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**Subject: Reply to Ares(2026)45790 regarding petition on EU Digital Identity Wallets**

Dear Petition Signatories,

I would like to thank you for your petition of 5 January 2026 addressed to Executive Vice-President Henna Virkkunen, which was registered under the reference Ares(2026)45790. I was asked to reply on her behalf.

In your letter you raise concerns about the planned introduction of the European Digital Identity Wallets. The petition highlights sensitivities connected to centralisation and interlinking of personal data, as well as potential risks to privacy. It also raises fears about the misuse of the system by future governments or entities.

The objective of the European Digital Identity Regulation <sup>(1)</sup> is to ensure that all EU citizens, residents and businesses have access to a European digital identity that is recognised and trusted across all Member States. Data protection and privacy are cornerstones of the European Digital Identity Regulation. General Data Protection Regulation <sup>(2)</sup> is fully applicable in relation to data processing activities under the European Digital Identity Regulation.

Users of the European Digital Identity Wallets shall have full control of the data in their Wallets. Moreover, the provider of the European Digital Identity Wallet shall not collect information about the wallet which is not necessary for the provision of wallet services. The European Digital Identity Wallets will also offer the possibility of using a pseudonym function, enabling users to engage securely and privately without revealing their actual identity. The European Digital Identity Wallets

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<sup>(1)</sup> 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: [Regulation - 910/2014 - EN - e-IDAS - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)

<sup>(2)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC: [Regulation - 2016/679 - EN - gdpr - EUR-Lex](#)

initiative was created to empower individuals by safeguarding their personal data, reducing the need to share sensitive information with large corporations that have previously been known to collect and utilise such data extensively.

The use of European Digital Identity Wallets shall be voluntary. Access to public and private services, access to the labour market and freedom to conduct business shall not in any way be restricted or made disadvantageous to natural or legal persons that do not use European Digital Identity Wallets. It shall remain possible to access public and private services by other existing identification and authentication means.

Yours sincerely,

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