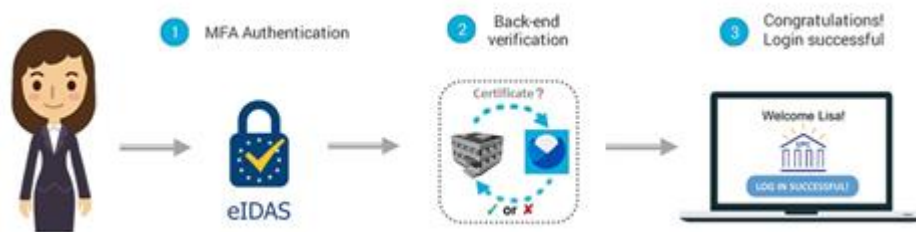


# Case Management System

## New authentication and electronic signature

The UPC implementation team is pleased to announce a major milestone in the implementation of the Case Management System (CMS).

As of September 2022, the CMS login process will be based on a strong authentication scheme. For this purpose, an electronic IDentification certificate (compliant with EU Regulation No. 910/2014, also called “eIDAS”) will be required instead of the current account + password system.



The new eIDAS-compliant authentication scheme will provide the highest level of security in accessing the CMS, while the use of a qualified electronic signature will be required to electronically sign legal UPC documents.

The requirement for both authentication and signature is set to qualified electronic certificates (pursuant to Art. 3(12) eIDAS regulation). Such level of certificate, which is installed on a physical secure device, provides the strongest requestor identification process as well as ensuring a full legal recognition of the signature. No other type of authentication nor signature will be recognized and accepted.

Therefore, any CMS user shall acquire the physical secure device (smart card or USB token) with one or both certificates, based on the here-above requirement, to an authorized provider. The list of these providers can be found on the EU Trust Services portal (<https://esignature.ec.europa.eu/efda/tl-browser/#/screen/home>).

Please consider that qualified electronic certificates do require a strong identification process. Such process usually imposes the physical presence of the requestor during the identification. However, some providers are certified to use “online” identification means (like video conferencing) but for a limited choice of qualified signature creation device. Providing such vendors are certified and recognized by competent national authorities.

The implementation will take place in the next release of the UPC CMS v0.65 and will be activated mid or end of September 2022. A specific enrollment procedure will be available.

A test page will also be available in the demo environment (<https://cmsdemo.netseiv.it/>, “test smart card” link) in order to check the authentication certificate.

Should you have any question on this communication, do not hesitate to contact us.

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