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# ELITT, first laboratory authorized for OSCar evaluations

Caen, February 18, 2013. **OSCar, the European project initiated in 2010, just passed a decisive step to enter a tangible and operational phase. Elitt is indeed the first evaluation laboratory to receive the authorization issued by the certification body PayCert. ELITT is going to evaluate the Point of Interaction, and acquiring systems deployed within OSCar.**

With the ambition to help banks, manufacturers, merchants and developers to implement SEPA for card standardization, the European consortium OSCar (Open Standards for Cards) brings together key players from all parties of card payment processing: banks, retailers, payment schemes, banking industry, etc.

ELITT laboratory, as a market reference for evaluations in secure electronic transactions, joined OSCar in 2010, and has demonstrated its ability to meet the requirements defined by OSCar Certification Committee: compliance with standards like ISO 17025 and EMVCo, technical skills in implementing test tools and expertise on OSCar specifications, SEPAfast and EPAS.

Provisional authorization has been delivered by the certification body PayCert following the initial evaluations of payment terminals developed following OSCar specifications. ELITT is thus placed in the best position to quickly obtain the final authorization.

For Alain Louis, R&D Manager at ELITT, «*ELITT is actively participating in the project OSCar since its kick-off. Through the authorization we just got, card stakeholders will be able to evaluate their products and quickly launch pilot phases.*»

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**About ELITT** ([www.elitt.com](http://www.elitt.com)): Thanks to 25 years of experience, ELITT (Euro Lab for International Transaction Technologies) offers international expertise on all subjects related to secure electronic transactions. ELITT supports its clients in the development of products in the areas of card payment, health and transportation: production of test specifications and test plans, technical assistance and development consultancy services, cards and terminals evaluations in its ISO 17025 – B laboratory (physical characterization, functional testing, interoperability...).

ELITT activities also extend to the security of production facilities and IT system in general: security audits (CB, PCI DSS), quality audits. ELITT is a subsidiary of Groupement des Cartes Bancaires CB.

**About PayCert** (<http://paycert.eu>): PayCert is a company providing certification services for all interfaces aimed at the European market. PayCert certifies the electronic payment systems used, for example, in the CB system.

PayCert is therefore in a position to issue certificates of functional and security conformity on IC cards, terminals, acquiring hosts and by extension connections with the networks used for authorisation. PayCert also accredits the laboratories that perform these product evaluations. PayCert is an independent certification body of the SEPA area. PayCert offers the indisputable assurance of expertise gained over many years within the Group Cartes Bancaires "CB".

**About OSCar consortium** (<http://www.oscar-project.eu/index.html>): The OSCar consortium, established at the end of 2010 aims is to demonstrate through the live pilot the technical feasibility of these new standards allowing the retailers, banks and cardholders to benefits from the same payments experience everywhere in SEPA. OSCar will allow payment service providers, vendors, retailers and card schemes to move from theory and put into practice the deliverables of the SEPA Card Standardisation program in the terminal-to-acquirer domain.

The OSCar consortium gathers as of today the following key industry players: American Express, Atos Worldline, Auchan, Barclaycard, Carrefour Banque, Cartes Bancaires "CB", Crédit Agricole Cards & Payments, Cetecom, Clear2pay, Consorzio Bancomat, Credit Mutuel, Die Deutsche Kreditwirtschaft, Elitt, Equens, Fime, Galitt, Hypercom France (groupe VériFone), Ingenico, MasterCard Europe, Monext, Paycert, Point International, Poste Italiane, SCD Desjardins, SER2S, SRC, UL TS (formerly known as Collis), Visa Europe, VOEB-ZVD, Wincor Nixdorf.

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