



IDEMIA joins the SPAC Alliance

ACCESS CONTROL

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IDEMIA today announced that its world market leading Biometric Terminals division, specializing in access control, is to join **SPAC** (Smart Physical Access Control), an alliance launched in 2020 to help take up this challenge, with a view to sharing its world-renowned expertise in security and biometrics.

The SPAC Alliance was formed because of recent multiple changes in combating cybercrime whereby tech companies involved are now classified as “operators of vital importance” under the French Military Programming Act (*Loi de Programmation Militaire en France*), the European **NIS** (*Network and Information Security*) directive – asking member states to define their Essential Service Organizations, **GDPR** (General Data Protection Regulation) and the CNIL (*French Data Protection Authority*) **ruling** on physical access biometric authentication controls and **European Cybersecurity Act** certification programs.

Applying a constantly updated operating cybersecurity policy, SPAC strives to promote French and European expertise on end-to-end physical access control security of buildings that need physical and IT security. It hopes to make the SSCP (Smart Secure Communication Protocol), which is CSPN (a cyber security certification) certified by ANSSI (*National Information Systems Security Agency*), into an interoperable and user-friendly European standard as an alternative OSDP (Open Supervised Device Protocol) option.

SPAC already has a number of French access control firms on board like Safe Cluster and **ANSSI**. IDEMIA is currently a major player in France’s access control ecosystem, including its R&D center and biometric terminal production plants, so joining SPAC further testifies to its commitment.

IDEMIA is the global leader in biometric access controls delivering groundbreaking hi-tech products used by hundreds of firms across the world like MorphoWave – a contactless instant fingerprint reader involving a mere handwave over the device, VisionPass – an ultra-powerful facial recognition terminal, and its Sigma contact fingerprint reader range.

About us - IDEMIA, the global leader in Augmented Identity, provides a trusted environment enabling citizens and consumers alike to perform their daily critical activities (such as pay, connect and travel), in the physical as well as digital space.

Securing our identity has become mission critical in the world we live in today. By standing for Augmented Identity, an identity that ensures privacy and trust and guarantees secure, authenticated and verifiable transactions, we reinvent the way we think, produce, use and protect one of our greatest assets – our identity – whether for individuals or for objects, whenever and wherever security matters. We provide Augmented Identity for international clients from Financial, Telecom, Identity, Public Security and IoT sectors. With close to 15,000 employees around the world, IDEMIA serves clients in 180 countries.

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