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The European Union and EAB prepare for their annual conference (EAB-RPC 2018) on research and innovation in biometrics and digital identity.

*The European Union and EAB organises its annual conference (EAB-RPC 2018) to update its stakeholders on research and innovation in biometrics and digital identity. The 5th edition of the EAB Research Projects Conference (EAB-RPC) will take place on the **24th and 25th of September 2018, at the premises of Fraunhofer IGD in Darmstadt, Germany.***

The conference is organized by the European Association for Biometrics (EAB) in cooperation with the Joint Research Center (DG JRC) of the European Commission, through its Cyber and Digital Citizens' security Unit. The EAB-RPC 2018 will be co-located with the EAB Research Award and the IEEE BIOSIG Conference, later that same week. The conference is currently the largest event on research funded by the European Union in the area of Biometrics and Identity Management.

Over the previous four successful editions, EAB-RPC has become the main forum in Europe where attendees can simultaneously promote research carried out in biometrics, forge new links and networks, and identify the appropriate partners for possible future project applications. Last year's edition welcomed over 100 participants from academia, industry and public institutions.



This year's edition will include the participation of numerous EU-funded research projects, such as: BODEGA, LIGHT^{est}, IDENTITY, SWAN, AMBER, iBorderCtrl, SMILE, PROTECT, LETSCROWD, TRESSPASS, CybSPEED, FOLDOUT, FACCESS, Smart-Trust, Signa 2.0 and QuardCard. Researchers and industry from all over Europe will present the advances achieved in these projects, provide updates on how results from finished projects are being currently used to improve biometric technology and eventually give an insight into the future of biometric research.

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The conference will offer a holistic and comprehensive perspective of the status of biometric and identity management technology in Europe with the participation of the following stakeholders: researchers, end-users (Frontex), industry (different SME projects will be presented in this edition), policy makers (EDPB) and Managers of large IT-systems (eu-LISA).

The conference will include a keynote speech by the Executive Officer of eu-LISA on the large biometric systems being deployed at European level such as the new AFIS in SIS-II, or the existing ones in VIS or EURODAC. The conference will also feature a round-table that will tackle the always controversial issue of data privacy and data protection, focused on the field of biometrics, in the light of the new European General Data Protection Regulation.

One of the main objectives of the conference is to bring together all stakeholders to try to find common approaches, strategies to give a coordinated response to the key needs identified by the Union in order to efficiently protect the freedom and security of EU citizens.

All the projects in the conference are engaged in one of the objectives driving the Union's policy development in order to reach a more secure society (EC COM(2011) 809 final): fight crime, illegal trafficking and terrorism; strengthen security through border management; provide cyber security; increase Europe's resilience to crises and disasters; ensure privacy and freedom including the internet and enhance the societal dimension of security; enhance standardisation and interoperability of systems.

Facts about the conference

Date	2018-09-24 – 2018-09-25	
Location	Fraunhofer IGD Fraunhoferstrasse 5 64283 Darmstadt Germany	
Programme	eab.org/events/program/151	
Registration	eab.org/events/registration/151	
Conference fee	normal:	360,00 €
	EAB members:	240,00 €
	Speakers:	120,00 €
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About EAB

EAB is a non-profit organisation and the leading voice for biometrics and digital identity, in Europe. The EAB's membership, which includes business leaders, governments, investors and academia, receive impartial advice on identity strategies and the latest market trends. Members meet regularly at EAB hosted events and networking opportunities, across Europe. In addition, the EAB supports academic research and the digital identity start-up ecosystem, across Europe.

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