Tamper-proof security
Gemalto LinqUs Mobile ID solution enables users on-the-go in Iceland to benefit from strong authentication and legally binding signatures, which are essential for such applications as secure banking and e-government services. This deployment of the Mobile ID service allows all the Icelandic mobile operators to be part of the network, thus providing an interoperable service for all subscribers. The user experience is the same for all services that use Mobile ID based authentication and digital signature services.

Audkenni, Iceland’s national certification authority, selected Gemalto LinqUs Mobile ID technology to provide Mobile ID services in collaboration with government, bank, and other service providers. This ecosystem, built on trust, relies on PKI technology and digital certificate security. The user’s digital identity, in the form of the private key, is safely stored on the secure element provided by mobile operators: the SIM. The certificates are issued by Audkenni during the registration process in connection with the registration process. With the Mobile ID service, users and service providers alike get confirmation of the digital identity and non-repudiation of all transactions.

Audkenni – the nation’s leading identity-solution provider
Audkenni has long been issuing Icelanders with certificates embedded in debit cards for secure access to online services, most notably in the e-banking and e-government fields. Gemalto LinqUs Mobile ID now extends the nationwide electronic ID infrastructure to each and every citizen, via the mobile phone. This gives Icelandic citizens another way of using online and mobile services, without compromising on high security and with the added convenience of mobility. Users also get secure access to new digital services offered by banks, government entities, and enterprises – at anytime, anywhere.

“With the security and convenience brought by Mobile ID, we expect to double or triple the use of e-services in the first year.”
Haraldur Bjarnason
CEO of Audkenni

Freedom from paper documents
As some service providers start using Mobile ID as a strong authentication method for access to online services, others utilise it for electronic signing of documents. This doesn’t just involve materials such as memos: electronic signatures can be utilised even for legally binding contracts of exchange. Providers of online and other services can offer their customers the option of electronic signature, in a reliable solution for all parties (whether for insurance, banking, health care...).
Services supporting Mobile ID

Many of Iceland’s services are already accessible with Mobile ID. Government bodies were the leader here: the official e-services portal got the ball rolling. Today, the government plans to have more than 70 electronic services available by means of Mobile ID.

Service providers such as Azazo are providing a web-based solution and other services for central management of information and projects for companies and public bodies. Azazo’s focus is on a flexible, user-friendly interface linking users to online services. Azazo were the first in Iceland to use Mobile ID authentication for signing of documents via all major browsers and with many types of smartphones and tablets.

Mobile ID provides secure user authentication for both logging in to the management system and signing documents.

Example of Services available supporting Mobile ID:
- All Internet banks in Iceland
- The tax authorities
- Insurance companies
- Education
- Healthcare portal
- Loan correction
- Document signing service

Legally binding signatures whenever, wherever with LinqUs Mobile ID

The Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, the Director General of the Financial Management Authority and the Auditor General signed the 2013 annual statement with Mobile ID provided by Audkenni. With LinqUs Mobile ID Icelandic people can sign documents on-the-go - for example on the bus.

“Over the next few years the use of electronic ID is to be greatly increased in Iceland, to make this the principal means of identification for various types of electronic services and internet transactions.”

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