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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is not aware of any security deficiencies related to eID cards issued by any other Member State.

The German eID scheme for issuing ‘eID Card for Union Citizens and EEA Nationals’ was notified in September 2017 under Article 9(1) of Regulation (EU) 910/2014¹ (‘European Digital Identity Regulation’) following a peer-review by Member States. Based on the assessment performed, this eID means complies with the requirements of the European Digital Identity Regulation for level of assurance ‘high’.

As per the European Digital Identity Regulation, each Member State shall provide at least one European Digital Identity Wallet by 24 December 2026. The requirements for the European Digital Identity Wallets differ to those from national eIDs. European Digital Identity Wallets will undergo a comprehensive security certification.

The legal framework for the European Business Wallets is under legislative negotiation². Consequences of the possible security deficiencies reported by Süddeutsche Zeitung for the issuance of European Business Wallets can therefore not be assessed at this stage.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025XC04227&qid=1753954037245>.

² Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of European Business Wallets, COM/2025/838 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52025PC0838>.