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Corporate News

FOKUS and OpenLimit agree on a premium partnership

Both parties aim for stronger collaboration in interoperability laboratories and research projects

(Berlin, 18. January 2011) The Fraunhofer Institute for Open Communication Systems FOKUS and OpenLimit SignCubes AG deepen their existing partnership. Yesterday, Prof. Dr. Radu Popescu-Zeletin, head of the institute and OpenLimits CEO Marc Gurov, signed the contract for the premium partnership at the interoperability laboratories of FOKUS in Berlin (eGovernment, Cloud/SOA, eIdentity, Open/Closed Source).

OpenLimit and Fraunhofer FOKUS have been cooperating already since the beginning of 2005 at the FOKUS eGovernment laboratory and are now going to intensify their collaboration within the eGovernment field with a view to promoting the topics interoperability and interaction, which are relevant for the end-to-end electronic handling of administrative processes within the government authorities as well between government and enterprises or citizens. The main focus of the cooperation is the development of open and standardized IT components. "We are looking forward to collaborating in national and international projects", said Dirk Arendt, co-founder of the FOKUS e-government laboratory and now head of business development at OpenLimit. "Especially the intensive dialogue with all partners in the laboratories is very important to us".

At the eGovernment laboratory, many OpenLimit technologies are going to be comprehensively tested and evaluated with respect to their interoperability, usability and service orientation. During the application test of the new eID card, researchers at the Fraunhofer FOKUS Institute were already able to successfully integrate the AusweisApp and the eID server into application scenarios around the new ID document.

„OpenLimit is a pacesetter in the development and implementation of as well as the compliance with various IT standards. An increased cooperation advances the lively exchange of information with public authorities, partners, and lobby groups, which continuously enters into the development of new technologies and products of OpenLimit“, explains Gerd Schürmann, head of the center of excellence Electronic Government and Applications at Fraunhofer FOKUS.

About Fraunhofer-Institut FOKUS

The Fraunhofer Institute for Open Communication Systems, Fraunhofer FOKUS for short, is a Berlin-based research facility devoted to studying and developing communication and information technologies. In particular, it specializes in multi-domain networks and interoperable, user-centered solutions. With more than 20 years experience, Fraunhofer FOKUS is an important IT research partner for the telecommunications sector, the automobile industry, media services, and public administrations. It frequently cooperates with governmental agencies and software companies to create need-oriented e-government solutions and is a leading collaborator in projects funded by the European Union as well as by national-level sponsors.

About OpenLimit

OpenLimit Holding AG is an internationally leading provider of certified software for electronic signatures and identities. Our software components can easily be integrated into existing applications, enable the efficient management of electronic documents, media-consistent workflows and process optimization in all business areas. Maximum security and legal validity are the outstanding features of the software solutions on offer. OpenLimit holds the very first certification recognizing compliance with the most stringent international security standard for software products, Common Criteria EAL4+.

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