

Who is behind the FASTeTEN project?

FASTeTEN will be delivered by a consortium consisting of:

- Technical coordinator: *Conseil General des Yvelines* (France)
- Financial coordinator: City of Parthenay (France)
- Partner 3: CDC Confiance Electronique Européenne (France)
- Partner 4: Sheffield City Council (UK)
- Partner 5: Regional Government of Valencia (Generalitat Valenciana, GVA, Spain)
- Partner 6: European Forum for e-Public Services (e-Forum - communication partner)

The eTEN Programme

FASTeTEN is supported by the **European Commission's eTEN programme**, which is designed to help the deployment of telecommunication-network-based services (eServices) with a trans-European dimension. eTEN focuses strongly on public services in areas where Europe has a competitive advantage. The programme aims to accelerate the take up of services to sustain the European social model of an inclusive, cohesive society.



For more information about the eTEN programme, visit the programme website:
http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/eten/index_en.htm



For more information consult the **FASTeTEN**

project website:

<http://www.eu-fasteten.eu>

Partner websites:

Conseil General des Yvelines

<http://www.cg78.fr/>

City of Parthenay

<http://www.parthenay.fr/>

CDC Confiance Electronique Européenne

<http://www.efast.fr>

City of Sheffield

<http://www.sheffield.gov.uk>

Generalitat Valenciana

<http://www.gva.es/>

e-Forum

<http://www.eu-forum.org>

The **potential deployers group** consists of: the Foundation for Local Government Reform (FLGR - Bulgaria), the Hungarian Prime Minister's Office Electronic Government Centre, Commune di Prato (Italy), Vlanderen Gemeenschap (Belgium), and the Region of Brussels (Belgium).

FASTeTEN
Fully Automated Secured Transactions services

Piloting the
deployment of an
award-winning
trust infrastructure



FASTeTEN, which is supported by the European Commission through the **eTEN programme**, is a project to examine how a secure electronic document exchange system, developed in France, can be deployed for the benefit of administrations and citizens across Europe.



What is FASTeTEN?

The FASTeTEN project builds on the work of **CDC Confiance Electronique Européenne**, a subsidiary of France's Caisse des Dépôts. The project focuses on the FAST secure gateway, which has been under development in France for nearly three years. FAST stands for *Fournisseur d'Accès Sécurisés Transactionnels*, and provides openness and transparency in information access for communications between citizens and their administrations.

Through FAST, public administrations can streamline their operations by switching their document management systems onto an electronic platform. Documents can be exchanged securely and efficiently in electronic format, between different agencies and different levels of the administration. FAST allows **Fully Automated Secure Transactions**. It has been successfully demonstrated in a number of contexts in French local and regional administrations.

The FAST system provides:

- Automated, secure document exchange;

- Legally recognised acknowledgement of receipt;
- Electronic certificates and signatures;
- Secure encryption of information;
- Traceability (electronic paper trails), timestamping and archiving.

The FASTeTEN project will build on the work done in France to develop the FAST system, by examining how the system can be deployed in different European contexts.

What are the benefits of FAST?

FAST streamlines back office processes and makes document exchange easier. It thus

lightens the load of administration officials.

Authorities are required to exchange notifications on the occasion of marriages, deaths and other life events requiring certification, and are also required to exchange data and information with the Ministry of the Interior concerning local authorities' decisions. All of this documentation is easily exchangeable through FAST.

Furthermore, procedural burdens are reduced for citizens – for example, they will no longer have

to ask for a copy of a birth certificate where it is required for a benefit application.

By reducing the time required for dealing with administrative demands and the associated costs, FAST thus makes a contribution to improving government efficiency in Europe. By deploying FAST in different administrations across Europe, citizens throughout the European Union can share in these benefits.

Where will FASTeTEN deploy FAST?

FASTeTEN will carry out two pilot deployments of FAST: for **eProcurement** in the region of **Valencia, Spain**, and for **education applications** in **Sheffield, United Kingdom**.

In addition, the project has established a group of potential deployers from Belgium (Brussels and Flanders), Bulgaria, Hungary, and Italy. These will monitor the pilot deployments and assess the potential for further deployments.

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Participating countries: Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Hungary, Italy, Spain, UK