



# ECRN: European Civil Registry Network

## Electronic exchange of Civil Act certificates across national borders



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**30 months**

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**€ 3.400.000**

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**€ 86.720**

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**ICT-PSP (ICT Policy Support Programme - Competitiveness and Innovation)**

### PARTNERS

#### Coordinator:

ANUSCA (Italian Association of Registrars), IT

#### Participants:

- Municipality of Bologna, IT
- City Council of Gand, BE
- BIT - IT service of the City of Bremerhaven, D
- REGULUS Srl (ICT company), IT
- ENGINEERING, IT
- CNIPA (Italian Agency for the eGovernment), IT
- Municipality of Rotterdam, NL
- Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, RO
- Inclusion Alliance for Europe GEIE (IAE), RO
- Ministry of Interior, SI
- GENIS d.o.o. , SI

### GENERAL AIM

ECRN aims to provide a significant contribution to an effective eGovernment service for EU citizens. The project means to develop an interoperability among the Civil Acts Registries of National Administrations, setting up of a pilot system designed to ensure the safe and certified exchange of Civil Act certificates (birth, death, marriage, etc.) between public administrations within the EU Member countries. Due to the growing number of European citizens living in countries different from their countries of origin, cooperation about Civil Acts' exchange has today become a high priority for National administrations.

### SPECIFIC AIMS

1. Increase the efficiency of local administrations, by strengthening their abilities to use new technologies, thus contributing to time sparing and cost effective solutions.
2. Improve the relationship between Citizens and P.A., by providing the citizen with Civil Act certificates in a shorter time, so as to allow them to reply in due time to requests of documents for inscription to schools, universities, and employment opportunities.
3. Enable the



public authorities to gain immediate knowledge in case of any changes in a citizen's civil status, i.e. if a citizen conceives a child, gets married, or dies; the public registry of her/his home country can be immediately updated.



### EXPECTED RESULTS

A certificate can be obtained from a given country's Civil Registry without moving from one country to another – ECRN allows the Civil Status Registry office of an EU Member State to request that specific certificate directly from its counterpart, by means of electronic transmission.

Also, ECRN will enable a certificate to be obtained from one Member State to another in about 2-3 working days, rather than 2-3 months via ordinary mail. And with regards to security issues, the certified and secure web platform will guarantee the exchange of an authentic Civil Registry certificate.

Last, but not least, the margin of error in certificate transmissions will decrease from current 10% to 0,1 %.

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