonstrated the mobile system. BODEGA - a H2020 project focusing on the analysis of human factors in border control, has shown interest in a mobile demo at the end of January 2017 at a project event and also for the analysis of our pilot results and is interested to discuss further a possible collaboration with their consortium.





ABC4EU presented to National Turkish Police and Laurea UAS' students

Artmir Galica from Laurea University of Applied Sciences gave a presentation to the representatives of the National Turkish police on 10-th November 2016. Among the attendees there were approximately 40 Laurea's students from the security management and business information technology programmes, including a number of exchange students from other EU countries as well.

The presentation aimed to give general information on ABC4EU project as well as explain the upcoming pilots, the proof of concept and the current and future state of ABC4EU project.

The audience was particularly interested about the privacy level of their data, the ways in which their data will be handled and the parties with whom the data will be shared. Other areas that were of interest included naming few benefits of the ABC gates towards the travellers and whether the system will create any difficulties for frequent ones.













Events where ABC4EU partners are presenting:

- Biometrics and Human Identification Technology Expo, Business & Conference, 8th - 10th November 2016 São Paulo, Brazil

-Trustech2016, Palais des Festivals Cannes French Riviera, 29 November - 01 December 2016

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