

E-signature has arrived

The government promises that now that it's LuxTrust electronic signature solution is launched it will facilitate the launch of several internet services for both the public and private sectors. These will include electronic VAT filing (eTVA), paperless customs and excise (PLDA) and online company registration, uses which should be launched in the first half of the year. The system is also being tested with around 30 retailers across Luxembourg and with online banking applications also expected for the latter half of 2008.

Introduced by Jeannot Krecké, the economy minister, and Claude Wiseler, public sector minister, on 9th January, they described how the 66% state owned LuxTrust had put in place this public key infrastructure (PKI) which will work with a smart card equipped with a chip. They stressed the range of uses to which this card could be put and the high level of security they offer along side the quicker, more efficient processing of information. www.luxtrust.lu