

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Digital proof of identity is an important basis for the digitalization of our lives. Digital wallets enable users to receive, manage, and present proof of identity and other attributes as part of digital processes. This will make digital wallets an essential part of our society's digital infrastructure. They will enable the complete digitalization of processes and thus allow for completely new approaches to problems, which also makes them the basis for disruptive innovations. Various approaches are currently being discussed for implementing the wallets, but there is not enough implementation experience to make a well-founded decision on the most suitable approach.

The aim of this Funke is to create prototypes with differing wallet implementations for the most trustworthy, user-friendly, and universally applicable European Digital Identity Wallets (EUDIW) for users in Germany. These wallets are also to be compatible with applications in the EU and beyond and should be able to be used by individual people and organizations. This Funke focuses on wallets for individuals.

This innovation competition allows multiple teams to test and compare their approaches. The 11 teams present have been selected by a jury as the result of a very thorough and rigorous process. After evaluating Stage 1, only 8 teams will continue to compete.

It is planned that those teams selected for the second and third stages of the competition accompany the EU-wide testing of their wallets as part of the Large Scale Pilots

The Funke is part of the project "Architecture & Consultation Process for EUDI Wallets" launched to develop a concept for a digital wallet with which citizens and organisations can securely identify themselves digitally in the future. The Federal Agency for Disruptive Innovation (SPRIND) is carrying out this project on behalf of the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community (BMI).