



Foundation of Soft-ID (Source of Trusted IDs), an alliance between STC for Biometrics and Biometric Consulting

Steinbeis Technology Transfer Centre for Biometrics and Identification solutions and Biometric & ID Consulting founded a strategic partnership for a trustworthy use of identification technologies.

Munich, September 11th 2006, In addition to a higher level of security biometric technologies in passports, as well as to border crossings, access control and future financial transactions, will offer a new form of comfort.

Many consumers and users are still very sceptical when it comes to the use of biometric technologies. A lot of them don't see a personal advantage in these applications. This causes a great uncertainty not only in consumers but also in suppliers of biometric solutions. With the increased adoption of new technologies both the Steinbeis Transfer Centre as well as Biometric & ID Consulting observe a strong demand for consulting-services in this field. "Human beings are able to recognize other persons very easily and efficiently", states Marcus Klische, Biometric & ID Consulting. "The technical realization is possible but needs an intensive analysis of the environment where the technology is used." Dr. Dietmar Fischer, director of the Steinbeis Transfer Centre for Biometrics and Identification adds "biometrics is only a part of the solution and not the solution itself. The way and the scope of the integration are significantly responsible for the successful implementation of the biometric recognition". Both partners announced the foundation of the alliance **Source of Trusted Identification – SofT-ID** today.

The intention is a global and neutral consulting of companies and public authorities that are interested in the use of biometrics. **Soft-IDs** consulting services range from the possibility of feasibility studies and technical consulting to complex project handling or preparation of tender documents. "Through our long experience in this field we are able to technologically consult on the level of the supplier, but also keep the possibility to stay neutral and to point out existing risks in advance", describes Dietmar Fischer the advantages. Besides these facts, **Soft-ID** also intensively considers the data security aspect and integrates this into their consulting services and projects. "Recognition only suits security if the personal data is handled trustworthily." Marcus Klische summarizes.

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About Steinbeis Transferzentrum

The Steinbeis Technology Transfer Center for Biometrics and Identification Solutions is specialized in international consulting for government and private sector in the field of biometrics, id documents, border control projects, access control and e-government; coaching of start-ups, focused on sales markets, strategic partners, political and strategic networking.

About Biometric & ID Consulting

Marcus Klische worked for companies in the field of biometric security, authentication and biometrics for a long time. In 1998 he was the responsible product – manager for the first multi modal biometric authentication in the world, BioID. For this solution he received numerous awards e.g. the 5 Star of the PC Magazine in the USA and the Best Access Control Product Award from Detektor. He gives lectures at international congresses and is an active member of international standardisation boards (DIN, CEN, ISO). He now offers his know how to companies and governments as freelancer. More information on Biometric & ID Consulting: www.biometric-id.de or info@biometric.de.