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Panel on "Global Recognition of
EU Trust Services – what are the
challenges?"

TRUST vs. LIABILITY

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Trust is nothing without LIABILITY

In essence, the eIDAS Regulation provides a framework to promote:

- Transparency and **accountability**: well-defined minimal obligations for TSPs and **liability**;
- Guarantee of trustworthiness of the services together with security requirements for TSPs;
- Technological neutrality: avoiding requirements which could only be met by a specific technology;
- Market rules and standardization certainty.

In a digital world users want to TRUST in digital services

- By applying standards and technologies big tech companies try to be seen as trusted or offer a Trust Service
- But usually there is no intention to take responsibility to the services offered. So there are no rules which make these companies liable underlying
- Without a framework and a legal basis which indicates the accountability and liability there will not be a trust service users can rely on
- Example GDPR :
 - Already there have been privacy rules out there applied by different companies
 - But only with the existence of the General Data Protection Regulation GDPR companies have applied working data privacy in their web offerings
 - So no privacy without liability

Challenge :

- We have to explain to countries outside EU that without a framework and regulation of trust services we can not achieve TRUST in digital services because we are missing the LIABILITY
- Relying on international standards only will not solve the missing LIABILITY
- When we have an understanding of this need it will be more easy to have a global recognition of EU Trust Services and the idea behind it

Thank you!

