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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The security requirements for European Digital Identity Wallets follow a security-by-design approach and provide a high level of protection against sophisticated cyber threats. Wallets must be certified at the high level of assurance as set in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1502¹, which requires multi factor authentication. Wallets also rely on strong cryptographic authentication, robust device-bound protections and state-of-the-art encryption.

Article 5f(2) of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014² requires private service providers in various sectors to accept European Digital Identity Wallets where strong online user authentication is required.

The Commission considers the existing framework to provide an appropriate level of security and is not considering introducing additional requirements. It will, however, continuously monitor technological developments and the evolving cybersecurity threat landscape.

Member States are under a legal obligation to provide at least one certified EU Digital Identity Wallet to its citizens by 24 December 2026. The Commission has called on Member States to prioritise wallet issuance preparations in order to meet the regulatory deadline. To support Member States, the Commission has made available a set of tools, including a complete version of the Architecture and Reference Framework, the wallet template, and upcoming testing specifications³. The Commission will also organise an interoperability testing event in October 2026.

¹ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1502 of 8 September 2015 on setting out minimum technical specifications and procedures for assurance levels for electronic identification means pursuant to Article 8(3) of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market (Text with EEA relevance), https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2015/1502/oj/eng (point 2.2.1 in the Annex).

² Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2014/910/oj/eng>.

³ European Commission, European Digital Identity Wallet Architecture and Reference Framework and EUDI Wallet Toolbox, <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/eudi-wallet-toolbox>.