

PRESS RELEASE

Galitt, in partnership with Elitt on certification tools, becomes a major player for European standards

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Involved from the very beginning in EPAS and the OSCar projects, Galitt and Elitt build the only complete and functional test offer that will help European laboratories and certification bodies to deliver OSCar certification for POS and acquirers.

This KaNest® for OSCar offer is the result of a close collaboration between Galitt and Elitt, which combined the expertise of their teams on test and payment transactions.

Based on KaNest® simulator, the OSCar certification test offer has been officially validated during the first phase of the project, which has led to the success of several pilot projects in Europe in 2013.

The industrial phase of the project is currently under development, with an European level deployment announced for mid-2015 with two leading retailers: Auchan Group and Carrefour.

Beyond certification needs, OSCar KaNest® simulators bring a precious help to developers to understand and implement these new standards. The teams who developed these tools are now the best experts to deliver support to new partners.

Diane Walch, Business Development Director at Galitt, says: “While EPASOrg, the OSCar consortium and the CIR Group are about to merge in a single organization, we are proud our tools, supported by our consultants, will be able to contribute to the success of the new European standard.”

Jean-Pierre Dubord, Chief Operating Officer at Elitt, adds: “Elitt, as an expert in card system certification tests has been involved in the OSCar project since its inception in 2011. This expertise allows Elitt to support its customers for the development and evaluation of terminals and acquiring systems in order to obtain European OSCar certifications, representing a substantial help in terms of time and expertise.”

The Groupement des Cartes Bancaires CB (GIECB) representatives contributed to the progress of EPASOrg and the OSCar Consortium. Gilbert Arira, General Manager of GIECB, concludes: “The pilots undertaken in 2013 and 2104 in Spain, in France and in Portugal have demonstrated that the OSCar/EPAS standard was satisfying requirements from major merchants and financial institutions in terms of performance, reliability and interoperability. We can now consider industrial-scale deployments, which require reference test tools. This step is now accomplished thanks to Galitt and Elitt investments, associated with the French card payment players. This constitutes the first concrete move on the path to European level card payments.”

About Galitt (www.galitt.com) – For more than 20 years, Galitt has been offering consulting and services in payment systems and secure electronic transactions. Regarding consulting and assistance, Galitt is providing its customers with services from strategic choices to system implementation via system design and support: business consulting, EFT business analysis and expertise, audit and security, design, specification & project management, acceptance testing, technical assistance and development, training. Engineering and technology activities are covering bespoke development, software integration, turnkey solutions, hosted solutions and testing software. Galitt indeed offers petrol and loyalty card solutions (Catti™), simulators (KaNest®), personalization validation tools (VisuCard®) and added-value solutions (VisuBank®, private labels...).

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Being the reference in payment systems and electronic transactions, Galitt is the leader in France in all its businesses, and a worldwide leader in providing test tools and expertise in payment innovation.

About Elitt (www.elitt.com) – ELITT (EuroLab for International Transaction Technologies) is a B-to-B service company specialized in secure electronic transactions.

ELITT's business is to verify the proper operation of products (cards, mobile phones, acceptance systems, unattended terminals, etc.) and elements of the processing chain that are submitted during the phases of design, production and deployment.

Le triple expertise of ELITT (evaluation – technical consulting services - audits) applies to domains of banking transaction, transportation, healthcare and identity.

Subsidiary of Groupement des Cartes Bancaires CB, ELITT has been the industry reference for 25 years, known for the expertise, flexibility and quality of its services. Member of the Secured Electronic Transactions (TES) cluster, ELITT is based within the EffiScience campus near Caen, France, and offers its expertise internationally.

About Groupement des Cartes Bancaires CB (www.cartes-bancaires.com) - Groupement des Cartes Bancaires CB is a non-profit organization acting as the governing body of the CB payment scheme to provide a universal and interoperable card payment and ATM cash withdrawal scheme in Europe. End 2013, CB has 126 members, comprising both banks and payment institutions worldwide.

CB is responsible for the system's overall architecture, inter-member rules & procedures and risk management. CB also defines technical and security standards, and ensures that manufacturers and vendors whose products and services are used in the CB system comply with these standards. Furthermore, CB operates an information system, providing its members with high performance data mining tools and countermeasures in the fight against fraud.

CB is one of the largest card payment schemes in the European Union with 61.7 million cards, more than 58,600 ATMs, 1.3 million merchants and a very significant activity comprising 10.1 billion card transactions in 2013.

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